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Ashley

I do not have any specific news to share, but I have confirmed with HHS OIG Senior Counsel in Washington, that DMH is still requesting an advisory opinion. I do not expect a written opinion for a few months and DMH understands that we will be required to pay for cost of OIG Senior Counsel researching and producing the written opinion.

In the last eight months DMH has: increased and intensified our monitoring of the contract Qualified Providers; required specific actions from the Qualified Providers to continue performance of the contract; researched, viewed, and continue to review and discuss possible changes to the contract and its operation. Our primary concern continues to be that DMH outpatients have access to needed medications as prescribed by DMH psychiatrists at Community Mental Health Centers around the state.

I will continue to keep you and those copied updated.

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