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Progress Report

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Tom:

I thought it appropriate that I update you on my progress regarding this project.

As stated in the grant narrative, the goal of the grant is to improve both the coordination and cooperation of the Cook County Criminal Justice System, CCCJS. The plan is to reinvigorate the activities of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council under the auspices of Chief Judge Evans. The involvement of COD as fiscal agent plays a critical role by virtue of being outside Cook County and thus unaligned with any particular office in Cook County.

During my tenure as Executive Director of the Judicial Advisory Council (1989-2003), I organized the operation of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council which met on a monthly basis and provided a forum for the elected members of the CCCJS to jointly problem solve and devise solutions to issues of common concern. The success of the Coordinating Council is the model for this grant.

The concern presently is finding the necessary time with the court to properly plan and execute the meetings. I have spoken with Judge Evans about this issue on as recently as yesterday. We have scheduled a meeting for June 5, 2015 to agree on next steps. I am happy to report the continued support of my efforts by Judge Evans.

I expect to report again after my meeting to make any adjustment necessary regarding this project.

Respectfully submitted,

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