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Dear Ms. Phillip:

We are writing on behalf of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) and Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission (IJJC) to inform you that Governor Quinn has transferred administration of the federal (JABG) Program in Illinois from ICJIA to the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS). For more than a decade, Illinois has received Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) funding from the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) that has been administered by ICJIA. While ICJIA has been administering JABG, IDHS has been administering another related program from OJJDP, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act Title II Formula Grants Program. By combining the administration of both the JABG and JJDP Act funds the State of Illinois will be creating greater efficiencies and effectiveness in administering the funds and will be in a better position to comply with the OJJDP requirement to carefully coordinate the use of JABG and JJDP Act funds. The transfer will officially take place on July 1, 2013.

In addition, the IJJC—the state's advisory group under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974—will serve as the JABG State Advisory Board and will manage IDHS's JABG Program. The IJJC will replace the current JCEC in this role. The IJJC is, by Illinois statute (20 ILCS 505/17a-9), the state body charged with developing, administering, and monitoring the state's juvenile justice plan for funds under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act. The IJJC also functions as the advisory committee authorized and empowered to assist and advise the Secretary of Human Services on matters related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs and services, and the body charged with providing recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly concerning such matters. The IJJC and ICJIA agree that the IJJC is the state body best situated to coordinate state and federal juvenile justice program efforts, and can ensure the most effective coordination of JABG and JJDP Act grant funds.

As of July 1, 2013, all previously awarded JABG Program funds from FFY2010 onward that remain unspent will be transferred to IDHS, and IDHS will become the designated administrator of all future JABG Program awards. To ensure smoother transition, funds

from JABG FFY2009 (and programs funded with those awards) will remain with ICJIA through December 2013—the end of the FFY2009 JABG award period. Programs currently funded by ICJIA with JABG FFY2010 funds will be transferred to IDHS to be managed by the IJJC on July 1. IDHS will continue to fund programs with grant end dates after July 1, 2013 until the end date specified in the existing grant agreement, and will issue new JABG awards to state and local units of government according to federal JABG program requirements.

Staff at IDHS is working very closely with ICJIA, OJJDP and the IJJC to ensure a smooth transition. IDHS and IJJC staff will work with current Illinois JABG Program grant recipients over the next few months to minimize confusion or delays in payment. Please expect to be contacted by Heidi Mueller, Executive Director of the IJJC, within the next several weeks to go over the transfer in greater detail.

In the mean time, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact ICJIA JABG Program Manager Lajuana Murphy at Lajuana.murphy@illinois.gov, or IJJC Executive Director Heidi Mueller at heidi.mueller@illinois.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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