Fwd: Question re VRAP Certification

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Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>   Mon, Apr 29, 2019 at 2:36 PM
To: Kristen Dow <kjd@portlandmaine.gov>, Adam Harr <ash@portlandmaine.gov>

Can you please include this email on the backup materials for the new shelter discussion? I will be sending you another email with attachments to do the same. Thanks.

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Kimberly M. Cook** <kcook@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: Mon, Apr 29, 2019 at 8:37 AM
Subject: Fwd: Question re VRAP Certification
To: Belinda Ray <bsr@portlandmaine.gov>, Brian Batson <bbatson@portlandmaine.gov>, Ethan Strimling <estrimling@portlandmaine.gov>, Jill Duson <jduson@portlandmaine.gov>, Jon Jennings <jpj@portlandmaine.gov>, Justin Costa <jcosta@portlandmaine.gov>, Nicholas Mavodones <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>, Pious Ali <pali@portlandmaine.gov>, Spencer Thibodeau <sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov>

Good morning all,

Please see the correspondence below.

Jon - please pass this info along to staff and have it posted to the webpage.

Thanks
Kim

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Burns, Dave E** <Dave.E.Burns@maine.gov>
Date: Mon, Apr 29, 2019 at 8:13 AM
Subject: RE: Question re VRAP Certification
To: Kimberly M. Cook <kcook@portlandmaine.gov>, Madore, David <David.Madore@maine.gov>
CC: Hodgkins, Nick <Nick.Hodgkins@maine.gov>

Good morning Kim,

The VRAP program does not have a definition of "residential" that we can point you to. However, we would consider a homeless shelter residential and prohibited at this site, based on the certificate. You may be able to give us supporting documentation so that we may reconsider this prohibition and allow this use. If you'd like to pursue that course or explore that option further, please contact Nick Hodgkins, our VRAP coordinator, directly. I've copied him on this e-mail so that you have his information.

Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding this.

Thanks,

Dave

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From: Kimberly M. Cook [mailto:kcook@portlandmaine.gov]
Sent: Saturday, April 27, 2019 6:42 PM
To: Burns, Dave E <Dave.E.Burns@maine.gov>; Madore, David <David.Madore@maine.gov>
Subject: Question re VRAP Certification

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Dave and David,

I am contacting you wearing my hat as a Portland City Councilor. We are currently in the process of deciding on a site for a new homeless shelter and one of the locations is 636 Riverside Street for which the City has received the attached VRAP certification.

A constituent of mine asked me whether this VRAP precludes a shelter (without further written permission from the DEP) as it serves as a temporary residence for those experiencing homelessness. We are contemplating up to a 150 bed shelter currently.

I would appreciate your determination of whether a shelter would be "residential" under Condition number 2 in this letter. Does the DEP have a definition of "residential" that I can point my constituent to?

Many thanks for your assistance in answering my questions.

Best,

Kim

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