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Secretary

Dear District Attorney:

I am writing with news of a new residential substance abuse treatment facility for female offenders in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Many justice system officials have requested the State to fund such a facility, and the Department of Correction is excited to fulfill the serious need for specialized residential substance abuse treatment for women.

This facility, the women's equivalent to the men's DART Cherry in Goldsboro, will be a 50-bed residential treatment facility providing a 90-day treatment program. The model is built on evidence based practice in a multi-disciplinary treatment approach focusing on individual and group therapy. The Black Mountain program encourages healthy social skills, integrating Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (CBI) through the utilization of a curriculum addressing treatment, trauma and self help recovery.

The Division of Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Programs (DACDP) within this Department has the responsibility for the Black Mountain program. They are currently overseeing the renovation of the former Black Mountain Correctional Center for Women buildings, hiring staff and developing policies. The Black Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women will be led by Leslie McCrory, who has worked in substance abuse and with women for many years.

The process for sending female probationers to Black Mountain will be the same as it is for sending males to DART Cherry. The offender must be assessed by Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) staff indicating a need for residential treatment and have a valid court order requiring the offender to complete the 90-day residential treatment program at Black Mountain.

Our target date to begin **very limited operation** is early April. I want to emphasize the phrase, "very limited operation" because during April, the offender population will not exceed 20 women. Offenders will be coming from throughout North Carolina as the Black Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center will serve all 100 counties.

If you have specific questions or want further information about the Black Mountain facility please call DACDP Assistant Secretary Virginia Price at (919) 420-7933 ext. 301, or our facility manager, Leslie McCrory, at (828) 284-9683. I am extremely proud of how this facility is coming together, and I know it will offer life changing and life saving treatment for the women who walk through its doors.

Sincerely,


Alvin W. Keller, Jr.

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