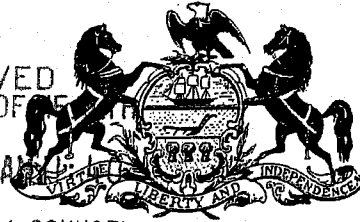


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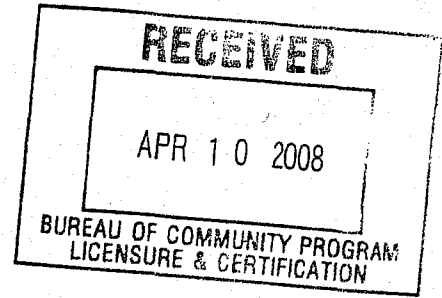
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Janice Staloski, Director
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Dear Ms. Staloski:

I am writing to you today to voice my strong disagreement to the Department of Health's Proposed Regulation 10-186, regarding the confidentiality of drug and alcohol addiction treatment records and personal information.

Expanding access to the records of an individual who is suffering from addiction could very well influence the decision of the addict on whether to seek treatment or not. This is a very personal issue and their right to privacy and confidentiality should remain protected. 4 PA Code Section 255.5(b), as it is currently written, does just that.

I feel the Proposed Regulation 10-186 is unnecessary and unwarranted. It is detrimental to the successful outcome in the treatment of individuals with an addiction problem.

Sincerely,

Marguerite C. Quinn
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CC: Kim Kauffman, Executive Director, IRRC
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