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RE: 2016 Isaac Ray Center Annual Report

Dear Superintendent Dixon,

Attached please find the Isaac Ray Center (IRC) 2016 Annual Report of services provided to the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC). The report covers the period of time between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. Data from previous years (primarily 2014 and 2015) is presented for comparison and trend analysis.

For the last 10 years, IRC has provided high quality mental health services to the JTDC, specifically addressing the mental, emotional, developmental and social needs of the residents. The program has changed significantly over the years, evolving from something basic into what we believe is now a model juvenile detention mental health program. We are especially proud to be sharing aspects of our program on the national stage at the 2017 annual conference for the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC). The following are some of IRC's 2016 accomplishments:

- The development and successful launching of an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. Part of the EMR deployment included a total re-design of the mental health intake and assessment process, which is now more comprehensive and includes several new assessment tools.
- Participation in the development of a Clinical Information Sharing Agreement that was launched in February of 2016. The purpose of this agreement is to foster communication and collaboration between the JTDC, the Juvenile Court Clinic, and the Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department.
- Suicide and self-injury related crises remain low, suggesting that the combined efforts of IRC mental health and JTDC staff continue to be effective.
- The annual number of psychiatric hospitalizations has steadily decreased over the last 7 years, suggesting that the JTDC mental health program is providing effective in-house treatment services. Overall there has been an **88%** reduction in hospitalizations since 2010.
- Successful completion of 5 continuous quality improvement (CQI) studies as part of an ongoing initiative to enhance IRC's program evaluation system.
- Successful completion of a JDAI Juvenile Detention Facility Assessment which included a comprehensive evaluation of the IRC Mental Health Program.

Sincerely

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