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Greetings Commissioners:

Hope all is well with everyone!

We continue to work towards compliance with PREA throughout the state including state youth correctional facilities, juvenile detention centers and county level camps. I have conducted PREA 101 and Then Some Training for Elko County Juvenile Detention, Leighton Hall in Winnemucca, Murphy-Bernardini JDC, Tuerman Hall, Nevada Youth Training Center and Red Rock Academy. The feedback has been positive and the training meets the PREA Standard for staff Training. Steve McBride and I met with Tara Graham of the National PREA Resource Center on August 4, 2014 to discuss the standards we needed more clarification on. It was a good meeting and confirmed we are on the right track! We have not heard back from the PREA Grant application that was submitted in March of 2014.

On July 14th and 15th - 11 Juvenile Justice Stakeholders traveled to Phoenix Arizona to meet with the Arizona Dept. of Juvenile Corrections (AJDC). The goal of this trip was to review the data system that AJDC currently utilize to collect and analyze juvenile justice data. The meeting was informative and I was able to dream big and identify the "ideal" juvenile justice data system for Nevada. Although members of the team worked hard to bring me back to reality I am still dreaming! The next step is to develop a Business Plan that identifies steps needed to achieve a data system that is functional and beneficial.

All four quarter of the Medicaid Room and Board State Fiscal Year 2014 is complete and included within your packet. Award letters for SFY 2015, which began July 1, 2014, have been sent to the local jurisdictions.

We have submitted an application for Technical Assistance for the Civic First and OJJDP for *Effective Police Interactions with Youth- Tactics that Work*. This is evidenced based curriculum and would include a 3 day- Train the Trainers.

The Grant Review Committee met in Reno on July 3, 2014 and reviewed the Formula Grant applications for FFY 2014. The Committee's recommendations will be provided to you today for final approval.

We recently completed the second quarter SB 107 Report that included January through June of 2014. The report contains room confinement data from each juvenile detention center and state youth correctional facility. We continue to discuss improving our data collection and completing more in-depth data analysis. I have been working closely with the ACLU regarding this important topic.

We are continuing to work towards securing contracts to provide technical assistance statewide. First, we are working with the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ), the research division for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) on completing our Statewide DMC Assessment that is a new requirement for our Title II Formula Grant. NCJJ has participated in the DMC statewide Task Force Phone Meeting to discuss our next steps. Secondly, I have been working with Dr. Tomassone from New Jersey Juvenile Services on conducting a site visit to all three of our youth correctional facilities to provide training and recommendations on alternatives to utilizing room confinement. Dr. Tomassone is considered an expert in juvenile justice reform and will be visiting Nevada this fall.

We are hosting a statewide Train the Training in Forward Thinking in Carson City, September 10-12th. We are training both state correctional facilities and county probation departments. To date, we have 6 probation departments' that have trained and implemented the Forward Thinking Series. Our youth and staff love it!

I continue to work with OJJDP TA provider in developing the National Juvenile Justice Specialist Manual. I can't wait to see the final product!

In closing, I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your dedication and hard work on the committees and the Commission.

Respectfully,

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