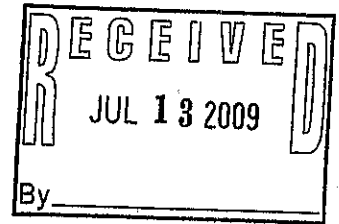


Melinda L. Estes, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer



July 7, 2009

Beth Tanzman
Deputy Commissioner
Vermont Department of Mental Health
108 Cherry Street, P.O. Box 70
Burlington, VT 05402

Re: Psychiatric Acute Care Services to Replace the Vermont State Hospital –
Letter of Intent

Dear Deputy Commissioner Tanzman:

As required by the Request for Proposals or Bids issued by the Department of Mental Health on June 29, 2009, please consider this as notice of Fletcher Allen's intent to file a "conceptual proposal" on or before the August 28, 2009, deadline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melinda L. Estes", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Melinda L. Estes, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer