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RE: *Bates v. DHHS* – Quarterly Progress Report

Dear Dan:

Enclosed, pursuant to paragraph 280 of the Settlement Agreement, please find the Adult Mental Health Services Quarterly Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2008.

We have or will be making a couple of changes to the grid that constitutes Part 1, the systems development portion of the report. First, OAMHS has deleted the due date from Component #73, as there was not a due date specified in the October 2006 Plan (page 39). Second, OAMHS has begun in the last few quarters noting some components that are completed as a matter of system development. Beginning next quarter, OAMHS will report only on system development components that are not yet complete. To the extent that those components may involve ongoing monitoring, they will shift into quality management.

If you have any comments or concerns about the contents of this report, we would be glad to meet to discuss them.

Sincerely,

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