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Pete Ricketts, Governor

August 18, 2021

Lincoln Arneal
Nebraska Project Everlast Citizen Review Panel
Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
215 Centennial Mall South, Suite 200
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Annual Report and Recommendations

Dear Project Everlast Citizen Review Panel Members,

The Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) would like to thank the Citizen Review Panel (CRP) for your work over the last year. We have reviewed the 2019-2020 Annual Report and appreciate the continued effort the CRP. CFS recognizes the importance of the CRP Annual Report recommendations and are taking steps to address mental health care needs for system-involved youth and racial identification on data collection.

In addition, CFS continues to advance recommendations from your 2018-2019 report. Specifically, CFS will be distributing the recommended RedBook binder this Fall to all system-involved youth. CFS has also reviewed and enhanced the grievance process by developing an online grievance submission form to streamline accessibility and confidentiality based on your feedback.

We look forward to the continued collaboration and recommendations this coming year. Thank you again on behalf of the children and families of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Beasley".

Stephanie Beasley
Director of Children and Family Services
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services