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Mr. William Weaver, CEO
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RE: Interpreter Services

Dear Mr. Weaver:

I write on behalf of the Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equality's Behavioral Health on Deafness Committee after receipt of the attached letter which reports that Dover Behavioral Health (DBH) was unable to secure providers of aftercare services who would provide interpreters as part of DBH's Partial Hospitalization Program discharge process.

The Committee believes that DBH has the responsibility to refer and/or send individuals in their programs to aftercare providers who will provide the appropriate services and supports. Therefore, the Committee strongly recommends that DBH refer individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing to providers who will be able to offer interpreter services. Without such an accommodation, individuals are not be able to receive appropriate aftercare and will not succeed in the recovery process.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy Hennessey". To the right of the signature is a circular stamp containing the initials "KIP".

Christy Hennessey, Chairperson
Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equality's
Behavioral Health on Deafness Committee

cc: Mr. Rich Pelletier, CODHHE
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