

# **NORWOOD REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVOCACY GROUP**

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Commissioner Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD

Determination of Need Program.

8/15/23

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

250 Washington Street, 6th Floor.

Boston, Mass

RE: Formation of a Ten Taxpayer Group and party of record to Steward  
Healthcare DON Application #-22111516.

Revised/updated 7/20/23

Submitted by Steward Health Care Systems LLC

Dear Commissioner:

We write to register the undersigned as a Ten Taxpayer Group (TTG) and party of record for the above referenced Steward DON. Further, this TTG requests a public hearing on this application. Additionally, we strongly encourage the Department of Public Health to require additional information from the applicant to explain how this new program will alleviate the need for Behavioral Health Beds at the new Norwood Hospital, where despite their own community benefits survey, they determined that within their own service area (that does not include Brockton) there is a critical need for psychiatric services and beds. This TTG believes that this DON is designed to cover over the exclusion of behavioral health programming at the new Norwood Hospital.

Further, the TTG requests that the applicant explain how in their DON for the Norwood program, they failed to acknowledge what the programs were at the time of the referenced flood. They reported incorrectly no beds, in their application. Further the applicant should be asked to explain how their defense of the Norwood program, their plans referenced in this new application conditions about going forward with the program requested in this application. Specifically they require a special fee adjustment from Medicaid before proceeding, and a timely rush to fill a void in services to be in place by a date that has already passed. And the TTG wishes to ask why in their current, and approved DON, they left blank the question of community input into the planning, and a monthly reporting of their progress to DPH. They have failed to do this

The TTG designates Dr. George Sigel to be the recipient of all communication and letters to and from the DPH regarding this new proposal. His email is georgesigel@gmail.com , and can be easily reached at 617-257-1502.

Thank you.

  
George Sigel, M.D.

On behalf of the Norwood Regional Behavioral Health Advocacy group.

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None of the people who signed will  
be acting as an agent for another party

All of the people who signed are  
residents of Massachusetts.