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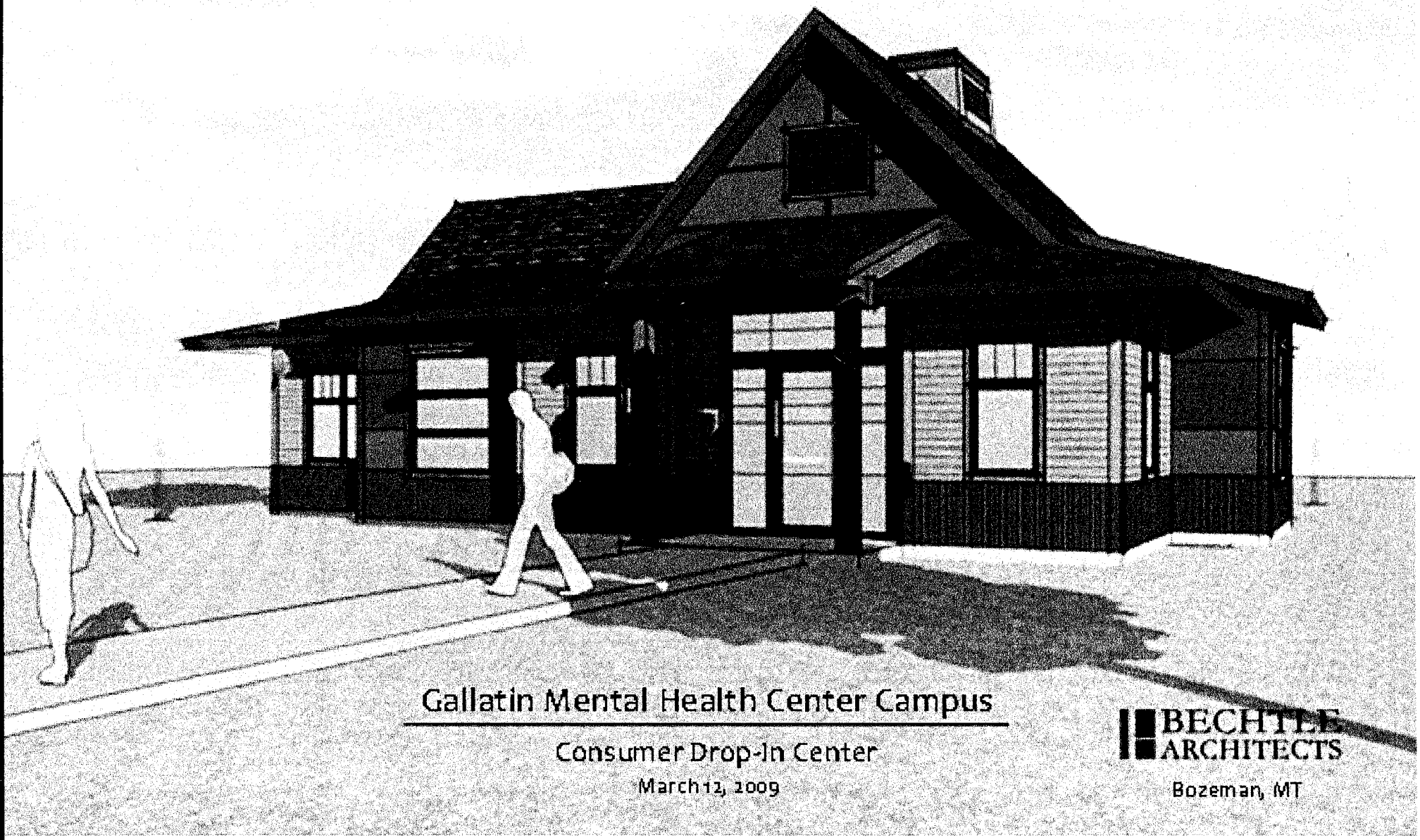

Gallatin Mental Health Center Campus

Consumer Drop-In Center

March 12, 2009

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Re: Shovel ready construction projects with 100% direct consumer benefit

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your phone call and your interest in mental health. This letter is to elaborate on the information earlier sent.

As you well know, mental illness is the leading cause of disability in North American adults. Substance Abuse is the second leading cause of disability. In Montana, approximately 50-60% of our citizens who have mental illness also have a substance use disorder. In 2008, the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division of the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services provided mental health service to about *1 in 32 adults.*

Although mental illness is highly treatable, access to services and maintenance of treatment are particularly problematic without safe, decent and affordable housing. One of the most tragic results of un- or under-treated mental illness is suicide; ***Montana continually maintains one of the highest suicide rates in the nation.*** The stabilization provided by safe, decent and affordable housing is the critical link to engaging in successful mental health treatment.

The Western Montana Mental Health Center (MHC) provides mental health services in fifteen counties in Montana. In Gallatin County, the MHC serves approximately 1,500 individuals, a vast majority of whom have a monthly income of less than $700 or about 18% of area median income (AMI). At the same time, the 20,000 rental units in Bozeman demand an average rent greater than $700 month.

After five years of negotiation with Bozeman Deaconess Hospital (BDH) and community stakeholders, BDH recently donated five acres of land to the Western Montana Mental Health Center to develop a comprehensive mental health campus for Gallatin County.

GALLATIN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER CAMPUS

MASTER SITE PLAN

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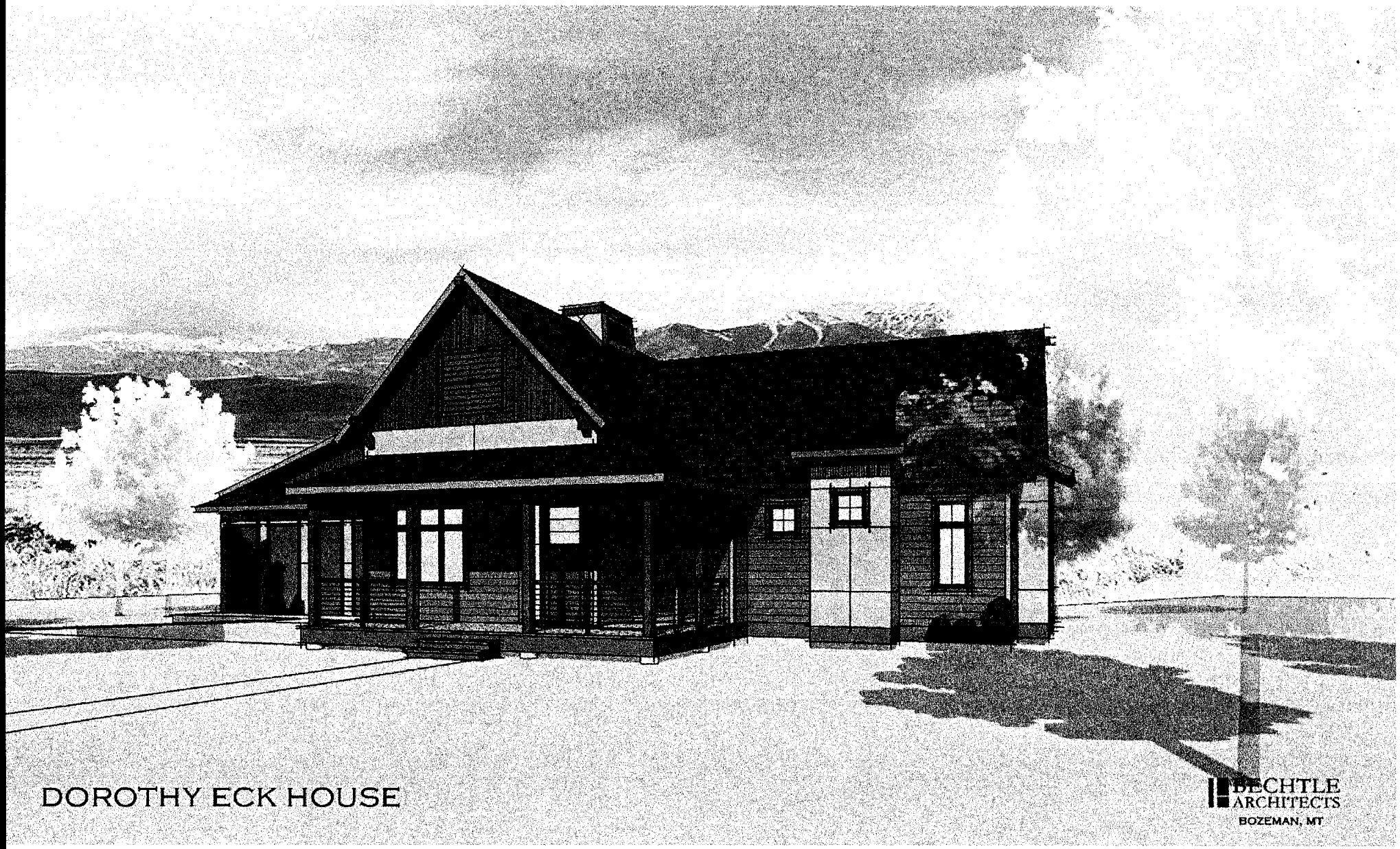

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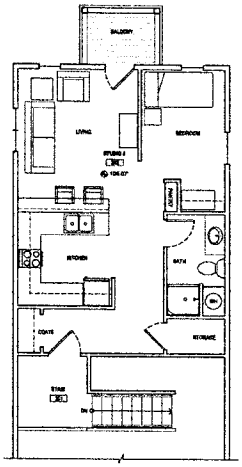

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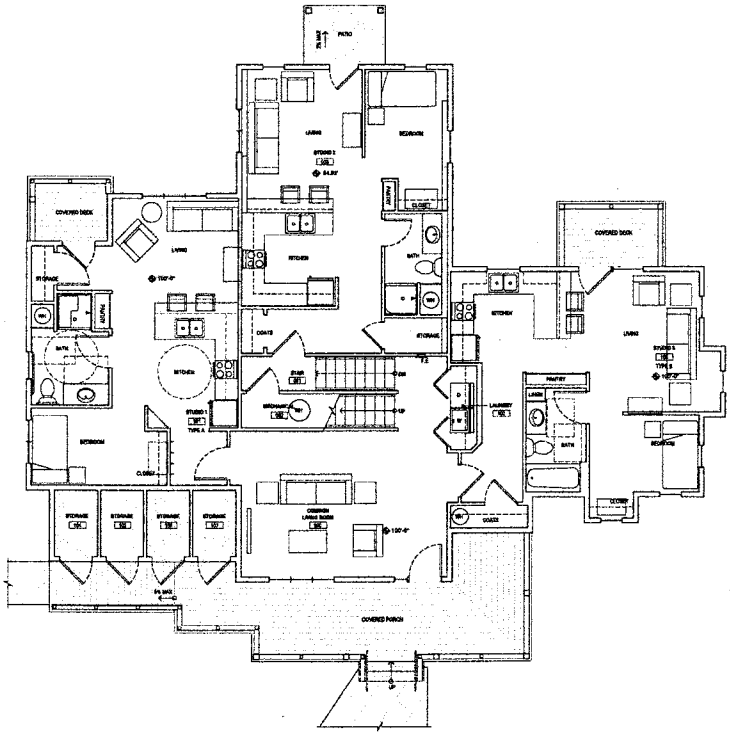

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BUILDING AREA SUMMARY

GROUND FLOOR = 1,359 SF
UPPER FLOOR = 480 SF

GROSS BUILDING AREA = 2,649 SF

EXTERIOR DECKS = 467 SF
EXTERIOR STORAGE UNITS = 110 SF

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Bozeman, Montana

BECHTILE ARCHITECTS

100% CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

FLOOR PLAN

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MAR 20, 2006

HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Patricia Kent is the developer/grant writer for the W. MT Mental Health Center which includes the Flathead-Lake and Garden City CHDO housing development entities. She has developed and managed all 17 housing projects below that include home ownership, multi-family rentals, traditional group homes, TBRA, crisis stabilization and transitional housing for the chemically addicted with social detox and developed three multi-million dollar mental health service campuses in Missoula, Hamilton and Kalispell and new office buildings in Superior and Libby.

(Major funding source in parentheses)

Flathead-Lake CHDO:

- TBRA: A 10-unit rental assistance program for the mentally ill in Bozeman. (HOME)
- Sinopah House, an 8 bed SRO for emotionally disturbed teenage girls, in Kalispell. (HOME)
- Lone Pine Lodge: 5 bedroom SRO/Group home for adults with mental illness, in Kalispell. (HOME)

Garden City CHDO:

- The Condominiums at 1421 Eaton Street, a joint venture between the Garden City CHDO and the Missoula Housing Authority, a 36-unit home ownership project for low to moderate-income households, including affordable homeownership for seven persons with mental illness, winner of the 1996 National NAHRO Award for Innovative Home Ownership; (HOME, AHP)

- The Bridge Apartments, 20 units for the homeless mentally ill, completed in December, 1997, was recognized for it's "Excellence in the HOME Program" by HUD Secretary Cuomo. (CDBG, HOME).

- OUR House and the Spurlock Apartments, seven group home beds and 8 units of supportive living in Butte; received a HUD BEST Practices Award in 2001, a (HOME, MBOH).

- Graham Home: Phase I a 6 unit SRO for single parent woman in addiction treatment with children, living together for holistic treatment of the parent and family. (HOME).

- Graham Home: Phase II. three step down apartments for graduates of Phase I, (HOME)

- Carol SEM Apartments: 6 step down apartments for persons who have completed residential addiction treatment, located in Missoula. (HOME).

- SHARE House: 16 beds: transitional housing and treatment for the chemically addicted including 4 beds for social detox, Missoula (AHP, Federal Approp)
- Safe House: Kalispell, 6 bed Residential Crisis Stabilization. (AHP)

- Stephens House: 6 bed Residential Crisis Stabilization Missoula (AHP)

- Dakota Place: 7 bed Residential Crisis Stabilization Missoula (City CDBG)

- Walnut Street, Missoula, 4-plex independent living. (MBOH)

- Hartman Apartments; Missoula, 4-plex independent living. (MBOH)

- Independence House, Kalispell, 4-plex independent living. (MBOH)

- West House: an 8 bed supportive housing and crisis stabilization program in Hamilton. (HOME)

- Gilder House: 12 bed secure residential crisis stabilization in Butte. (CDBG/MBOH)

- Commercial: Comprehensive mental health service campuses in Missoula, Kalispell, Hamilton, and new offices buildings in Superior and Libby.