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Hi Tony,

I hope your year is off to a great start! I want to say again how pleased we are with our partnership with the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging to administer the respite funds. Families are now being served through a more efficient and effective process while receiving more comprehensive support for their caregiving situations. We appreciate your willingness to work together on this very important program.

I wanted to touch base with you regarding the DMH Alzheimer's Respite Funds. I know that there has been some discussion regarding potentially changing the proviso to have the funds go directly from DMH to the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging. However, at this time and given the potential unstable political climate with the change in Lt. Governors, we believe that it is best to keep the proviso as it is in the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget. We can revisit this issue next year and evaluate how we wish to proceed.

We do understand from the staff at DMH that we could potentially write into the MOU/Contract to have the money go directly to the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging if we determine this to be a more efficient process. This would achieve the same results of efficiency without touching the proviso.

We are happy to meet and discuss this further if you wish. It is always a pleasure to meet with you and Anne to discuss ways that we can continue to strengthen our partnership. Thanks again for your ongoing support and for the good work that you and your staff do to serve the elderly of SC.

Best Regards,
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