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Linda:
Dear Ms. Potter:

Thank you for your letter concerning Mt. Pleasant Center. As stated in the various letters provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to The Arc Michigan, Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, and Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service regarding Mt. Pleasant Center (MPC), the leadership of MDCH agrees that the proper place for many of the residents at MPC is in the community.

On behalf of all consumers served throughout the state's mental health system, the department requests that United Cerebral Palsy and all advocacy organizations join in our efforts to advocate for the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) and the Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs) to eliminate any unnecessary utilization of MPC.

We must join together to assure that the PIHPs and CMHSPs provide independently developed and appropriate placement plans for their consumers, so that they may be discharged from the facility and placed into community settings that meet all of their needs.

It is the department's intent that individuals with developmental disabilities are served in the least restrictive, most integrated, appropriate setting. The continued support of United Cerebral Palsy to ensure this endeavor is appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

Janet Olszewski
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Director

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