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Dear Mr.  Mertens,

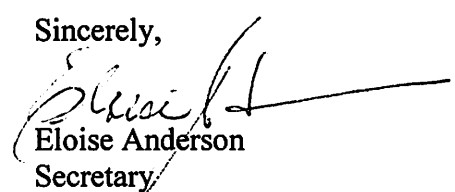
Thank you for your submission of the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council's 2016 Citizen Review Panel Annual Report. I value the views of the Partnership Council.

I have reviewed your annual report and commend the Partnership Council on another active year of investing time and interest in helping the continuous improvement of our child protective services. I also thank you for your willingness to not only serve on the Council, but to lead the Council during a time of transition and refocusing. I look forward to seeing products of the Council in 2017.

While I understand that the Council had no new recommendations at the end of its 2016 reporting year, I want to thank the members for the thoughtful consideration of complex challenges, while keeping the welfare of our children the top priority. The Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services has made great strides in bettering the lives of children in out of home care, demonstrated by its having met 17 of 18 Jeanine B. Settlement measures, with the help of the Partnership Council.

I thank you and all members of the Partnership Council for your work this past year and for your continued interest and dedication to improving the lives of vulnerable children and families in the Milwaukee Community.

Sincerely,


Eloise Anderson
Secretary

cc: Robin Joseph