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TO: The Honorable S. Chris Jones, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch, Co-Chair
The Honorable Charles J. Colgan, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Karen L. Smith, Executive Director

This memo is to fulfill the requirement to notify the chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by September 1, 2015 on the use of \$250,000 that was appropriated to our agency, The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT. As of this date, we are waiting to learn from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services what they will be requiring from our agency in the form of a contract so that we can begin utilizing the funds.

We are committed to lowering the census at the Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) as evidence by opening a newly constructed accessible home for 5 residents from NVTC in June. These individuals have intensive staff support needs due to their extremely complex medical conditions. In addition, the agency went to settlement in late June of another home that will also serve those leaving NVTC. Additional renovations will need to occur to make the home more accessible and we hope to open the house this fall.

In addition to acquiring accessible housing and clinical services, we are in critical need to purchase two body on chassis vehicles with five wheelchair tie downs that require special floor configurations because of the number of people in wheelchairs. These two vans will be assigned to the home opened in June and the home scheduled to open in the fall. The new home that opened in June is using a 1997 vehicle with over 170,000 miles and can only transport four people in wheelchairs. We do not have the funds to purchase. The cost for the two vans is approximately \$112,000 and we seek authorization to use some of these state funds to purchase the vans besides housing acquisition and clinical services.

We are extremely grateful for this extra funding and we will exercise good stewardship in the allocation of the funds.

