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Via email to Jerry.Hartman@dbr.com

Gerald S. Hartman, President
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Re: Interim Report on Grant to Public Justice Center

Dear Mr. Hartman,

I am pleased to submit this six month report for the grant from the Barbara McDowell Foundation to the Public Justice Center (PJC).

The Foundation granted \$5,000 to the PJC to support the development of one or, if necessary, two separate lawsuits against the Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR) and/or the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). These lawsuits are intended to address the departments' significantly delayed response to applicants who are eligible for Medicaid for adult disabled individuals, both in the community and those needing long term care.

At this point we have not yet filed the lawsuits or charged the Foundation's grant for any expenses. We are actively engaged in seeking plaintiffs. We continue to receive referrals from various sources, including other legal services providers, and are drafting declarations. We are actively searching for a named plaintiff. In the meantime we are updating our complaint to include new facts discovered in the last few months, and updating the other pleadings. We are also finalizing the pleadings. We expect these lawsuits will be filed and the Foundation's grant fully used within the grant year.

We appreciate the Foundation's support. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Nethercut
Executive Director