



The Cambridge Hospital

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March 29, 1995

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy,

I am writing in regards to City Council Order #38, dated 3/6/95, regarding current wait time for those seeking inpatient and outpatient addictions treatment at the Hospital and other City sponsored facilities. I spoke with Dr. Luis Sanchez, Director of Addiction Services at The Cambridge Hospital, and he and the Addiction Services staff are committed to being responsive to all Cambridge residents seeking treatment. Our Outpatient Addictions Service is available daily, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on a walk-in basis to all Cambridge residents. No appointment is needed, and patients are seen on a first come basis, usually within the hour of presenting. Referrals to other services including our inpatient unit, the Addictions Treatment Unit, are done at this time.

Our Inpatient Detoxification Program is available for admission 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During regular business hours, referrals are done through our Outpatient Addictions program. Night and weekend admissions are referred through the Medical Emergency Department. The only delay encountered in admitting someone is if there are no beds available on our inpatient unit at the time of presenting. In that case, we give the patient the option of going to other free standing detoxification programs in the Boston area, or coming back the next morning when a bed becomes available. This is not a frequent occurrence.

I hope this will address any concerns members of the City Council may have. Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

John G. O'Brien
Chief Executive Officer



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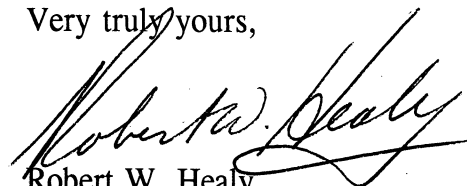
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

April 24, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 31, regarding the current wait time for inpatient and outpatient treatment at the Cambridge Hospital and other City sponsored facilities, received from John G. O'Brien, CEO of The Cambridge Hospital.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Transmitting communication from Robert W. Healy, City Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item Number Thirty-One, regarding the current wait time for inpatient and outpatient treatment at the Cambridge Hospital and other City sponsored facilities.

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In City Council April 24, 1995

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