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Phillip McClendon, Chairman
Mental Health Commission
Department of Mental Health
PO Box 687
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Commissioner McClendon:

On behalf of the members of the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS), I am sending you a copy of a report on the topics of expanding access, maximizing resources, and improving partnerships to better serve Missouri's citizens with developmental disabilities. This research paper and recommendations was funded through a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health and reviewed with Dr. Keith Schafer and Bernie Simons in November of this year. Our association continues to work closely with the Department and the Division, exploring new ideas being implemented in other states to see if, together, we can improve services to those we serve at the local level.

If you would like to discuss this report, members of our research committees stand ready to meet with you and our partners within the Division of Developmental Disabilities and Department of Mental Health to answer any questions.

As always, thank you for your guidance and support of our community-based programs.

Sincerely,

Max Lytle
President Elect

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CC: Dr. Keith Schafer, Department of Mental Health
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