



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

February 1, 2016

Dear Partners:

In May of 2015, former Commissioner of the Department of Human Services Lucinda Jesson convened a Community Based Steering Committee to address planning related to the transitioning of Minnesota State Operated Community Services (MSOCS) to support individuals who require safety net services. The Steering Committee presented their recommendations to me in December of 2015.

I am pleased to share their report with you: "Transitioning MSOCS Residential to a Safety Net Service: Community Based Steering Committee Recommendations" The report is available online at <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfsrver/Public/DHS-7200-ENG>. I am sending this letter to request your comments and questions about the report. They will be helpful as we continue to plan for the future of MSOCS.

Please send your comments and questions about the report to Susan Koch at Susan.E.Koch@state.mn.us. DHS staff and Steering Committee members are also happy to attend stakeholder meetings to present the report, so please contact Sue if you would like such a presentation at an upcoming meeting. Your input will be most useful if received during February 2016, as we will continue to plan the future of MSOCS and finalize our legislative agenda for 2016. If you have specific questions about MSOCS residential services operations, you can contact MSOCS Residential Services Director Donovan Chandler at Donovan.Chandler@state.mn.us.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Emily Johnson Piper
Commissioner