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# **Washoe County Children's Mental Health Consortium**

February 19, 2003

Chairwoman Koivisto and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Washoe County Children's Mental Health Consortium I am here to support the change to the dates of submitting our annual plan that are being considered to AB 6.

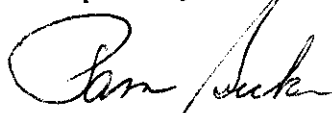
By changing the date from on or before January 1st to on or before July 1st to formulate our annual plan recognizes that most of the participants are on a July 1st through June 30th fiscal year. A majority of our activities are predicated on funding that comes during this funding cycle. Therefore our results and future planning can be more specific with the date change for preparing our annual plan.

By changing the date from on or before January 15th to on or before July 15th for presenting our plan to the Department of Human Resources allows our Consortium to be a part of the legislative budgeting process. As we strive to provide services to the children and families in our community it may be necessary to request funds from the Department and this would necessitate being added to the Department's budget prior to their submitting their budget rather than being considered as an addendum.

By changing this date for submitting our plan to the Department of Human Resources we will also be able to dialogue with the Department in the event they have questions regarding any particular point in the annual plan.

By changing the date from on or before January 15 to on or before August 15th for submitting our annual plan to the Legislative Committee on Children, Youth and Families the Committee will have time to review the plan, ask questions and include portions of the plan into any recommendations to the Legislature for funding in accordance to the Legislative timeline the Committee follows.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Becker, Chair

Washoe County Children's Mental Health Consortium

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