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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 2:13 PM
To: PW, ODPCcomment
Subject: Title 55 Ch 6100.571 comments
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Please see the attached memo for my comments on the fee schedule rate methodology regarding Title 55 Chapter 6100.571.

Thanks

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Advance Notice of Final Rulemaking
Title 55 Chapter §6100.571, Fee Schedule Rates

Date: September 15, 2017

Comment:

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Proposed Change:

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From: Stacey Collins <scollins@pathwaysswpa.org>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 1:52 PM
To: PW, ODPCcomment
Subject: Comments regarding Title 55 Chapter 6100.571, Fee Schedule Rate Methodology

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Subject: Comments to 47 Pa. Bulletin 4831, August 19, 2017 Public Notice
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Date: September 15, 2017

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best regards,

Stacey R. Collins, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

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From: Susan Lautenbacher <SLautenbacher@Larkent.org>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 9:07 AM
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Please accept the attached comments for consideration.

Susan Lautenbacher, Ph.D.
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Sincerely yours,

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Susan Lautenbacher, Ph.D.