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McGovern Announces Funding to Support Behavioral Health Services for Veterans and Their Families

Shrewsbury – Congressman James P. McGovern announced that he has secured federal funding to support behavioral health services for veterans and their families. These funds will help to establish an Acute Treatment Service, located at Independence Hall, the Veterans Inc. facility in Shrewsbury, and will provide inpatient medical care designed to assist those in medical withdrawal from a substance use addiction.

“I’m proud to have fought for and secured this funding for Veterans Inc. to expand behavior healthcare for veterans and their families across the region,” said U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern. “All too often, veterans struggling with substance use disorder are unable to get the care they need—or are put on waitlists that are way too long. We have a special obligation to make sure that those who already sacrificed so much for our country can get the healthcare that they need and deserve.”

Veterans Inc. is the largest provider of supportive services to veterans and their families in New England and the only licensed veteran-focused provider of substance addiction services.

“This funding dramatically helps Veterans Inc. complete its addiction treatment service continuum by offering the Acute Inpatient Level of care. This new level will include 24-hour, seven-day-per-week, medically monitored inpatient detoxification treatment that provides evaluation and withdrawal management. Our nursing staff, under the direction of our Medical Director, will be able to safely assist patients by helping to alleviate the physical symptoms of withdrawal. Successful care will include referral to our in-house clinical stabilization level of care...” said Denis Leary, Executive Director of Veterans Inc., “this is a major treatment enhancement not only for Veterans Inc. but for all members of the community because although we prioritize veterans, we accept anyone in need of treatment.”

“Our mission is to be here for our veterans and their families in their time of need. No veteran should experience the struggle of substance abuse alone or endure long wait times to enter a facility,” said Vincent Perrone, President & CEO of Veterans Inc. “These funds will ensure that the veterans will get the help that they need in a timely manner during a critical time in their recovery.”

ABOUT VETERANS INC.

Veterans Inc. is New England’s leading provider of support services to veterans and their families. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, the organization’s single-minded mission is to be there for our veterans in their time of need. Incorporated in 1990, Veterans Inc. has helped more than 85,000 veterans in need and today operates offices and programs in all six New England states, Montana, and North Dakota. The support services include housing programs, counseling, employment and training, family programs, benefits counseling and advocacy, transportation, temporary financial assistance, health and wellness, food services, and women and childcare services.

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