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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Fiscal Committee

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RE: QUARTERLY REPORT – Act 43, Sec. 31 (f)(3) of 2009

The 15-bed Secure Recovery Residence as referred to in Act 43 of 2009 was suspended by the Governor upon taking office in January of 2011 pending an evaluation of plans to replace the Vermont State Hospital. Subsequently, Tropical Storm Irene caused the hospital to close. The Department of Financial Regulation (formerly BISHCA) terminated their requirement for periodic CON implementation reports of the 15-bed Secure Recovery Residence as this project was cancelled in 2011. The statutory requirement [Act 43, Sec. 31 (f)(3) of 2009] to provide quarterly updates still stands; however, as a practical matter, it is not operational as far as reporting progress to the Joint Fiscal Committee and in some respects has been superseded by more system wide reporting. The DMH does not have anything further that we can report on the Secure Recovery Residence, but the Department continues to be happy to respond to all requests from the JFC and other legislative committees on the status of our ongoing facilities projects.