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April 25, 2023

Karen Elliott, Director of Public Health

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Subject: Intent to Contract for Early Access Treatment Services

Dear Karen Elliott:

This letter is to inform you of the Department of State Hospitals' (DSH) intent to contract with Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency for use of Early Access and Stabilization Services (EASS). We appreciate the time and efforts you and the team have spent discussing this opportunity and the information provided to date. While DSH and Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency continue to work towards finalizing a contract, the information below outlines the understanding of the contract intent based on the information and discussions that have occurred thus far.

The contract between DSH and Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency will provide services to initiate substantive treatment services between the time a patient is committed as felony Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) to DSH and the time the patient is admitted to a DSH treatment program, which may include a Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) program, a state hospital, placement in an outpatient program, or restoration to competency. The services will support mental health treatment, access to medication upon commitment to DSH, and basic competency education prior to admission to a DSH program or until restoration of competency. Services will include a medication stabilization team, comprised of a competency trainer for the clinical and competency training, a psychologist for competency assessment and report writing, an administrative position for tracking and data, and psychiatry support for medication management and Administrative Law Judge hearings.

DSH is requesting a term of April 17, 2023, through June 30, 2025, with a total budget of \$9,271,470.00. Patient admissions began on April 17, 2023.

A good faith effort will be made to finalize and execute an agreement between DSH and Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency as soon as possible. Until that time, DSH requests to continue working with Tulare County on the details of developing the EASS program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacey Camacho". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacey Camacho

Deputy Director (A)

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