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MEMORANDUM

TO: Doug Racine, Secretary of Human Services

FROM: Mark Larson, Commissioner, DVHA

DATE: August 8, 2012

RE: Stone Environmental Contract

DVHA intends to enter into a Sole Source contract with Stone Environmental, Incorporated, for the development of a prototype web-based database application for managing the Blueprint practice and provider data.

The Vermont Blueprint for Health is currently managing the tracking of their practices and providers, as well as the Community Health Team and Support and Services at Home (SASH) data, with a series of Excel spread sheet templates. This requires a significant amount of cleaning and manipulation which takes valuable staff resources and time. In addition, extracting data from the spreadsheets to respond to data requests is very time consuming.

Stone will develop a web accessible database application that will allow practices, project managers and Blueprint staff to easily enter, track, and report on Blueprint practice, provider and community health team data.

Previous efforts by other partners have fallen far short of the Blueprint's requirements, and we are in increasingly urgent need of readily manageable and accessible information for program management, evaluation and transparency.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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