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Henry Johnson  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to follow-up on the issues you brought to the attention of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency in the April edition of "The Arc - Voice". The newsletter focuses on the remaining consumers at Mt. Pleasant Center and the manner with which determination has been implemented in our system.

Thank you for taking the time and effort to let us know about your concerns and giving us an opportunity to address them. Our mission is to lead and support a community system that provides and manages an array of supports, service, care and treatment that honor choice and advance the quality of community life for our consumers.

In addressing the particular concerns expressed, the Agency has initiated measures and initiatives to expand and strengthen community integration for persons receiving public mental health services.

The Agency has worked with the DD/MCPNs to facilitate discharge planning for the Consumers at Mt. Pleasant. Our goal is to advance community integration in the least restrictive living arrangement appropriate for their safety and well-being.

The Agency's Board of Directors approved 4 million dollars at the April Full Board meeting to support staff recommendations to move our system forward in broad policy areas consistent with our mission, vision and values to support:

- (1) Increasing the number of persons who live in supported independent living and supportive housing arrangements.

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- (2) Promoting expansion of best practices for persons with developmental disabilities in the cities of Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck in the areas of supportive housing, supported employment and self-determination practices.

We are committed to continual improvement of our services and thank you again for taking the time to express your concerns. The Agency enjoys our partnership with The Arc of Detroit and The Arc Coalition. As always, we welcome the opportunity to discuss our joint initiatives to maximize the benefits and opportunities for our Consumers.

Sincerely,



Veda Sharp, LMSW  
Deputy Director

cc: Michele Reid, MD