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Dear Darld:

Enclosed is a letter received from Lea McGregor, program director of Pathways Family Center, in response to remedial action plan suggestions from the regional level investigation of that agency. This should be filed with materials already submitted in that matter.

If you have any questions, please contace me at (810) 858-0001.

Sincerely,

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Mr. John Larson Oakland County Health Division Department of Institutional and Human Services Health Division Building 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. Pontiac, MI 48341-0432

Dear Mr. Larson;

I am writing to inform you of Pathway Family Center's current strategy regarding host homes. I contacted Bob Cable, Manager of Foster Care Licensing at the Department of Social Services yesterday. We discussed the current situation in which enrolled parents are managing a host home program. He indicated that he was fully aware of this practice and while he does not support such action, neither will he actively work against it. Mr. Cable reiterated a point made earlier to our Board President that families involved in such a program should actively pursue Power of Attorney or similar legal protection.

I have come to the decision that it is in Pathway's best interest to explore the possibility of procuring a placement license from D.S.S. Mr. Cable encouraged me to contact our local licensing department and explore this possibility. He further assured me that he would be willing to make rule exceptions for our agency, should we decide to apply for a placement license, thereby alleviating many of the difficulties that Straight, Inc encountered trying to meet state requirements.

Should I or our Governing Body decide that Pathway should not or can not pursue such a license, I agree to completely dismantle any reference or connection to a host home program at Pathway Family Center.

I will keep you abreast of these proceedings. Feel free to call me if you have any questions or input.

Sincerely,

Lea A. McGregor, MSW

Lea McGregor, MSW, Executive Director **Executive Director**

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