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**10th Circuit Court-Family Division**

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Re: Support for Section 298 Pilot RFI

Dear Ms. Lindsey:

After discussing this matter with you, I am writing a letter of support for the community benefit that is provided by SCCMH. As you know, not only am I Chief Judge now of all Saginaw Courts, but have been the Saginaw County Probate Judge since 1999. In that regard, I know the value that your organization provides to the courts and has provided over the years that serve our citizens who have mental illness, intellectual or developmental disabilities, and those with severe emotional disorders and substance abuse disorders.

I have worked directly with your organization and received assistance from you with all of our involuntary orders, petitions, and alternative treatment orders as well as our district mental health court, our felony treatment drug court, our sobriety court, our jail division which occurs daily at arraignments in district court. We also have worked closely with family court and juvenile detainees with mental health consultations and the mental health screening at the juvenile defense center using MAYSI.

The partnership that SCCMH has with the courts has stretched well beyond to include many, many diverse organizations that resulted in us putting together the Saginaw County's First Responders Guide for behavioral interventions which was signed and agreed to by almost every entity that can be assisted by SCCMH in Saginaw County. This is a huge undertaking that has not only resulted in a huge benefit to Saginaw County, but has been copied by many of the judges in the other 83 counties in Michigan.

Again, I fully support your participation in the 298 Pilot RFI.

Sincerely yours,  
HON. PATRICK J. McGRAW  
Chief Judge for Saginaw County