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Dear Blake and members of the Citizen Review Panels:

The review and analysis of DCBS policy and practice by the Citizen Review Panel members is always enlightening. The objectivity from an independent entity always creates a challenge to consider alternatives in practice. The report has been distributed and reviewed by staff throughout the Cabinet. Attached you will find our responses regarding the recommendations.

I appreciate the dedication and commitment of the Citizen Review Panel members in meeting their obligations as Panel members. It will be through this collaborative effort with DCBS that service provision for the children and families of the Commonwealth will be enhanced. The Child and Family Service Review is complete and the Performance Improvement Plan approved. A partnership with the Citizen Review Panel can assist us in assessing the effectiveness of our service delivery system.

We look forward to meeting with you on October 29, 2010 to engage in meaningful dialogue concerning your recommendations and the responses.

Sincerely,


Patricia R. Wilson
Commissioner



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Dear Dr. Jones and Citizen Review Panel Members;


The summer passed quickly with work on the responses to the annual report. Your perceptions and recommendations always motivate me to consider alternatives to current practice and policy.

The fluidity of the panels allows for the most effective use of time and resources. The partnership between members and the DCBS has evolved into a relationship of mutual respect with the common goal of service enhancement for families and children.

The responses provide an opportunity to inform you of current practice and policy, ways the DCBS may incorporate the response, and future planning. The DCBS has limitations on revisions to policy as Kentucky Revised Statutes and Kentucky Administrative Regulations direct our work.

Thank you for your dedication to thoroughly examine elements of DCBS work and to provide thoughtful and insightful recommendations.

Sincerely,


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