

July 11, 2007

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

Dear Senator Chichester:

Pursuant to 2006 Budget Item 312 D.D., 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 FY 07 fourth quarter 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.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

James S. Reinhard, M.D.

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Attachment

Waiver Start-Up Funds \$900,000 FY07

\$900,000 in waiver start-up funds was made available to the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services as reimbursement for costs incurred while establishing community residential placement of individuals through the use of the 225 Mental Retardation Waiver slots approved in 2007. The Department authorized up to \$4,000 per slot to any provider that had begun or was authorized to begin congregate residential services to qualified individuals through the use of any of the slots.

As of June 30, 2007 **\$192,245** of these funds were distributed to Community Services Boards and private providers that had provided community placements for 65 consumers through use of the slots made available in 2007. Additionally, **\$707,755** was distributed to the community for the College of Direct Support, the Steppingstones project and training and consultation. A total of \$900,000 of waiver start up funds was distributed to the community at June 30, 2007.