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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000274</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Mr. Heck, Singleton Extend until 3/26/14, see attached e-mail.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>4/15/14</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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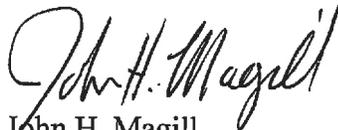
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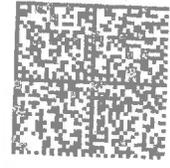
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**Annmarie McCanne**

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**Sent:** Monday, February 24, 2014 9:02 AM  
**To:** Annmarie McCanne  
**Subject:** DMH Log Letter

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\* Brenda - Please extend this due date. We need more info from DMH before we can respond.  
Thanks  
Anne  
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**Brenda James**

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**From:** AnnMarie Dwyer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 1:39 PM  
**To:** Annmarie McCanne; Brenda James  
**Subject:** FW: DMH Log Letter

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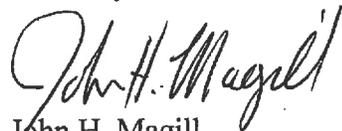
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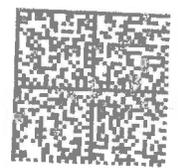
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## Annmarie McCanne

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**From:** AnnMarie Dwyer  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2014 6:05 PM  
**To:** Annmarie McCanne  
**Cc:** Gabriele Jefferson  
**Subject:** RE: DMH Log Letter - Log 274

Sorry. Yes, I think we can close it.

We met on May 7 and came up with a plan to work the funding in connection with the HOP.  
SCDDHS: Pete Ligget, Roy Hess, Ann-Marie Dwyer  
SCDMH: Mark Binkley, Robert Bank, Stewart Cooner

DMH agreed to present to HOP hospital administrators regarding their Telepsych and our funding will be tied to DMH coordinating with one or more of the HOP hospitals to bring Telepsych to them.

Can we call that done—let me know.

Thanks Annie!

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 07, 2014 9:38 AM  
**To:** AnnMarie Dwyer  
**Cc:** Gabriele Jefferson  
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Hey, is there an update to this Log? Have we responded?

Thanks,  
Annie

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