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Dr. Jack Barber, Interim Commissioner  
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Dear Dr. Barber,

Thank you for your response to my letter dated March 24, 2016. dLCV will continue to make DBHDS aware of individuals with developmental disabilities who are not receiving services and supports in appropriate settings or whose crisis needs are not being met. Additionally, we will begin to notify you directly of these individuals.

dLCV understands the necessity of admitting people to training centers for one day to obtain Medicaid waiver funding. These individuals are not our primary concern. dLCV remains deeply concerned about individuals, many young adults, who have been admitted to training centers from state-operated psychiatric facilities after failed community crisis intervention and a failure to develop appropriate community supports.

We look forward to DBHDS ensuring that no individual will remain hospitalized longer than clinically appropriate. Please inform us of your plan to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kara McCallum'.

Kara McCallum  
Disability Rights Advocate

Cc. Mr. Connie Cochran, Assistant Commissioner for Developmental Services  
Mr. Daniel Herr, Assistant Commissioner for Behavioral Health Services  
Mr. Donald Fletcher, Independent Reviewer  
Mr. Kyle Smiddie, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice