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Subject: ACEs bill
Martha,

Melissa Bailey, Monica Hutt and I have been working with George on finding language that works for all involved and we are getting close. In a nutshell, we are focusing the ACEs work on a pilot of sorts in Addison County and making it part of the IFS implementation, which, as you recall, is the first IFS site. We feel that no appropriation is needed, although rolling this out will take money for training, consultation, follow-up and evaluation.

The language we are developing says something to the effect of "within available funds." Possible sources include:

- Free time from Dr. Hudziak (sp?)
- Investment of training money by Counseling Services of Addison Co. (CSAC)
- Investment by CSAC of possible savings from successful implementation of IFS model, to be determined at close of fiscal year
- Possible grant funding from application by IFS to CMS to be determined sometime this summer
- Allocation of existing prevention funds in DCF, DMH and VDH

This is obviously not tight and needs a lot of pieces to fall into place, but I am committed to working to develop the funding needed to get this initiative off the ground. Connecting it to IFS in Addison Co. makes it consistent with other AHS initiatives. The design envisioned in the new language makes it possible to phase in the work if the resources are limited.

I am hopeful that we can make progress, however constrained, this year. The ACEs work is impressive and will add another tool in the work AHS does with prevention and services for children and their families.

I would be happy to talk with you and your committee if you wish.

Thank you.

Doug