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Kara McCallum, Disability Rights Advocate  
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Richmond, VA 23230

Dear Ms. McCallum:

Thank you for providing DBHDS with the opportunity to review your report concerning the individual referred to as Brittany. DBHDS shares dLCV's commitment to providing integrated behavioral health and developmental services in a community setting consistent with an individual's choices.

As with many other individuals served by the public behavioral health and developmental services systems, Brittany has multiple complex and interrelated treatment needs which require coordinated care by numerous providers. The most recent comprehensive review of her treatment history and medical records, and a completion of an IQ test, support her current primary diagnosis of borderline personality disorder and her secondary diagnosis of mild intellectual disability. Although her diagnosis does not meet the criteria for the target population addressed in the DOJ settlement agreement, or make her eligible services through DD waiver services, DBHDS has worked across the mental health and developmental services divisions, and with the local community services board, to provide coordinated treatment and supports. As you noted in your report, ESH has offered her DBT therapy, DBHDS has funded an expert to train clinical staff on best practices for working with individuals with borderline intellectual functioning and/or an intellectual disability, and ESH is arranging for external consultation to provide additional recommendations for her treatment and community service needs. ESH will continue actively working with HNN CSB to identify appropriate housing and support services for her in the most integrated setting possible.

Thank you again for sharing your report with DBHDS. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jack Barber MD'.

Jack Barber, MD

c: Connie Cochran, Assistant Commissioner Developmental Services  
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