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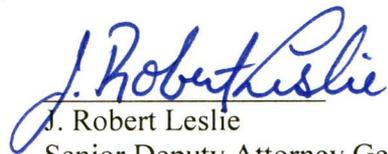
**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE
COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

The West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources (the "WVDHHR") is seeking legal representation to assist WVDHHR and the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General with an ongoing Department of Justice investigation regarding West Virginia's system of care for children in need of mental health services.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist the WVDHHR with the legal matter set forth herein, based on the following factors:

- The matter at issue requires specific expertise in civil rights and Department of Justice investigations.
- There is a particular need for legal representation with additional experience to assist the Attorney General's Office with the legal matter in question.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services without assistance from outside counsel at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel for the legal matter in question pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.


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