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Cindy,

I wanted to follow up on our conversation to clarify a couple of points that we discussed. As we discussed that Central Midlands is not allowing for anyone to be hired to conduct assessments for region 4 after I have shown that funds are available. The deadline for the implementation of the AAA conducting assessments is July 1, 2017 and will need to have staff member to attend the training that will be provided by LGOA by using Clemson University staff. There has been an increase in funds not only in HCBS but includes Title III funds. There will be some additional funds received by the AAAs in Fiscal Year 2018 with the reduction of the disaster funds. I have verbally been given all sorts of cost figures with no supporting documentation to review. I will not support any violation of any state or federal policies, regulations, or laws and will encourage the reference to our policies as well as of the dedicated employee information that has been provided at various AAA meetings.

Second, I discovered that Gerry Dickinson, in accordance to our policy, handles all request for waivers for consideration through LGOA that you are drafting for Ben to sign; therefore, please ensure the written and signed waiver is sent to Gerry Dickinson.

The offer stands if you would like to have a meeting with our leadership team to discuss these matter further. I appreciate your continue support and assistance to ensure compliance.

Thanks,

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