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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, 2006.

It is presented in the same format as last quarter, with a couple of minor modifications. The grid used in Part I on System Development includes the action steps described in the last report (dated Nov. 06) as well as the new ones for this quarter (dated Feb. 07). We intend to keep this as a cumulative record, with the actions steps listed for each quarter for the entire year. At the end of the year, we may want to strip down the report to include only the action steps that remain to be completed. We have numbered each component of the plan listed in the left hand column, for ease of reference. We have also instituted a new numbering system for attachments that will identify them by quarter as well as by number. Only the attachments referenced in the action steps for this quarter are included with this report.

If you have any comments or concerns about the contents of this report, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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