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Yonda Snyder, Director Division of Aging Family & Social Services Administration 402 West Washington, W454 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Ms. Snyder:

I am pleased to inform you that the Indiana Division of Aging State Plan on Aging under the Older Americans Act for Federal Fiscal Years 2015 – 2018 has been approved. The official plan period now begins October 1, 2014 and ends September 30, 2018.

The Plan clearly outlines necessary actions for Indiana to further its long-term care reform efforts by enhancing capacity, strengthening self-determination, focusing on family caregivers, facilitating community readiness, and enhancing older adult advocacy and protection systems, in line with the Administration for Community Living's strategic direction for person-centered and self-directed long term services and supports systems.

In addition to Indiana's previous planning efforts related to long-term care, I am pleased to hear how the work of your statewide needs assessment has informed and will continue to inform your activities. The policy directions and strategies identified in the Plan's objectives provide a challenging agenda for the Division and the Area Agencies on Aging during the next four years. These efforts will position Indiana to meet the challenges ahead.

I and the Regional Support Center staff of the U.S. Administration for Community Living / Administration on Aging in Chicago look forward to working with you in the implementation of the State Plan. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. I appreciate your dedication and commitment toward improving the lives of older Hoosiers.

Sincerely,

Cathy Greenlee

Assistant Secretary for Aging