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City of Lawrence
P.O. Box 708
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Attn: City Commissioners

RE: 2010 Six Month Progress, The Shelter, Inc. (City General Funds)

Commissioners:

This letter is to inform you of The Shelter, Inc.'s 2010 six month progress report regarding the City General Funds. The three program objectives and our progress are as follows:

1. In 2010, we will serve 190 families with these funds.

As of the end of June, 2010, we had served 112 families with City funds. For 32 of those families, we monitored drug and alcohol usage for an identified child by providing UA's (urine analysis). The other 80 families received financial assistance for various services such as utility/rent assistance, transportation, mental health services, education services, and hard goods. We are on pace for meeting this outcome for 2010.

2. In 2010, at least 95% of families will get help with budgeting following our receipt of a referral on their behalf for these funds.

Our staff provides help with budgeting for families we serve with these funds because we believe that it is important to encourage families to become self-sufficient while providing them help for their immediate problem at the same time. However, there is a group of families we serve

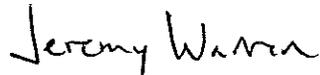


that we have chosen not to assess with budgeting services prior to approving their use of these funds, that group being the families who only need UA (urine analysis) services for their children. We have always provided UA services for children we believe need them, without assessing the family's financial situation. In doing so, we have avoided potential resistance from families and made sure those children who need UA's will get them. We are not counting those families in measuring this goal. Out of the 112 families we served from January to June 2010, 32 families had received UA's only. Out of the remaining 80 families receiving assistance, 79 families received budgeting assistance ($79 / 80 = 99\%$). We are on pace with meeting this outcome for the year.

- 3. In 2010, at least 85% of families who have received funds will not have a child go through Juvenile Intake within 6 months after their case is closed.**

In order to monitor this goal, we looked at families we served with City funds from July through December, 2009. We served 117 families in that time period. Out of that number, 13 families had a child come through Juvenile Intake within six months after their case was closed, leaving 104 families who had no Juvenile Intake contact in the subsequent six month period ($104 / 117 = 89\%$). We are on pace with meeting this outcome for 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



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