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Subject: Fw: Thornton Township Reentry

Toni Irving
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Dear Toni,

As you know, the redesign of the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative is a very challenging and complex process. However, I want to commend you, Jack Cutrone and the ICJIA staff, and Barbara Shaw and the IVPA staff for developing a best practice model that will support and enhance positive outcomes for impacted communities for many years to come. In addition, we believe that the redesign will enhance the data collection process and strengthen overall accountability for all community partners.

The South Suburban communities are essential partners in the overall violence reduction and prevention strategies. I have had numerous conversations with our South Suburban partners related to the increase in violence and the critical role that NRI plays in addressing the violence. An important component in the violence reduction strategy for them are the re-entry services provided to returning offenders from our justice system. As indicated in the attached letter from Jaclin Davis, NRI Program Coordinator, this is the only program that has the capacity to deal directly with the high number of returning parolees. Without these critical services, the parolees and our communities will remain at risk and become more costly to our state in the long run.

Toni I would welcome the opportunity to have a more extensive discussion with you on this matter at your convenience. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

David

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Good Afternoon Gentlemen,

I wanted to express to you both how critical it is that the Southland (Southern Suburbs) has a Reentry Component. I am aware that you both know that at present time we do not have a contract with a Sub for Reentry Services. However, I had a meeting scheduled with TASC today to discuss their willingness to be a potential Coordinating Partner for Thornton Township, however due to our meeting this morning it is tentatively rescheduled for Tuesday of next week.

Furthermore, I am confident that TASC will thoroughly meet the deliverables of the Contract and ensure the 800+ Thornton Township Parolees receive adequate services to become self sufficient.

Lastly, as of May 2012 there are 1409 Parolees in the Southland (Thornton Township 866, Bloom Township 313, Rich Township 148 and Bremen Township 82).

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 708.[redacted]

Sincerely,
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