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Dear *Andy* Mr. Farmer, *Dohn* Mr. Hoyle and *Denise* Ms. Rabidou:
Denise

Thank you for your letter regarding the Long Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission adoption of a definition, core values/principles and essential elements of person centered planning. The continued implementation and promotion of person centered planning will help the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) develop and maintain a long term care system that is consumer focused and fosters the creation of innovative and high quality long term care options.

MDCH leadership will facilitate the adoption of these person centered planning process definitions, principles and guidelines. This will take place not only in long term care, but across the department to ensure the same sets of expectations for all of our service systems. Incorporation of the person centered planning process into training, program policy and practice will be one of the first steps. Specific implementation plans are under development as we are committed to having this initiative start as soon as possible.

I commend the Long Term Care Supports and Services Advisory Commission for their collaboration and forward thinking in improving the lives of Michigan's citizens.

Sincerely,

Janet Olszewski
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