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Dear Mr. DeLisle:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Mt. Pleasant Center (MPC). Your comments and suggested recommendations to protect the residents are taken very seriously by the leadership of the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH).

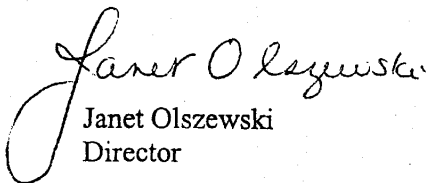
The department has been advocating the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) and the Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs), on behalf of all consumers, to take proactive roles in the placement of MPC consumers into the community. Additionally, the department has taken initial steps to develop a team of virtual experts that will be called upon to assist with developing placement plans for individuals with highly complex situations. It is our intent that the plans will be developed to utilize appropriate resources in the community to meet the individual's needs, and prevent an unnecessary admission to MPC.

As a member of the department's State Facilities Work Group, you are acutely aware of the physical plant problems and other issues faced by MPC and the other state facilities. Your participation and input to this group will be instrumental in assisting to ensure much needed financial and environmental changes to our entire state facility operation.

Regarding the recent MPC survey certification report, the department is working closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to ensure that the plan of correction provided by MPC to CMS is credible, and one that will assure that the treatment and services provided to these very vulnerable individuals are in accordance with the rules and regulations established to protect them.

The support of the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition on behalf of MPC residents is appreciated.

Sincerely,


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