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Ms . Irving and Mr. Letavish:

I am writing to you at the request of Barbara Shaw to introduce my team to you and to share some information about the work that we have done in support of the SBC Component of NRI. I am the director of the Community- Linked Mental Health Services Program at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago (formerly Children's Memorial Hospital). I lead a team of mental health professionals who share a mission of promoting access to evidence-based mental health services for youth. Our work is framed from a public health approach and focuses on school-community collaboration to overcome stigma and other barriers associated with accessing care in many of our communities. The attached document provides a summary of our team mission, history and personnel, as well as details about our work with the SBC Component of NRI. I have also shared this document with Jack Cutrone to aide him and his team at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority as they evaluate the various components of NRI and plan next steps for a coordinated violence prevention approach. Please review the information and let me know if I can provide additional information, or address any questions or concerns from either of you or members of your team in the Governor's office.

It has been an honor to participate in this innovative/coordinated approach to building resilient youth and communities in neighborhoods highly impacted by violence. I would welcome the opportunity to participate in dialogue about how our state can continue to address this complex issue. Feel free to contact me via email or my cell phone: [redacted]

Best, Colleen Cicchetti

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