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December 18, 2017

Dana Lasenby, Interim CEO
Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority
707 W. Milwaukee Street
Detroit, MI 48202

Dear Ms. Lasenby:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has significant concerns regarding the Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority's (DWMHA) compliance with Community Mental Health Services Programs certification standards, as well as other contractual requirements. The areas of concern include DWMHA's responsibility to successfully hire a qualified Executive Director; allegations of potential conflicts of interest in the DWMHA's Board of Directors; DWMHA's less than substantial compliance with an Office of Recipient Rights assessment; and DWMHA's handling of improper payments and the recoupment process utilized by DWMHA with two of its subcontractors (New Center and Operation Get Down).

In order to assess compliance with certification standards, and other contractual and policy requirements, MDHHS intends to conduct an onsite CMHSP Certification review of DWMHA in January 2018. MDHHS will contact you soon with scheduling information.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any immediate questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Thomas Renwick'.

Thomas Renwick, Director
Bureau of Community Based Services

cc: Lynda Zeller
John Duvendeck
Kendra Binkley
John Sanford
Dr. Herbert Smitherman, Jr, DWMHA Board Chair