



January 12, 2016

Mr. John L. Martin, Director Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities 30 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Director Martin:

As the two organizations representing the primary funders and providers of services to people with developmental disabilities in Ohio, the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD (OACB) and the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) remain committed to acting as good faith partners in helping the state come into compliance with new federal regulations on integrated service provision and conflict of interest.

Unfortunately, we must write you today to express our disappointment with the lack of responsiveness the State of Ohio has demonstrated thus far in addressing our organizations' concerns related to Ohio's revised Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Solutions (CMS) Transition Plan.

The state's blanket refusal to modify its transition plan or to engage in a productive dialog on how to best resolve the issues our organizations have raised during the public comment period has caused us to re-evaluate whether or not the state continues to see us as valued partners in implementing these critical systems change initiatives.

We look forward to resuming dialog on these important items as soon as possible to ensure Ohio's efforts to comply with federal mandates are successful.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact us at your earliest convenience if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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