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**By Email**

Sheriff Robert Ogden  
Dukes County Sheriff's Office  
9 Flight Path  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
[REDACTED]

Re: Resolving the U.S Attorney's Office ADA Compliance Review of the Dukes County Sheriff's Office

Dear Sheriff Ogden:

As you know, in February 2021, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts (USAO) opened a compliance review under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) focused on whether the Sheriff's Office offered all three forms of medications used to treat Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD"). These medications are buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone. This review included the Dukes County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff's Office). Specifically, the focus of our compliance review was on whether the Sheriff's Office maintained treatment of these medications used to treat OUD (MOUD) for those individuals in Sheriff's Office custody who were identified as already being prescribed these medications at intake.

When we opened our review, the Sheriff's Office was already maintaining buprenorphine prescriptions. Since the opening of our review, we understand that the Sheriff's Office has begun the process of obtaining the necessary approvals to provide methadone and is already ensuring that it will maintain methadone treatment for those who need it.

Therefore, this Letter of Resolution provides notice that we are closing our ADA compliance review of the Sheriff's Office.

The USAO's decision to close its review is conditioned upon a number of factors, including but not limited to the following:

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1. The Sheriff's Office does not change or discontinue any particular MOUD for a detainee except upon an individualized determination made by a qualified medical specialist that the treatment is no longer appropriate based on the person's current condition;

2. The Sheriff's Office does not use incentives, rewards, or punishments to encourage or discourage a person to receive any particular MOUD over another MOUD while in the facility's custody;

3. The Sheriff's Office does not deny health services, or services provided in connection with drug rehabilitation, to an individual on the basis of that individual's current illegal use of drugs if the individual is otherwise entitled to such services, though the Sheriff's Office may deny participation in a drug treatment program to individuals who engage in the illegal use of drugs while they are in the program; and,

4. The Sheriff's Office will notify the USAO of any material alterations to its policy for providing MOUD in a timely manner.

This Letter of Resolution is limited to the issues described above and does not address any other alleged violations of the ADA or other federal laws that may exist or arise.

Thank you again for your continued cooperation, collaboration, and partnership.

Sincerely,



Gregory J. Dorchak  
Assistant U.S. Attorney  
Civil Rights Unit

cc: James Neville, Special Sheriff

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