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>>> "Mahler, Carl" <[Carl.Mahler@tmh.org](mailto:Carl.Mahler@tmh.org)> 11/6/2007 11:27 AM >>>

Commissioner Desloge:

Evan Dillard, COO at TMH asked that I communicate with you about our opposition to supporting this request. First, TMH is about to reactivate 16 acute care psychiatric beds in the Behavioral Health Center to address community capacity issues. This should occur within the next three months. This action alone should go far in addressing community capacity issues. Second, TMH has supported Apalachee in its efforts to seek General Revenue funding for re-activation of its Short Term Residential Program. This program targets a less acute population who are generally discharged from acute care settings, thus increasing capacity for the acute care beds being vacated by the population transferred to the Short Term Residential Program beds. Factors one and two are significant in determining community capacity and we oppose supporting the addition of 24 "private" beds at Apalachee as we believe solutions are at hand without the proposed solution of Apalachee.

Thank you

Carl Mahler, Service Line Administrator

Tallahassee Memorial Behavioral Health Center

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From: Dillard, Evan  
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From: Jay Reeve [<mailto:jayr@apalacheecenter.org>]  
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Good afternoon, Mr. Dillard,

After speaking to your secretary it seemed as if e-mail might be the easiest way to get in touch.

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My name is Jay Reeve, and I am the Chief Clinical and Managed Care Officer at Apalachee Center. We met briefly at TMH/Apalachee meetings in the last several months, and I have a favor to ask. Apalachee Center is in the process of securing funding for a significant bed expansion (from 24 to 46 beds) and renovation of our Eastside psychiatric hospital, crisis stabilization unit, and admissions unit, in an effort to alleviate the psychiatric bed "crunch" in the Tallahassee region. We have lending institutions on-board, but are looking to finance through a low-interest County bond which, while not paid by the county commission, must be approved by them. I'd like to ask for your support in this endeavor. I've attached a "To Whom It May Concern" letter of support, and would ask you to review and sign if possible. I'd be more than happy to meet and discuss the issues (or do so via e-mail), and the positive impact for TMH and the health care system in Tallahassee in the event that we are able to create, at no cost to the taxpayers, county, or community, significantly increased psychiatric bed capacity. We believe that this will dramatically relieve the pressure on local Emergency Rooms, such as the one at TMH, to treat psychiatrically involved clients. Please consider this request, and respond as soon as is convenient (as we are under some time pressure).

Thanks so much for your time,

Jay Reeve, PhD

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