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Dear Local Plan Reader and Interested Party:

Thank you for visiting the Local Plan website of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County. The Planning Process this year has been unique in two respects. First, it produces separate documents for the Mental Health Authority and the Mental Retardation Authority, reflecting the fact that MHMRA now contracts with two different Texas State agencies under the Health Human Services Commission, instead of with TDMHMR as in the past. Second, the Local Plan document is now web-based, which allows for easier access and feedback by a larger number of people.

We hope that the Local Plan provides you with relevant information to enhance your understanding of the mental health and mental retardation challenges in Harris County and support your own advocacy and planning effort to improve the access to and quality of mental health and mental retardation services and supports in Harris County and throughout Texas.

We at MHMRA continually seek opportunities to improve the scope, access, efficiency, and quality of our services and increase our responsiveness to address the mental health and mental retardation needs of the residents of Harris County. To that end, we invite your reaction, input, and suggestion as you read our Local Plan.

Please feel free to send all your comments or questions to Dr. Tuan D. Nguyen, tuan.nguyen@mhmraharris.org.

Sincerely,

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Steven B. Schnee, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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Lynne A. Cleveland
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