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**Vermont's Residential Drug Treatment Centers Expand Capacity**

BURLINGTON – Vermont's two residential drug treatment providers have increased the number of available beds for inpatient treatment and are taking referrals, filling the need brought about by the decision in February by Maple Leaf Treatment Center to close its doors.

Following the unexpected announcement by the Underhill-based center, the Vermont Department of Health reached out to Valley Vista and the Recovery House network to identify space for additional beds and inpatient treatment services.

Deputy Health Commissioner Barbara Cimaglio said Valley Vista and Recovery House did not hesitate when asked to help. "We are grateful to our partners for stepping up and making these services available so quickly following the closing of Maple Leaf Treatment Center. These new beds will ensure that we can provide timely care to Vermonters who need treatment," said Cimaglio.

Valley Vista's new 19 bed program in Vergennes is for women ages 18 years and older. Patients at the new facility will receive the same level of care that Maple Leaf Treatment Center had provided. Valley Vista will continue to operate its existing 72 bed facility in Bradford.

"In the face of increasing demand for residential opioid use disorder treatment, our number one priority when Maple Leaf closed was to help make sure that people who needed treatment had a place to go," said Rick DiStefano, Valley Vista's chief operating officer. "We have a 13-year partnership with the State of Vermont providing quality residential services to those

suffering from alcohol and drug addiction, and are pleased to have been able to respond so quickly in opening the Vergennes program.”

The Rutland County based Recovery House network, which serves clients from around the state, has begun transitioning its Grace House beds to provide residential care as an adjunct to the existing Serenity House beds in Wallingford. The Grace House facility has 10 beds and the Serenity House facility has 24 beds.

“Recovery House, as a mission driven nonprofit, has been treating Vermonters suffering from addiction for more than 47 years,” said Chief Executive Officer Dale Robb. “This recent effort to help patients is a continuation of our work with the Health Department and our other partners in providing these critical services to Vermonters.”

**For information about admission to the programs:**

**Valley Vista** – Individuals are invited to call 802-222-5201. Admissions will be processed through the Bradford site. <http://www.vista.net>

**Recovery House** – Individuals are invited to call 802-446-2640. They are currently accepting referrals. <http://recoveryhousevt.org>

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