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The Honorable John H. Chichester, Chairman Senate Finance Committee Senate of Virginia P. O. Box 396 Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Senator Chichester:

Pursuant to 2005 budget item 332E, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services is required to submit quarterly reports on expenditures of waiver start-up funding to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees and the Director of Planning and Budget.

Attached, please find the first quarterly report. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joy Yeh, Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration at (804) 371-4600 or via e-mail at joy.yeh@co.dmhmrsas.virginia.gov.

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Secretary of Health and Human Resources

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As of September 16, 2005, **\$375,500** of these funds has been distributed to Community Services Boards and private providers who have provided community placements for 125 consumers through use of the slots made available in 2005. Another **\$81,000** will be funded by September 30, 2005 for providing placements for an additional 27 slots. The total expended as of September 30, 2005 is **\$456,500** of the waiver start-up funds for services for **152 consumers**.



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