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June 28, 2010

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: Adult Protective Services Survey

Attention: Adult Services Supervisors

The Division of Aging and Adult Services (Division) is conducting the Annual Survey of North Carolina's Adult Protective Services Program (APS) to collect crucial information about the needs of vulnerable older and disabled adults who come to the attention of your agency. Data from the annual survey will provide essential information to help strengthen North Carolina's current APS program and to pilot the proposed Vulnerable Adult Protection System (VAPS).

As you know, the Elder Justice Act, Title VI of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, was signed into law March 23, 2010. The Elder Justice Act provides the first dedicated Federal funding to states to be used exclusively for APS. Though funding still must be appropriated for the Elder Justice Act, having accurate APS data will assist us in making plans and decisions on how best to allocate these funds in NC.

The APS Survey can be accessed at

http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/codirltr/2010/APS_Survey_2010_pub_0001.pdf

It is an interactive document designed to be completed and submitted electronically by clicking "Submit Form" found in the upper right hand corner of the survey. Please note that the survey **must be signed** by the agency director. The survey can be **signed electronically** or the signature sheet can be printed and signed by the director and **faxed to Charlene Wilson at (919) 715-0023**.

For your convenience, there is an instruction document to assist with completion of the STAFF POSITIONS and the APS REPORTS STATISTICS sections of the survey, found at

http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/codirltr/2010/APS_Survey_Instructions_2010.pdf.

Data from your June 2010 APS Register Report (available July 1, 2010), your agency's APS log, the APS Log accessed at http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/doa/aps/man/APSlog_Interactive.xls and completed APS intake forms can be used to complete the survey.

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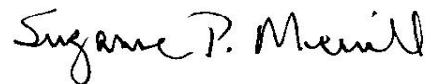
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In order for the Division to compile the data in a timely manner, please electronically submit the survey as indicated above no later than July 29, 2010. It is our intention to make this data available on the Division's Website. For your reference, 2009 APS survey data is available at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/2009_APS_survey_data.pdf.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sarah Lugar or Nancy Warren at (919) 733-3818.

Sincerely,



Suzanne P. Merrill, Chief
Adult Services Section

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