From: Mary Johnson <mjohnson@corazoncs.org>
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To: Irving, Toni <Toni.Irving@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Cicero NRI and SNW

Dear Dr. Irving,

Thank you very much for your prompt response.

I agree with you about the importance of documentation and outcomes and thinking about this in light of FY14 planning. You may not be aware, but Corazon was amongst one of the best lead agencies with demonstrated outcomes.

However, as a the lead agency in Cicero, I have to think and advocate for FY13.

These are some NRI processing issues that remain concerning for Corazon:

- Between NRI and SNW, Cicero was cut almost $1 million ($969,000 to be exact)- this amount varies across communities this reflects a total 65% cut
    - Leaves 8,000 youth without violence prevention programming annually
    - Eliminates 5 programs entirely
    - Impacts 6 community-based organizations
- Reentry services for juvenile and young adult offenders eliminated entirely in Cicero and surrounding NRI communities (Little Village and Maywood) while other communities are continuing to receive funding for this component
- I have attended all meetings and no clear explanation has been offered for the selection and elimination of reentry services is some communities.

General revenue cut:

- This funding never dictated that Cicero should be cut more than 50% or total loss (100%) of reentry services
- No explanation regarding the entire elimination of the Safety Net Works program has been provided

Our ask:

Our ask is to restore our funding to the level of other communities (those receiving Reentry funding and therefore, additional Lead Agency dollars).

We need to discuss these items with you as the reasoning behind all of this decisions is unclear and seemingly inequitable.

As expected we have a short timeline because the well-being and safety of our community are at risk. I would like to have a meeting with you this week, either in-person or via telephone. Again, my schedule is very flexible and I will make myself available.

Thank you,

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