NOTIFICATION OF PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 8907 and the Administrative Rules on Agency Designation, the Vermont Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) hereby notify the public of the **Application for Redesignation** of Northwestern Counseling & Support Services (NCSS),locatedin Franklin and Grand Isle County.

**A 14-day period of public comment** is provided for DMH and DAIL to gather information about Northwestern Counseling & Support Services (NCSS)as part of the process to decide whether or not the State of Vermont will renew the agency’s designation to deliver developmental and mental-health services to adults, children, adolescents and families in Franklin and Grand Isle County. Comments from consumers, parents, family members and other concerned citizens about your experiences with services provided by *NCSS* are welcomed. Public comments will be accepted for the two-week period from Monday, October 15, 2018, until the close of business on Friday, October 26, 2018. In particular, DMH and DAIL are interested in knowing:

1. What are the strengths and challenges of the agency?
2. Does the agency work well with other agencies in the community?
3. Do people get the mental health and developmental services that they need?
4. Do people get mental health and developmental services when they need them?
5. Do you have any recommendations for improvements?

Please send written comments or contact us by phone no later than Friday, October 26, 2018.

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