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Mr. Dorrance Collins Ms. Faith Meyers 3240 Penland Parkway, Sp. #35 Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear Mr. Collins and Ms. Meyers:

Thank you for calling this matter to our attention. I have asked the Division of Behavioral Health Director to investigate the different categories of forensic patients served at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API). A component of that work will include a request to the Department of Law asking for their assistance regarding coordination of care among these individuals at API. We will also ask that they help us clarify and enhance coordination with the Alaska Superior Court as it relates to these patients.

I am forwarding your letter and this response to Mr. Ron Adler, the Administrator at API, for his information. Additionally, I will ask him to raise your concerns with the API Governing Body. As I hope you know from past experience, API Policy & Procedure changes can happen with your continued input.

Sincerely,

Karleen K. Mackson, Ph.D.

Commissioner

cc: Ron Adler, CEO/Director, API Stacie Kraly, AAG, Department of Law Stacy Toner, Director, DPH