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Rapid City (1994)

Management Department

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to explain the home project that is being proposed by Black Hills Workshop to be built within the next six months.

The Intensive Treatment Program (ITS) is a home for 4 individuals. 3 of the gentleman who will be residing within this home are moving to Rapid City from the South Dakota Developmental Center in Redfield. The other currently resides with his mother on the Pine Ridge reservation and requires the same level of support as the other gentlemen.

This home is supported by the South Dakota Department of Human Services and will fill a need in western South Dakota for individuals with developmental disabilities. The 4 gentlemen are requesting services in Rapid City to be closer to family and guardian support.

This program presents challenges that we feel can be met by well trained staff and 24/7 supervision. Many of the staff providing support to the gentlemen have experience @ Black Hills Workshop. Both proposed and a future home will have two staff on the property during each shift. Professional resources in our community will be partners to assure that the gentlemen are progressing.

At this time we are seeking approval for the construction of one home on this property.

We anticipate a future home to be built on this property within the next two to five years. This home is part of the planned development application. In line with our agency philosophy of being a good neighbor, before starting this project, I had an opportunity to visit with many of the neighbors and received good feedback and recommendations. We are following thru with the recommendations and will consider their recommendations as we move forward with this project.

We expect that the home that is being proposed will add a new attractive face to this neighborhood.

We appreciate your support and welcome any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Colleen Ronning

Vice President of Support Services Black Hills Workshop

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