

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Hess</i>	DATE <i>6-15-11</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>1011562</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Giese</i> <i>Close - see attached note.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>6-24-11</i> DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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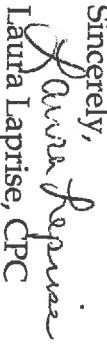
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Janet Bell - Log Letter 562

From: Catherine Eaddy
To: Janet Bell
Date: 11/15/2011 2:22 PM
Subject: Log Letter 562

This was responded to on 6/22/2011

Notes on Log Letter - Deidra Singleton emailed Molly Jackson and stated that Kevin and Charlie have taken care of the response to Ms.Laprise. All of her questions were answered and she was satisfied. Called Brenda James but she was out that morning and she would be in later. 6/22/11

Brenda
Per Catherine Eaddy
Singleton and "Kevin"
answered this one in
June 2011.
*Dodd moved to 8/9/11?
*Dodd moved to 11/15/11

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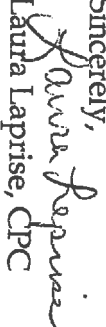
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