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Stephen T. Baron, Director  
Department of Mental Health  
64 New York Ave, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: 2009 CSR for Children/Youth

Dear Mr. Baron,

This letter is intended to memorialize our agreement as it relates to the March 2009 Consumer Service Reviews (CSR) for children/youth.

In recognition of the extraordinary organizational and consumer transition that will be occurring from January through March 2009 due to the pending closure of the DC CSA, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. Child/youth consumers who are being served by the DC CSA will be excluded from the 2009 review unless DMH decides otherwise on a case-by-case basis. The DMH and the Court Monitor recognize that this alteration in the sampling methodology will cause the final sample selection and the results of the CSR to be statistically invalid for Exit Criteria #4 purposes.
2. The primary focus of this review will be to maximize teaching/learning opportunities in the evolving child/youth system and in the new agency internal CSR program. In recognition of this modified purpose the sample size will consist of approximately 60 children/youth, instead of the usual 85. The DMH will take the lead in designing the stratified sampling methodology for the approximately 60 children/youth to be reviewed.
3. Any cost-reduction on the HSO-CSR contract due to the reduction in the sample size will be returned to the DMH in accordance with past practice.
4. The results of this review will be reported to the Court but will not count as having met Dixon requirements in the event that aggregate system performance should meet or exceed 80%.

5. The Court and the plaintiffs will be informed of this agreement and the unusual circumstances that prompted it.



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