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Dear NRI SBC Advisory Committee,

I'm am very sad to tell you that at a meeting of NRI Lead Agencies last Friday , the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) announced that among the many changes in the NRI Program resulting from significant funding cuts, the Safety Net Works Program and the School Based Counseling components of NRI will not be continued after October 31st. Jack Cutrone, ICJIA Executive Director, indicated that part of the SBC decision was based on CPS and other districts having some level of existing counseling capacity within the schools.

I am sorry for all staff affected by this announcement and for all the children and youth who won't have the benefit of SBC services. These services will be sorely missed by the children, schools and communities that NRI has served.

Everyone involved in this effort, including you as committee members, has made an enormous contribution to the field of school-based counseling and trauma-informed behavioral support. IVPA is truly appreciative and grateful, and we hope that there will be future opportunities for all who have been involved in SBC to continue this important work.

After mid October, we will reconvene the SBC Committee to talk about how we can continue to promote evidence-based trauma and counseling interventions for children in school and community settings.

Thank you for all you have contributed to children, schools and communities. It has been an enormous pleasure working with you.

Best Regards,
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