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The Honorable Bruce Caswell, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative MacGregor:

This report is provided pursuant to the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Fiscal Year 2014 Appropriations Act, PA 59 of 2013, Article X, Section 711(2). This section requires that DHS submit a report not later than June 30, 2014, summarizing the data gathered during the statewide juvenile justice behavioral health study outlined in Section 711(1).

The department is submitting this interim report of activities related to the behavioral health study requirement. On September 27, 2013, DHS granted the University of Michigan a contract (contract period date October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014) to complete the statewide juvenile justice mental health study. Since the study requires research involving human subjects, the principle investigators, Joseph Ryan, Ph.D. and Brian Perron, Ph.D., proceeded to obtain compulsory approval to conduct the study from the University of Michigan Institutional Review Board (IRB).

The population of youth being studied is considered a vulnerable population by federal research standards and they are protected against undue influence based on the youth's status in residential care falling into the classification of "prisoner." This sensitive aspect of the project caused several delays to ensure the necessary adjustments could be made to the informed consent process for participation in the study, amendments to the initial contract and pursuit of a Certificate of Confidentiality (CoC) from the National Institute of Health (NIH).

In preparation and anticipation of CoC receipt, DHS Juvenile Justice Programs has gathered youth case records from DHS Juvenile Justice facilities for the University of Michigan researchers to review. On January 21, 2014, the University of Michigan IRB issued a letter to Dr. Ryan indicating that full approval to proceed with the study was contingent upon receipt of the CoC from the NIH. Dr. Ryan notified DHS of the

submission of the contingent approval from the IRB and the CoC request packet to NIH by January 31, 2014. On April 29, 2014, Dr. Perron informed DHS the NIH had issued the CoC and that the IRB had approved work on the study to commence immediately.

A final report summarizing the results of the behavioral health study is expected to be completed in December 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Herman McCall, Juvenile Justice Programs acting director, at (517) 335-3489.

Sincerely,



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