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Subject: RE: <External>OPEGA Report, page 6, and the discussion this past Friday - seeking your further insight prior to Public Hearing on April 11, 2025

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Good Morning Director Schleck,

Please see our below response. Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Best, Brad

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In FY 2024, Maine Veterans' Homes (MVH) was designated to receive $11.0 million from the State of Maine. This amount was the combination of $2.4 million appropriated in the baseline State budget and $8.6 million from LD 985. The $11.0 million was appropriated to cover the shortfall between MaineCare allowable costs and MaineCare reimbursement for providing Nursing Facility (NF) and Residential Care Facility (RCF) services to MVH residents covered by MaineCare.

The MaineCare shortfall for FY 2023, that was to be covered by the $11.0 million noted above, was determined to be $9.2 million. Based on this determination, MVH anticipated receiving $9.2 million in FY 2024. MVH actually received $4.8 million from the State of Maine in FY 2024. MVH also received an additional $2.1 million in FY 2025 leaving an unpaid balance of $2.3 million from the expected payment of $9.2 million. At the time of receiving the second payment, MVH was notified this second payment completed the payments under LD 985 despite the remaining unpaid balance of $2.3 million.

As of the date of this letter, MVH has still not received the $2.3 million owed from the funds appropriated for MVH in the FY 2024 State budget. In addition, as noted in the OPEGA report, the State budget for FY 2024-2025 appropriated $13.3 million in funds for MVH. As of the date of this letter, MVH has not received any of these funds as appropriated in the FY 2024-2025 State budget.

Appropriated Funding 2023-2024		Total
FY24 biennial budget initiative	$	2,442,200
LD 985	$	8,612,122
Total	$	11,054,322
Expected MaineCare Payment		**Total**
Nursing facilities FY23 shortfall	$	4,784,059
RCF direct/personal care FY 23 shortfall	$	3,447,362
RCF Room and Board FY 23 shortfall	$	954,453
Total (a)	$	9,185,875
Actual MaineCare Payment Received		**Total**
Nursing facilities FY23 shortfall	$	4,784,059
RCF shortfall (FY23?)		2,143,260
Total Payment Received by MVH (b)	$	6,927,319
Shortfall from Expected Payment (b-a)	$	(2,258,555)

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