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December 30, 2005

The Honorable Jeb Bush
Governor of Florida

The Honorable Tom Lee
President of the Florida Senate

The Honorable Allan Bense
Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

Dear Governor Bush, President Lee and Speaker Bense:

Enclosed is the second annual report of the Florida Corporation on Substance Abuse and Mental Health, which was created by the 2003 State Legislature and charged with oversight of the state's publicly funded substance abuse and mental health systems.

The members of the Corporation wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve the State of Florida and the special populations who often cannot speak for themselves.

We ask that you give serious consideration to the findings and recommendations we have developed after two years of meeting with state agencies, private providers, consumers and their families. As was our legislative charge, we have made policy and resource recommendations designed to improve the coordination, quality and efficiency of the system.

We look forward to working collaboratively with you in the coming year to implement our recommendations.

As required by s.394.655 (10), Florida Statutes, I am certifying that the Department of Children and Families and the Corporation are complying with the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement required by the statute in a manner that is consistent with the goals and purposes of the Corporation and the best interests of the State of Florida.

Also, we request that the Corporation's budget appropriation be placed in a separate line item in the State budget. This would enable us to maintain our autonomy from the Department of Children and Families and comply with legislative intent. The Corporation was established by statute as an independent corporation and is registered as such.

Sincerely,

David Miller
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Executive Director

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