MEMORANDUM

TO: Perry Borman, Regional Director
FROM: Pete Digre, Assistant Secretary for Operations
DATE: July 16, 2010
RE: Family Preservation Protocol Approval

I am pleased to inform you that the Family Preservation Protocols for Circuit 17 has been approved. Thank you for the focused work these recent weeks to develop a plan for quality case management oversight to parents whose children are at imminent risk of removal. I realize that this required you and your child protective investigative staff to convene your community partners for a critical analysis of response to these families and develop new processes that will “close the loop” on cases. By this, it means that your local system of care will now ensure continuous case ownership and case management, multi-disciplinary planning including SAMH and DV experts and services, services which have the comprehensiveness and intensity that families need, a tight feedback loop, tracking in FSFN, and a prompt MDT staffing when services are failing. (See my Circuit Protocols requirements of May, 2010 attached).

To ensure that all CPIs, FISs, DCMs and other personnel are fully up to date on the protocol I would like you to make sure that they have all received a copy of it and a presentation related to it by July 30.

Many circuits have acknowledged the likelihood that refinements will be made to the protocol submitted and this is to be expected. As you need to make adjustments, please keep Leslie Chytka posted on changes made to the protocol. Again, thank you for the tremendous strides you made! Please ensure that this correspondence along with the approved plan is distributed widely to your child protection community stakeholders.