

January 23, 2018

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority C/O Sandra Lindsey, CEO 500 Hancock Saginaw, MI 48602

Ms. Lindsey;

Saginaw Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities (S.A.I.D.), a division of SVRC Industries, Inc. would like to extend our support for your application to be considered as one of the CMHSP 298 pilot sites.

As the mission of S.A.I.D. states "Saginaw Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities exists to empower individuals who have developmental disabilities and assure that they are valued, and that they and their families can participate fully in, and contribute to the life of their community", we feel that it is imperative that they continue to be part of the service planning, and that LOCAL oversight with personal attention is paramount.

SCCMHA has always listened to and asked its consumers to be part of all planning processes, and requested their feedback as to provide the best service array possible. As an integrated system comes to life, who better than our local SCCMHA that has the combined experience of service planning within the guidelines of Medicaid, and working with consumers to have a self determined life to expand services that are already provided and add services to meet the needs of the uninsured and underinsured? SCCMHA understands individuals served, the needs of our community, the services that will assist individuals with services such as School to Community Transition Planning, Self Determination, Community Inclusion, and PERSON CENTERED Planning.

Again, S.A.I.D. and SVRC Industries is proud to be a community partner with our local CMH, and believe that the CMHS Pilot would be a success under SCCMHA's leadership.

Sincerely,

Rose Jurek

Vice President of Program Management



