



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services

Jim Doyle, Governor
Kevin R. Hayden, Secretary

September 25, 2007

Ashanti Hamilton
Alderman, 1st District
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

Dear Alderman Hamilton:

This correspondence is in response to your September 5, 2007, letter inviting a representative from the Department of Health and Family Services to present at the September 13, 2007, Milwaukee Public Safety Commission meeting on group and family foster care. I appreciate and respect your interest and concerns for children served by the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare.

I appreciate that you were able to remove us from your September 13, 2007, agenda as we were not available to attend at that time. I welcome the opportunity to send a representative to the next meeting and respectfully request that my office receives advance notice in order to ensure the availability of the key staff. In the mean time, I have asked staff in the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare to contact your office to request additional information about your specific concerns.

I understand from my staff that you also have Community Development Block Grant funds for certain areas in Milwaukee. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with you on the best use of the funds to help our shared families become stronger and self-sufficient, as well as help our children grow up in a safe community.

In order to be responsive to your request for information about the Bureau, may I suggest a meeting with the Bureau Director, Denise Revels Robinson, prior to the next Public Safety Committee meeting to review the agenda. If you agree, Denise Revels Robinson can be reached at (414) 220-7029.

Thank you for the opportunity to share information about the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare.

With warm regards,

Kevin R. Hayden
Secretary

Cc: Denise Revels-Robinson