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Hi, Toni. Welcome back! I hope you had a good week with your family away from the office.

NRI Partner Agency Approval

We have followed up on all the issues that were raised re the NRI partners and I wanted to let you know that the only site with a major outstanding issue from IVPA's perspective is Maywood. Their Advisory Committee has met once and is meeting again on January 3rd, so we should be hearing from them soon regarding both the Proviso-Leyden agency complaint and their certification of Advisory Committee input.

Regarding The Woodlawn Organization, they sent us a very thorough response justifying their partner recommendations and responding to our questions about their declines. We were satisfied with their response, but didn't approve their partners yet, as we did with other Lead Agencies on 12/30, because I wanted to check to see if you wanted to see their response first. I'm attaching the relevant scanned pages of the narrative they sent—they also sent copies of the applications they declined, which we think supported their justifications. Let me know if you would like to see the whole package and I'll bring it right up.

Once you give the go ahead, we will approve their partners and they can get started on their subcontracts like the other lead Agencies.

Outreach to Legislators

I've been thinking about the best strategy here and have reconsidered the idea of a meeting, thinking that an E-Newsletter about NRI, in addition to responding to individual inquiries, might be a better approach. I would like to talk with you about this when you have a few minutes—no urgency.

I'm not sure if you're in the office on Monday the 3rd or if you're heading straight to Springfield. Let me know if you're around and I'll come up and check in with you when/if it's convenient for you.

Thanks,
Barbara

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