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Subject: Meeting Follow-Up

Dear Holly and Josh,

Thank you very much for our meeting yesterday. We appreciate your receptivity to the concerns of TFC providers during the RBHS carve-in. As you requested, we will keep you posted on any new and particularly troublesome developments when they occur. We look forward to maintaining an open line of communication, including the possibility of follow-up meetings.

PAFCAF and our nine member TFC agencies are committed to partnering with DSS to serve children in foster care by providing behavioral health support in a family like setting that supports safety, well-being and positive permanency through placement stability, community support, and family/sibling connections.

As we discussed, one of the most challenging issues at the moment is the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Agreement (PCGA) form that, as of 7/1/16 per the RBHS Provider Manual, requires the signature of the DSS case worker and foster parent before Family Support (FS) services can be rendered. This is an urgent implementation issue. We respectfully request that you consider the following remedies to this very burdensome new administrative requirement:

1) Ask DHHS to exempt this form for all TFC providers.

OR

2) Require DSS to provide this form, signed by the case worker, at the time of placement, once and only once (rather than at every 90-day re-authorization and whenever the case worker changes).

OR

3) Require DSS to provide this form, signed by the case worker, at the time of placement and annually thereafter.

Currently, the form applies to all TFC children in care (approximately 900 statewide) as of 6/30/16 as well as to children admitted to TFC agencies on and after 7/1/16. Given Select Health's multitude of errors in the rosters of children in TFC as of 6/30/16, this becomes a monumentally challenging requirement. Providers are out-of-compliance and will remain so for quite a while unless something is done. If option 2 or 3 is chosen, we ask that it only apply to children admitted to TFC agencies on or after 7/1/16. If you can get back to me within a week or so on this matter, we would be most grateful. Our next TFC providers meeting is August 2nd.

Thank you for your attention. Please don't hesitate to contact me at (803) 609-2059 or mcrui@pafcaf.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark

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