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Dear Ms Perez:

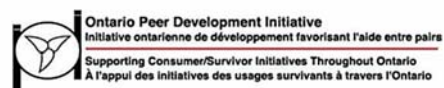
The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care convened a meeting with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario and the Ontario Federation of Community Mental Health and Addictions Programs on October 15, 2007 to solicit initial comments on a funding formula for Local Health Integration Networks, the Ontario Health-Based Allocation Model (HBAM). There was agreement that the Ministry was receptive to additional follow-up.

Please find attached a brief our six provincial mental health and addictions organizations have prepared providing additional feedback on the proposed HBAM formula. We start by identifying several issues which we believe require further attention during the development of HBAM for the mental health and addictions sector, and conclude by offering some suggestions for next steps.

We are requesting an opportunity to meet with you and your team to discuss our suggestions.

On behalf of our organizations, we thank you for the opportunity to provide our input and advice.

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Yours truly,

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