

AGENCY OF EDUCATION

Barre, Vermont

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education acknowledge that an approved tutorial that operated under the name of Valley Vista in Bradford, VT closed on May 10, 2019 and is no longer an approved tutorial in VT?

SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education acknowledges that an approved tutorial that operated under the name of Valley Vista in Bradford, VT closed on May 10, 2019 and is no longer an approved tutorial in VT.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 16 V.S.A. §828
State Board Rule 2230

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Valley Vista, which is owned by Meridian Behavioral Health, is an eighty bed, residential treatment center designed to serve male and female clients, who need alcohol and drug detoxification as well as rehabilitation program services. Valley Vista, at the request of VT Department of Health's Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP), operated an Adolescent Treatment Program (ADP) designed to serve a maximum of nine male and female youth ages 13 up to 18 years of age. This treatment program was licensed by the Department for Children and Families Services (DCF) as a residential treatment program.
2. In July of 2018, Valley Vista realigned and expanded its treatment program. The Adolescent Treatment Program was replaced with a DCF licensed Young Adult Program geared towards serving up to 14 male youth ages 16-22. This change was made for two reasons—over the last few years there was a declining enrollment of younger patients, who were more often referred to mental health providers instead of Valley Vista; and there has continued to be a wait list in VT for a program structured to serve young male youth 16 years of age and older.
3. The Agency of Education was notified on May 14, 2019 by the Treatment Director at Valley Vista that the approved tutorial program for young adults closed on May 10, 2019. There were no young adults at Valley Vista for the last couple of months due to lack of referrals. ADAP agreed that the Young Adult Program should be discontinued.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: none

STAFF AVAILABLE:

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