

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
Freedom of Information Act Appeal: 2021-017**

March 18, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Minna Williams

RE: FOIA Appeal 2021-017

Dear Ms. Williams:

This letter responds to the administrative appeals you submitted to the Mayor under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-537 (“DC FOIA”), on the grounds that the Department of Behavioral Health (“DBH”) improperly responded to your FOIA request.

On October 13, 2020, you submitted a FOIA request seeking “the following for all Wards in DC (1) information pertaining to all mental health rehabilitative service providers, homeless shelters, emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters, group homes, transitional homes, "half way houses", (2) the names of all operators for each facility, (3) the zip code of each in where each and every facility is located, (4) the date of license expiration of each operator, (5) the number of authorized occupants, (6) the type of license, and (7) whether the operator is a contractor or works independently.”

You filed your appeal with this Office on October 22, 2020, because you had not received a response to your FOIA request. On November 9, 2020, DBH filed a response to your appeal.¹ In the response, DBH indicated that it responded to you request on November 5, 2020. Since your appeal only challenged DBH’s failure to respond to your FOIA request and DBH has now responded to your request, we dismiss your appeal as moot. However, you may file a new appeal if you are dissatisfied with the records produced by the agency.

This constitutes the final decision of this Office. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may commence a civil action against the District of Columbia government in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-537.

Respectfully,

Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel

¹ A copy of DBH’s response to your appeal is attached to this decision.

cc: Matt Caspari, General Counsel
DBH (via email)