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Dear Mr. Washington and Mr. Paoli:

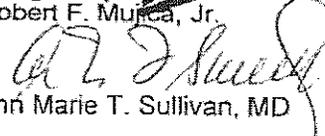
The purpose of this letter is to confirm our understanding of the agreement we have reached for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016-17 Enacted Budget, as follows:

- A. We confirm that the Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center (WNYCPC) shall continue to remain open for all of SFY 2016-17.
- B. We confirm that the Office of Mental Health (OMH) will not take steps in SFY 2016-17 to prohibit clinically appropriate admissions or transfer existing census at WNYCPC, unless needed to deal with a significant health or safety issue, an emergency, to respond to potential litigation, or to accommodate significant loss of Federal funding.
- C. The OMH shall continue to ensure that 46 beds remain available at WNYCPC in SFY 2016-17 and that OMH will not admit children or adolescents into Buffalo Psychiatric Center in SFY 2016-17.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Mujica, Jr.



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