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I would appreciate hearing from you on how we may proceed to work as partners to develop a proposal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Kindest Personal Regards,

Paula

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1.			<i>Brenda - Please close w/ Rel's email. (see attached) 3/8/13</i>
2.			<i>Thanks</i>
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From: Peter Liggett
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 4:44 PM
To: Paula Fendley (PFendley@scachfs.com)
Subject: Responding to your March 6th letter.

Hi Paula,

I hope this finds you well and ready for a relaxing weekend.

I realize I haven't yet responded to your letter dated March 6, 2013 regarding the services provided in the therapeutic foster care realm. I will be gone next week but would like to speak with you soon after I return April 1st about potential strategies for addressing services for TFC. In response to your reference of the addictive services/RBHS SPA – our work on that project was a year-long effort that required immense amounts of time from all parties involved. As I mentioned in the meeting, it is my thought that any sort of efforts to address TFC ought to be considered within the broader context of a larger project to move RBHS into a coordinated care model. I'm certainly open to hearing your thoughts on that and would like to discuss this further. I will ask Annie McCanne to set up a time for us to meet.

I'm sorry I won't be able to join you and Tony when you meet next week.

Best wishes,

-Pete

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