

To: Office of the Commissioner Ann Marie T. Sullivan, MD, Commissioner  
Office of Mental Health, 314 Holland Avenue, Albany New York 12229  
From: Don Reeb, 5 Norwood Street, Albany NY 12203  
Subject: 1249 Western, Albany NY 12203  
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Rehabilitation Services, Inc. operates a home at 1249 Western Avenue. I believe it is under the auspices of the New York State Office of Mental Health.

As a member of our neighborhood association, I called Rehabilitation Services and spoke with someone there because the building, in my estimation, was looking shabby. (My neighborhood is McKownville. It is in Guilderland).

I explained what my concerns are---poorly maintained driveway with standing water, curtains that appear to be flying out of upstairs windows that were either broken or open, vinyl siding that is hanging off the front of the building, and a starkness of the front yard with no bushes, trees or other plantings.

According to the person I spoke with at Rehabilitation Services there are more serious problems with the property. The lack of proper drainage and standing water has made the foundation of the building problematical to the point that the porches on the front are no longer safe to use.

Hopefully the poor condition of the house has not caused health problems for the clients and workers though it is common for water problems to cause mold problems and then health problems.

I of course knew nothing about any of this prior to my call---I was concerned about the house appearing to be shabby, much shabbier than another nearby community home (at 1457 Western Avenue).

If you could get back to me and let me know what action is being taken to ameliorate both problems---the water/foundation problem (assuming that it does exist) and the appearance of the building---I would appreciate it.

CC: (electronic) Assembly member Pat Fahey, Guilderland Town Supervisor Peter Barber.