

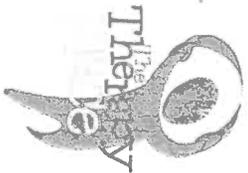
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO <i>Walshup</i>	DATE <i>2-27-12</i>
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<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER <i>101332</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Feb 25</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>3-7-12</i>
<i>cc: Mr. Fess</i> <i>Relogged from Giese to Walshup, see attached e-mail.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	

APPROVALS <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	COMMENT
1. <i>Clarell 3/23/12, letter attached.</i>			
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February 17, 2012

Mr. Anthony Keck, Director  
SC Department of Health & Human Services  
1801 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Mr. Keck:

We received the letter denying our request to modify the Conductive Education grant to a holistic therapeutic design. I am writing to the Council in an effort to explain what happened because I'm not sure that you understand why the change was made or how this modification is so slight and is, in fact, so similar to what we were already doing.

First of all, the Conductor was not providing the program as we intended and as we had come to understand that Conductive Education was intended. It was our understanding that Conductive Education was a model that involves a multiple therapeutic approach (gross motor/fine motor). The Conductor that we had employed had a single-minded approach that had turned into a solely gross-motor program. There were also personal confrontations that she had with our therapists that could not be overlooked. We made the difficult decision to let her go. After doing so, we revisited the goals of the program and the grant and realized that with our staff of excellent therapists, we could provide the program as it was intended in the grant and just change the name. The grant was intended to provide therapeutic interventions (call it Conductive Education if you need to) to encourage independence through gross and fine motor development. Now, we have also added communication, educational centers and reinstated the feeding component. This is the program that we are now providing, not with a Conductor, but with four highly trained, specialized, licensed therapists rather than a single person that was supposed to be providing it all-in-one - but wasn't. It is now MORE innovative than before and it is of a more clinical nature as well. The students from the Exercise Program now have a clinical program to participate in. Their professor had denied their participation stating that the students needed to be supervised by licensed therapists - now they are!

This decision wasn't made lightly and it wasn't what we would have envisioned had there not been significant problems with the Conductor on staff. However, it ended up being the right decision. Our Bridges Coordinator will finish her masters in special education in May. She meets with the parents on a regular basis and coordinates the therapies and educational centers for the children. We are so fortunate to have found this direction for our program and I know that the DD Council would be proud to have their name associated with it if only you would look a little closer.

I am hoping that you will consider this letter as an appeal, if that is even an option. I invite the Council to come take a tour and see for yourself the progress these children are making in the environment that has been created through this grant. We are asking that you reinstate the grant as the Bridges Program and continue funding through June 30 and honor a 3<sup>rd</sup> year continuation grant as well.

Sincerely,

Dawn M. Darby  
Executive Director

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**Penny McConaughy - Re: Log letter 332 Conductive Education**

Log # 332 ✓

**From:** William Feagin  
**To:** Penny McConaughy; Pheobia Cooper  
**Date:** 3/1/2012 1:54 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Log letter 332 Conductive Education  
**CC:** Jannelle Smith; Valeria Williams

This log letter needs to be forwarded and reassigned to Sam Waldrep's Group. This is in reference to the SC Developmental Disabilities Council, for which Tony has George Maky as the point of contact.

Thanks

William Feagin  
Director of Policy and Program Administration  
Office of Pharmacy, Physicians, and Enhanced Care Services  
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
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>>> Penny McConaughy 3/1/2012 10:13 AM >>>

Hello,

Attached is the scanned Action Referral and the letter from Ms. Darby. Also attached is the start of the response. Please use this when responding to Ms. Darby.

**Brenda James - Ref Log 332**

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**From:** Teeshla Curtis <CURTIST@scdhhs.gov>  
**To:** Brenda James <JAMESBR@scdhhs.gov>  
**Date:** 3/23/2012 5:20 PM  
**Subject:** Ref Log 332  
**CC:** GEORGE MAKY <Maky@scdhhs.gov>, Margie Hickerson <nickersm@scdhhs.gov>  
**Attachments:** Ref Log 332 Response.pdf

Attached is the response for Log 332.

*Teeshla Curtis*

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March 23, 2012

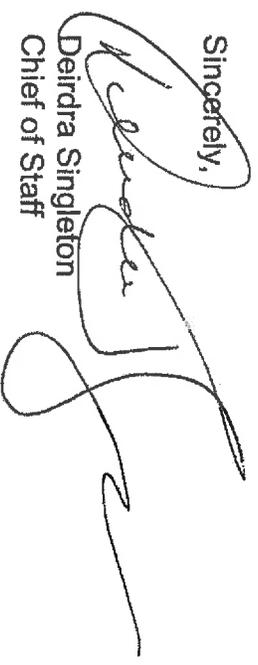
Ms. Dawn M. Darby  
Executive Director  
The Therapy Place  
3620 Covenant Road  
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Dear Ms. Darby:

Thank you for your letter of February 17, 2012 concerning the Conductive Education grant provided through the South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council. The Council has reviewed your initial request and subsequent appeal to modify the grant to a holistic therapeutic design. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant, the Council has taken action they considered necessary related to their responsibilities with the grant funding.

Please contact Valerie Bishop, Executive Director, directly for further information.

Sincerely,

  
Deindra Singleton  
Chief of Staff

cc: Valerie Bishop

DS/mh