STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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May 14, 2012

Dear Tribal Leaders:

In preparation for the May 31, 2012 Consultation on the state's intent to submit a request to renew the current Section 1915(b) Capitated Waiver, a tribal round table was held on May 8, 2012, to review and discuss issues related to the draft 1915(b) Waiver Renewal document. This Medicaid waiver, known as the "Washington State Integrated Community Mental Health Program," is for two years and will become effective October 1, 2012.

Thank you for sending your staff to attend this important meeting. The collaborative work that we were able to accomplish resulted in a clearer understanding that the waiver renewal process will not be a barrier for the Tribes and the Department to move forward to develop a tribal centric mental health service system. The Department also shared its willingness to actively work towards solutions to improve tribal mental health services.

The logistics for the May 31st Consultation are:

Location: Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA) Headquarters
Lacey Government Center, Blake Office Park West
4450 10th Avenue Southeast, Lacey, WA
Chelan/Roosevelt Room

Consultation: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For your reference, I have attached directions to ADSA Headquarters in Lacey, the draft agenda, and a copy of the draft Waiver Renewal document. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Colleen Cawston by phone at (360) 902-7816 or by email at colleen.f.cawston@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Robin Arnold-Williams

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Secretary

Enclosures

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