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Mr. Michael Darrouzet
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Dear Mr. Darrouzet:

Thank you for your dedication to public health and to preparedness. The North Texas MCC Guidelines are an important step in moving Texas toward a common set of crisis standards. I appreciate the efforts you and your community have put into researching and thinking through North Texas's approach to mass critical care. Enclosed please find a letter to Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins acknowledging the North Texas's MCC guidelines and the good work that you have done.

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is establishing a work group to draft an overarching state Crisis Standards of Care (CSC) plan. The work group will follow the Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommendations and release a report creating a framework for a systems approach on how to address crisis standards of care issues. Membership on this work group is currently being established and your participation and input are essential. I also anticipate further evaluation as to how the North Texas MCC guidelines fit into this overall framework

Dave Gruber, Assistant Commissioner for Regional and Local Health Services serves as the lead on this issue should you need any additional information. Mr. Gruber may be reached at (512) 834-4555 or by email at David.Gruber@dshs.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Lakey".

David Lakey, M.D.
Commissioner