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Pete Ricketts, Governor

April 9, 2018

Patrick O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

Nebraska Statute 83-4,134.01 requires Nebraska's juvenile facilities to report quarterly to the Legislature within two weeks after the end of each quarter, information regarding the use of room confinement in Nebraska's juvenile facilities.

Attached, please find a letter detailing the room confinement usage for the Whitehall Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for the third quarter of fiscal year 2017/2018.

In summation, no room confinement was used at the Whitehall facility during this reporting period.

Sincerely,

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Mark LaBouchardiere
Director of Facilities
Department of Health and Human Services

Attachment

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Julie Rogers
Inspector General for Child Welfare
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Ms. Rogers,

Nebraska Statute 83-4,134.01 requires Nebraska's juvenile facilities to report quarterly to the Legislature and the Office of the Inspector General within two weeks after the end of each quarter, information regarding the use of room confinement in Nebraska's juvenile facilities.

As you are aware, the Whitehall Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility does not use room confinement for any juvenile in our care.

Respectfully, the Whitehall Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility submits the following information for usage of room confinement for the second quarter of fiscal year 2017/2018.

- January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018: No room confinement was used.

While the child care license in which the Whitehall facility is authorized to provide services allows for the use of room confinement, the Whitehall facility has elected to not have this as an option for behavioral management for our youth and as such does not allow this practice in our policies or procedures. The Whitehall staff has elected and will continue to use behavioral management techniques with youth that aid in their de-escalation without the use of room confinement but still provide the safest environment for our youth and staff.

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