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William Boyer
Section Chief, Program Development
OMHSAS DGS Annex Complex
21 Beech Drive
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Dear Mr. Boyer,

The Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association (PMHCA) supports the proposed Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS) regulations as in the "Final Form Regulation #14-521".

These regulations, as (IRRC#2879) Psychiatric Rehabilitation Service, were formulated by a stakeholder workgroup and reflect an improved consumer involvement with individual service. However, we do suggest that further improvement will be necessary as we move along in the process.

As reflected in *A Call for Change: Toward a Recovery-Oriented Mental Health System for Adults (2005)*... OMHSAS recognized the need for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS) and they continue to support the efforts of county programs in the development of psychiatric services such as Fairweather Lodge Programs and peer support. PMHCA will be part of the partnership that will continue to explore and identify new ideas and opportunities that assist people to find recovery oriented services best suited to their needs. For many people, PRS has been one of those successful tools.

We understand that these regulations are on the agenda for the April 4, 2013 meeting of the IRRC and we support them.

Let us all move ahead with transformation, recovery and wellness.

Sincerely,

Lynn Keltz
Executive Director

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Director of Training and Technical Assistance

Join us on the road to recovery.