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LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM

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Division: Services and
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TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Protective Services for Adults: Office of Mental Retardation
and Developmental Disabilities Linkages

ATTACHMENTS: None

Recently the Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled issued a report entitled "A Review of Familial Abuse Allegations of Adults with Developmental Disabilities" which recommended that this Department and the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) take steps to clarify the responsibilities of the Protective Services for Adults (PSA) units of local departments of social services and other agencies serving the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled for conducting investigations into allegations of familial abuse. In response to this report, both state agencies have agreed to conduct a needs assessment to determine what policy, training or other initiatives are necessary to strengthen the relationship between PSA units and OMRDD.

Under separate cover, the Division will be sending a survey form to your Director of Services. Your cooperation in this effort will be appreciated. If there are any questions regarding the survey, your staff may contact Kathleen Crowe at 1-800-342-3715, ext. 432-2996; (518) 432-2996 or OFISLink USERID ROF017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter R. Brest".

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