VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY RESOLUTION

Forensic Mental Health Infrastructure in Vermont

As adopted at the VMS Annual Meeting on November 2, 2019

RESOLVED, that the Vermont Medical Society recommends to the Vermont General Assembly to allocate resources to conduct a formal study to address: 1) treatment and monitoring in community and hospital settings for persons found not competent to stand trial in Vermont; 2) models for competency to stand trial restoration in community, hospital, and correctional settings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the study would examine existing forensic mental health care structures by both reviewing existing literature and conversation and through collaboration with forensic mental health leadership in other states. The study findings would be synthesized to produce specific treatment and management recommendations for 1) individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity (insanity acquittees) and 2) recommendations for competency restoration for individuals found not competent to stand trial.