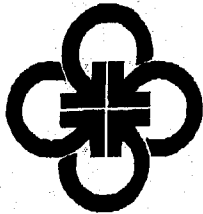


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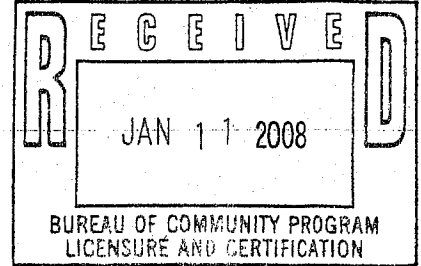
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Janice Staloski, Director
Bureau of Community Program Licensure and Certification
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Dear Ms. Staloski;

As the Central Region Director of Gaudenzia, I must strongly urge that we do not adopt the proposed changes to the confidentiality regulations regarding drug and alcohol records. We know that stigmatism is a prominent factor in preventing people from seeking treatment when they need it, and I cannot imagine why we would want to increase the amount of data available to entities outside of the treatment agency.

To say that this additional data would benefit clients is not backed up by an explanation of how it would. Clients will have more of their personal information at risk for being seen by people who simply don't need to see it - or worse - may use it to deny them treatment.

I am in charge of several treatment programs in Central Pennsylvania, and from my perspective, the proposed regulations are not logical and will not produce greater access to treatment.

I had the same reaction to last year's proposal to rescind 255.5, and I am attaching that letter because it explains my reasons why we should not loosen the restrictions on client confidentiality.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Stockton
Central Region Director