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Dear ADRC Partner,

Several months have passed since we first met and began planning for an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) in CT. During that time much has happened to propel us closer to achieving this goal.

In my last communication with you in August, I mentioned that the Aging Services Division was applying for a new Nursing Home Diversion Modernization grant offered by the Administration on Aging. The grant was designed to fund projects that support long-term care rebalancing efforts and utilize a Single Entry Point system for access to long-term care information, programs and services. These are goals that clearly complement our current efforts to create an ADRC. I am pleased to announce that the Connecticut State Unit on Aging (SUA) was selected to receive funding through this new grant.

The Nursing Home Diversion Modernization grant is an eighteen-month project with several initiatives including the development and implementation of a pilot ADRC in the South Central region of Connecticut (See the enclosed Summary for more detail on the scope of this grant). This exciting news brings with it many opportunities and challenges. The SUA recognizes that we need the input and support of our ADRC partners across the State in order to develop a successful ADRC model that can be replicated statewide in the future.

At our initial planning meeting many of you expressed an interest in participating in the development process. One avenue for participation is to join our Statewide ADRC Steering Committee. The full Committee will meet quarterly with various subcommittees meeting in the interim as necessary. If you are interested in being part of our ADRC Steering Committee, please send your contact information, including your name, agency, address, phone number and e-mail address to Aging Services Division, Field Representative Jennifer Throwe either via fax (860) 424-5301 or e-mail jennifer.throwe@ct.gov by **January 15, 2008**. We plan to hold the first Committee meeting in late January.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Nursing Home Diversion Modernization grant please contact Melissa Morton at (860) 424-5286. I look forward to your participation in this exciting project!

Sincerely,

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