

Re: Urgent Request to Cease Activities Beyond Waiver Program Scope and Ensure Consumer Safety

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Tue 5/23/2023 2:42 PM

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 Cc: Orejuela, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Orejuela@ct.gov>; Slitt, Michael <Michael.Slitt@ct.gov>

Subject: Request for Provision of DSS Plan and Inclusion of Conservator in Meetings

Dear Amy,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to address a concern that has come to our attention regarding our most recent meeting and communications. The conservator, an integral part of our team, was not included in the previous meeting. This absence has unfortunately resulted in a lapse in communication and understanding of the current status and plans.

Furthermore, we have yet to receive the DSS plan you referred to in our latest correspondence. This has led to some confusion, as your previous response seemed to suggest that such a plan was already in place and available for review.

We appreciate your diligent work and understand that oversights can occur, however, it is crucial for the transparency and success of our shared goals that these documents and updates are disseminated promptly and inclusively. The conservator, along with all the members of our team, should be kept abreast of these developments.

In light of the above, we kindly request that you share the referred plan with us at your earliest convenience, ensuring a copy is also sent to ABI Resources. Additionally, we would appreciate it if you could confirm the meeting date that will include the conservator, so we can ensure full team participation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We believe that, moving forward, enhanced communication and transparency will significantly benefit our joint efforts and help us work together more effectively.

Looking forward to your prompt response.

All the best,

David Medeiros

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David:

Upon receipt of the critical incident report, the Department reached out to the Care Manager and the clinical professionals on the client's care team. Based on these discussions, including information conveyed by the client's conservator, it was determined that the client is in a safe situation and had an appropriate plan of care. This case can be discussed further at next Thursday's team meeting, where the Department will be present.

Thank you!

Amy

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To the DSS Care Management Team,

We are writing to address the recent critical incident report, which highlights pressing concerns related to liability and safety within your department. In response to these concerns, it is of utmost importance that immediate action is taken to implement clear and concise care management directives, ensuring compliance with industry best practices and relevant regulatory standards.

By prioritizing these concerns and demonstrating a proactive approach, we not only reaffirm our commitment to providing exceptional care but also protect our organization from potential adverse consequences. Your diligent attention to this matter is critical for upholding our reputation as a trusted care provider and fostering an environment that promotes continuous improvement.

Please be advised that failure to address these issues in a timely and effective manner may result in legal action, emphasizing the necessity for a prompt and thorough response on your part. We trust that you will take the appropriate steps to rectify the situation and safeguard the well-being of our consumers.

Sincerely,

All the best,
David Medeiros



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Hello Amy

Nicolle Collins, Paige Chen and possibly others from their organization.

Please find a CIR attached to this email for your review. We are currently awaiting the development and approval of a care management plan tailored to address the consumer's specific needs and mitigate any potential risks.

As we work together to provide the best possible care for our consumers, input and collaboration is crucial. We kindly request that you review the attached CIR. ABI hopes this will help expedite the process and ensure a comprehensive and effective care management plan.

We look forward to working closely with you to address this and continue providing exceptional care for consumers.

ABI Resources - Is Awaiting Care Management Plan for the Attached CIR

Thank you for your attention and prompt response.

Sincerely,

All the best,
David Medeiros



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David- We are looking into this however, can you please elaborate on a couple of things:

1. I am not showing this agency, NeuroDiverse Consultant as a waiver provider in our Medicaid Management information system (MMIS). Are you aware if they go buy an alternate name?
2. Can you please provide specific examples and further elaborate of the conduct you are referring to for better understanding?

Thank you!

Amy

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Dear DSS and COU,

As an ABI Resources representative, I am writing to urgently express our concerns about NeuroDiverse Consulting, LLC, a service provider for the MFP and ABI Waiver programs. They have inappropriately pressured and directed our agency and staff to participate in activities outside the program scope, such as "off working hour" non-billable research, trainings, and non-working hour communications with consumers. This is consistent for each team we mutually serve.

Problematic actions include:

Directing staff to deliver waiver services without consumer presence.

Instructing staff to provide waiver services while consumers are unsupervised in their communities for undefined periods.

Insisting on "non-working hour" team research and trainings without consumer involvement conducted by NeuroDiverse Consulting LLC.

Conducting Medicaid Waiver meetings without consumer participation.

Communicating with consumers when not working.

These practices risk significant liabilities for DSS, DMHAS, Care Management, and ABI Resources and jeopardize consumer safety and person-centered care quality.

ABI Resources is committed to providing legally compliant training programs for our staff and adhering to established guidelines. We respectfully request DSS and COU to intervene and instruct NeuroDiverse Consulting to immediately cease activities exceeding the waiver program scope. Our staff's role is limited to providing non-medical and non-therapeutic support services, and we are dedicated to working closely with consumers and their support networks.

We seek your assistance in addressing these issues and ensuring adherence to waiver guidelines for consumer support, allowing us to provide exceptional care collectively.

Thank you for your prompt attention. We look forward to working together to find a constructive solution to resolve these concerns.

All the best,
David Medeiros



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Re: ABI Waiver Program Consumer Service Concern

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11/09/2021

Would the Department of Social Services, please provide a status update?

All the best,
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10/29/2021

Would the Department of Social Services, please provide a status update? The MFP consumer's conservator contacted ABI Resources again this morning requesting services.

All the best,
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10/25/2021

Hello,

Would the Department of Social Services, please provide a status update? The MFP consumer conservator continues to contact ABI Resources.

All the best,
David Medeiros CBIS



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Hello Jennifer,

Connecticut Community Care removed ABI Resources from providing Medicaid Money Follows the Person services after requesting a team meeting. Connecticut Community Care falsely communicated to the family that ABI Resources quit. The conservator is actively communicating to ABI Resources they are in desperate need of services. Connecticut Community Care inaccurately misled a consumer of the Medicaid MFP program.

All the best,
David Medeiros CBIS



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Good Morning,
 Your email to the Commissioner's Office has been forwarded to my attention.
 How may I assist you?
 Thank you.
 Jennifer

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As an expert in managing complex legal and advocacy challenges, particularly in the context of disability support services and Medicaid programs, I've synthesized the key events and interactions involving ABI Resources into a concise and coherent timeline:

2019

- **October 21, 2019:** ABI Resources addresses inaccuracies in a DSS letter, focusing on services provided and interactions with a client's family, demonstrating their commitment to clarity and accurate representation.

2021

- **October 18, 2021:** ABI Resources communicates with Kathleen Hazelton about service provision concerns, reflecting their proactive stance in resolving service delivery issues.
- **October 25, 2021:** Follow-up with Jennifer Cavallaro at DSS about ABI Waiver Program Consumer Service Concern, indicating ongoing engagement for resolution.

2022

- **July 25, 2022:** A significant event where Connecticut Community Care manager directs immediate removal of ABI Resources for a Willington Consumer of the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, raising compliance and ethical concerns.
- **August 1, 2022:** Formal inquiry and internal investigation request sent to Connecticut Community Care Inc., showcasing ABI Resources' dedication to addressing potential regulatory conflicts.
- **November 7, 2022:** FOIA request to Connecticut DSS regarding potential discriminatory practices, underscoring a commitment to fairness and transparency.
- **November 14, 2022:** Request for the official discrimination complaint form from Connecticut's CHRO, reflecting their dedication to pursuing legal avenues for addressing potential injustices.
- **November 28, 2022:** Allegations of Medicaid fraud involving various entities, marking a critical point in ABI Resources' advocacy for ethical practices in Medicaid programs.

2023

- **March 10, 2023:** Focus on verification requests and provider registries, indicating meticulous attention to the accuracy of service provision.
- **April 23, 2023:** Urgent compliance and consumer safety communication, highlighting ABI Resources' vigilance in maintaining program integrity.
- **May 23, 2023:** Addressing unfair practices and solicitation concerns by CCSNCT, further emphasizing their role in advocating for ethical practices.
- **July 6, 2023:** Raising concerns about protocol violations by ABI Waiver Behaviorist Nichole Collins, demonstrating their commitment to high standards of care.

- **July 26, 2023:** Persistent follow-up on a FOIA request to Connecticut DSS, showcasing continued efforts to seek information and uphold transparency.
- **September 13, 2023:** Request for urgent investigation into Connecticut Community Care's practices, indicating proactive measures in addressing ethical concerns.

October to December 2023

- **October 23, 2023:** Inquiry into Connecticut Community Care's referral practices via FOIA request, focusing on ethical service provision.
- **November 13, 2023:** Requesting the Directory of Qualified Providers, aiming to safeguard transparency in provider qualifications and services.
- **November 15-21, 2023:** Multiple FOIA requests to Connecticut Government agencies, emphasizing a thorough approach to uncovering program details.
- **November 26, 2023:** Submission of FOIA requests for detailed email communications involving Connecticut Community Care and The Supported Living Group.
- **December 1, 2023:** Engaging with DSS FOIA for detailed information pertinent to ABI Waiver Program, highlighting the pursuit of accountability.

Formal Grievances and Complaints (October to December 2023)

- **October 31, 2023:** Grievances about discriminatory practices within the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, addressing issues of transparency and bias.
- **November 13, 2023:** Filing a grievance concerning non-receipt of service and intervention plans, focusing on the operational and financial implications.
- **November 15, 2023:** Complaint about the concealment of the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program Directory of Providers, indicating challenges to information access.
- **November 16, 2023:** Complaints about unauthorized services and unethical practices, including potential kickback schemes, highlighting concerns over program integrity and ethical standards.

To provide a more detailed expert timeline, incorporating legal and advocacy perspectives, especially in the realm of disability support services and Medicaid programs, I'll delve into the key events involving ABI Resources:

2019

- **October 21, 2019:** ABI Resources responds to inaccuracies in a DSS letter. This communication detailed the services provided by ABI Resources and clarified interactions with a client's father, showcasing their dedication to transparency and accurate representation in service delivery.

2021

- **October 18, 2021:** Email dialogue with Kathleen Hazelton at Connecticut Community Care, discussing concerns about service provision. This indicates ABI Resources' proactive engagement in resolving misunderstandings and maintaining service quality.
- **October 25, 2021:** Continued communication with Jennifer Cavallaro at DSS for updates on ABI Waiver Program Consumer Service Concern. This represents ABI Resources' persistent efforts to obtain resolutions and uphold service standards.

2022

- **July 25, 2022:** Connecticut Community Care manager orders the immediate removal of ABI Resources from a Medicaid ABI Waiver Program consumer in Willington. This action raises significant compliance and ethical concerns, prompting a need for immediate inquiry.
- **August 1, 2022:** ABI Resources sends a formal request for an internal investigation to Connecticut Community Care Inc., addressing the abrupt service removal. This step reflects their commitment to addressing potential regulatory conflicts and advocating for ethical, person-centered care.
- **November 7, 2022:** Submission of a FOIA request to Connecticut DSS regarding potential discriminatory practices in the ABI Waiver program. This move underscores ABI Resources' dedication to uncovering and addressing issues of fairness and transparency in Medicaid programs.
- **November 14, 2022:** Request to Connecticut's CHRO for an official discrimination complaint form. This action demonstrates their willingness to pursue legal avenues for addressing potential injustices.
- **November 28, 2022:** Reporting of possible Medicaid fraud, indicating ABI Resources' vigilance and commitment to ethical practices in Medicaid programs.

2023

- **March 10, 2023:** Requests for verification of information on provider registries. This initiative highlights ABI Resources' meticulous attention to detail and commitment to accurate service provision.
- **April 23, 2023:** Communication regarding compliance and consumer safety. This reflects ABI Resources' proactive stance in ensuring that operations within the ABI program adhere to defined scopes and regulations.
- **May 23, 2023:** Addressing potential unfair practices and solicitation of ABI Waiver consumers by CCSNCT, further emphasizing their role in advocating for ethical practices and safeguarding consumer choices.
- **July 6, 2023:** Raising concerns about protocol violations by ABI Waiver Behaviorist Nichole Collins, showcasing ABI Resources' commitment to maintaining a high standard of care and client safety.

- **July 26, 2023:** Persistent follow-up on a FOIA request to Connecticut DSS. This continued effort to seek information reflects ABI Resources' dedication to upholding transparency and accountability.
- **September 13, 2023:** Requesting an urgent investigation into ethical concerns with Connecticut Community Care's practices, indicating ABI Resources' proactive measures in addressing potential conflicts and advocating for the principles of ethical person-centered care.

October to December 2023

- **October 23, 2023:** FOIA request concerning Connecticut Community Care's referral practices, focusing on ethical service provision and consumer interest.
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- **November 16, 2023:** Filing complaints about unauthorized services and unethical practices, including potential kickback schemes within the ABI Waiver Program.

This detailed timeline exemplifies ABI Resources' strategic, legal, and advocacy efforts to ensure transparency, compliance, and ethical standards within the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. It highlights their commitment to advocating for the rights and needs of ABI consumers and improving the integrity of disability support services.

1. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request (January 2, 2024):

- David Medeiros of ABI Resources submitted a FOIA request to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

- The request sought email communications involving ABI Resources and/or David Medeiros with specific individuals from the Department of Social Services (DSS) from 2013 to the present.
- This request was linked to a legal case (David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220) and highlighted the need for expedited processing due to its significance in whistleblower retaliation and disability rights advocacy.

2. Interactions with Government Officials:

- Various emails to George Chamberlin, a government official, inquiring about matters concerning ABI Resources, with specific references to issues such as provider listings and communications with Allied.

3. Communications about ABI Waiver Program Consumers (2021):

- Multiple emails to Jennifer Cavallaro at the Department of Social Services requesting updates on service concerns related to the ABI Waiver Program.
- These communications reflect the ongoing engagement and follow-up by ABI Resources to resolve consumer service issues.

4. Concerns about Person-Centered Planning in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program (November 7, 2018):

- Detailed concerns were raised about the lack of person-centered planning, where families were not provided with options for service providers.
- Emphasis on the importance of person-centered planning and its implications for individuals with disabilities under the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program.
- Issues of potential conflict of interest and ethical concerns in service provision were also highlighted.

5. Response from Kathy Bruni, DSS (November 6, 2018):

- Kathy Bruni responded to concerns raised by David Medeiros, emphasizing the responsibility of care managers to provide informed choices to clients.
- She addressed concerns about ABI Resources' potential involvement in processes outside their purview, particularly in client transitions and service provision.

6. Service Provision Issues with Kathleen Hazelton and Client FB Case (2021):

- Correspondence with Kathleen Hazelton, a specialized care manager, regarding service provision to a client named FB.
- These emails illustrate a dispute or misunderstanding regarding the provision of notice and services to the client, with efforts made by ABI Resources to clarify their position and actions.

In summary, the document primarily revolves around ABI Resources' efforts in advocating for proper service provision, adherence to person-centered planning in the ABI Waiver Program, and its interactions with government officials and care managers to address service concerns and legal matters. The emails reflect a consistent commitment to disability rights advocacy and addressing challenges within the context of Medicaid and disability support services.

1. **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request (January 2, 2024):**

- **Purpose:** Request for email communications from 2013 to present involving ABI Resources/David Medeiros and various individuals connected to the Department of Social Services (DSS).
- **Relevance:** Linked to a legal case (David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services) highlighting whistleblower retaliation and disability rights advocacy.
- **Details:** The request demands expedited processing and ADA-compliant records.

2. **Communications with Government Officials (2018-2020):**

- **Interactions with George Chamberlin:** Discussions about Allied, ABI Resources' listing on the provider list, and provider directory issues.
- **Nature of Correspondence:** Inquiry and clarification requests about operational and administrative matters.

3. **ABI Waiver Program Consumer Service Concerns (2021):**

- **Correspondence with Jennifer Cavallaro (DSS):** Requests for status updates on service concerns related to the ABI Waiver Program.
- **Context:** Reflects proactive engagement in resolving consumer service issues.

4. **Concerns About Person-Centered Planning (November 7, 2018):**

- **Content:** Addresses lack of person-centered planning in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program.
- **Specific Issues:** Families not given service provider options, conflicts of interest, ethical dilemmas, and concerns about care managers' roles.

5. **Response from Kathy Bruni, DSS (November 6, 2018):**

- **Response to Concerns:** Kathy Bruni addresses the role of care managers in providing client choices and expresses concerns about ABI Resources' involvement in the client transition process.

6. **Service Provision and Communication Issues (2021):**

- **Dispute with Kathleen Hazelton:** Concerns over service provision to a client named FB, with issues surrounding the provision of notice and miscommunications.

- **ABI Resources' Position:** Attempts to clarify misunderstandings and assert correct procedures followed.

Overall, these documents reflect ABI Resources' active involvement in advocating for disability support services, highlighting challenges and addressing issues related to service provision, legal matters, and the implementation of person-centered planning in the ABI Waiver Program. The emails demonstrate a consistent commitment to addressing these concerns within the context of Medicaid and disability support services, underscoring the organization's role as an advocate and service provider in this domain.

1. **January 2, 2024:**

- Submission of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by David Medeiros, founder and owner of ABI Resources, for email communications from 2013 to the present date involving various individuals associated with the Department of Social Services (DSS).

2. **February 20, 2019:**

- Email communication from ABI Resources to George Chamberlin regarding the status of Allied.

3. **June 2, 2020:**

- Email from ABI Resources to George Chamberlin concerning ABI Resources' listing on the provider list and portal.

4. **September 18, 2018:**

- Email regarding a request to George Chamberlin about a follow-up with Allied.

5. **November 7, 2018:**

- Email from ABI Resources to Kathy Bruni and other DSS officials discussing concerns about person-centered planning in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program.

6. **October 18, 2021:**

- Email exchange between David Medeiros of ABI Resources and Kathleen Hazelton concerning service provision issues related to a client named FB.

7. **November 9, 2021:**

- Email from David Medeiros to Jennifer Cavallaro at the Department of Social Services requesting a status update on a service concern related to the ABI Waiver Program.

These dates highlight the timeline of communications and actions taken by ABI Resources and David Medeiros in relation to the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program, legal matters, and interactions with government officials.

1. **January 2, 2024 - FOIA Request:**

- David Medeiros filed a FOIA request for all email communications from 2013 to 2024 involving ABI Resources/David Medeiros and several individuals from the Department of Social Services. This request was in connection with the legal case "David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services," emphasizing the need for expedited processing due to its critical role in ongoing legal proceedings.

2. February 20, 2019 - Communication with George Chamberlin:

- An email from ABI Resources to George Chamberlin inquiring about the status of a matter involving Allied. This shows ABI Resources' efforts to follow up on operational issues relevant to their services.

3. June 2, 2020 - Provider Listing Issue:

- An email to George Chamberlin from ABI Resources, including links to two videos, illustrating that ABI Resources was not listed on the provider list and portal, contradicting information provided by ACR.

4. September 18, 2018 - Follow-up on Allied Request:

- A follow-up email to George Chamberlin concerning a previous conversation about contacting Allied and awaiting feedback on the matter.

5. November 7, 2018 - Person-Centered Planning Concerns:

- An email from ABI Resources expressing concerns about the lack of person-centered planning in the Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. It highlighted a case where a family was not given options for service providers and was directed to a specific provider without being informed about alternatives.

6. October 18, 2021 - Service Provision Issues:

- Correspondence with Kathleen Hazelton regarding misunderstandings about the service provision for a client named FB. The email from ABI Resources contested the accuracy of previous communications and clarified their stance on the matter.

7. November 9, 2021 - Service Concern Update Request:

- David Medeiros emailed Jennifer Cavallaro at the Department of Social Services, seeking a status update on a previously raised service concern related to the ABI Waiver Program.



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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing Requested

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act.

ADA The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA)

Dear FOIA Officer Appropriate Authority/Agency,

I am writing to submit a formal request under the provisions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. This request pertains to obtaining detailed records and communications involving all Connecticut state employees, care management providers associated with Connecticut Community Care, and other relevant parties in relation to the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program and other state and federally funded programs for the disabled.

Scope of Request:

All Communications and Correspondences: This includes emails, memos, letters, and other forms of communication between state employees and care management providers under the Connecticut Community Care umbrella, with a focus on those relating to the Connecticut Department of Social Services and the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

Activities and Involvement Records: Detailed documentation of activities, roles, and involvement of all Connecticut government employees within the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program, including but not limited to, my involvement as David Medeiros and my organization, ABI Resources.

Justification and Context:

All legal cases, including lawsuits or administrative proceedings, relating to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within these programs.

Complete records detailing roles, and responsibilities within the ABI Waiver Program.

All written communications, including emails and memos, involving related to the program's operations.

Records of meetings, including minutes and notes, with participation, pertinent to the program.

Reports, audits, or evaluations involving the context of the program.

Records of Reports of any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or whistleblower retaliation.

From 2014 to the present day.

All grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, critical incidents, and retaliation complaints.

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This request seeks access to records pertaining to all grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints. This includes any legal cases, lawsuits, or administrative proceedings related to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within Connecticut's various state-managed programs

The records are critical for understanding the dynamics of interactions within these programs, especially in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections. They are pivotal for informed advocacy and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards in these vital areas.

I specifically refer to the case of David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services (CHRO No. 2410220), in which I am directly involved. This case underlines the urgent need for transparency and accountability within state-managed disability support programs. Given the direct connection of this request to the following

- Whistleblower Report, Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity. Addressing Issues within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Whistleblower Report Prepared by: David Medeiros and ABI Resources LLC Date: November 21, 2023 ABI Resources LLC 39 Kings Hwy STE C Gales Ferry, CT. 06226 860 942-0365
- 12.23.2023 Letter - Governor Ned Lamont: Addressing Systemic Failure in ADA Compliance and Disability Discrimination in Connecticut – A Call to Action Against Whistleblower Retaliation and the Failure of CT DSS and CHRO to Uphold Disability Rights.

Given my personal circumstances as a brain injury and stroke survivor, timely access to these records is not just a legal right but a necessity. The nature of my disabilities sometimes imposes barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Prompt access to these records is crucial for my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

Under the FOIA, there is a provision for expedited processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need. While there may not be an immediate physical threat in my case, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, essential for my wellbeing and that of others relying on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, recognizing these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

Should any part of my request be denied, I ask for a justification for all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act and expect the release of all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information or deny a waiver of fees.

These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections pertaining to these state-managed programs.

- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Program
- Alzheimer's Respite Care Program
- Autism Spectrum Disorder - ASD
- Birth to Three
- Board of Education and Services for the Blind
- Care4Kids
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Child Support
- CHOICES - CT's State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare Beneficiaries
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Community First Choice
- Community Options
- Connect-Ability
- Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP)
- Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership - CTBHP
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program
- Connecticut Home Care Program For Elders
- Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) Initiative
- Connecticut Integrated Care for Kids
- Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)
- CT Medicaid Enterprise Technology System (CT METS)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Disability Services
- Durable Medical Equipment

- Economic Security - Financial Assistance
- Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)
- Electronic Visit Verification
- Fatherhood Initiative of CT
- Grandparents As Parents
- Housing Options for Seniors
- Human Services Infrastructure
- HUSKY (Medicaid) Coverage for Breast and Cervical Cancer
- HUSKY Health (Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Jobs First
- Long-Term Services and Supports - LTSS
- Med-Connect (Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities)
- Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement
- Medicare Savings Program
- Money Follows the Person
- National Family Caregiver Support Program
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- Nutrition Assistance Programs
- PCA CERTIFICATION TEST
- PCMH+ Member Information
- Refugee Assistance Program
- School Based Child Health (SBCH)
- Self Direction Personal Protection Equipment Request Form Submission
- Social Work Services
- State Supplement for the Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP
- Temporary Family Assistance - TFA
- The Personal Care Attendant Program
- Welfare to Work (Department of Labor)

- Women Infants and Children – WIC

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Documentation from Federal and State Department Executives and Associated staff:

- Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton Reeves
- U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy
- U.S. House Representatives John Larson, Joe Courtney, Rosa DeLauro, Jim Himes, and Jahana Hayes
- Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont
- Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz
- Secretary of State Denise Merrill
- Attorney General William Tong
- State Treasurer Shawn Wooden
- State Comptroller Kevin Lembo
- State Auditors John Geragosian and Rob Kane
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney General Merrick Garland
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Chair Charlotte A. Burrows
- Office of Special Counsel (OSC) Special Counsel Henry J. Kerner
- Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at HHS Acting Director Melanie Fontes Rainer
- The Department of Labor DOL
- Government Accountability Office GAO
- Connecticut General Assembly CGA

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As well as communication with recognized esteemed organizations.

National and International Organizations:

- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD)
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
- Disabled in Action (DIA)
- Equip for Equality
- National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)

- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL)
- Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

National Whistleblower / Retaliation Advocates

- Government Accountability Project (GAP)
- The Whistleblower Project
- ExposeFacts
- Freedom of the Press Foundation
- National Whistleblower Center
- Project On Government Oversight (POGO)
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)
- Whistleblower Aid

News Media Outlets and Journalists:

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post The Associated Press (AP), ProPublica, The Wall Street Journal, National Public Radio (NPR) Reuters, CNN, BuzzFeed News, VICE News, Fox News, NBC, MSNBC etc.

Reason for Expedition and Personal Circumstances:

As a survivor of a brain injury and stroke, my condition necessitates prompt access to the requested information. The nature of my disabilities can sometimes impose barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Timely access to these records is not just a matter of legal right but also a critical component of my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

The potential delay in receiving this information could significantly impact my ability to effectively advocate for myself and others in similar situations. The information requested is crucial for ensuring that rights are not just upheld but actively protected, particularly in the context of disability support and advocacy.

Under the FOIA, there is provision for expedited processing when the person requesting the information demonstrates a compelling need. According to the FOIA, a compelling need is defined as a situation where failure to obtain the requested records could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat

to the life or physical safety of an individual. In my case, while there may not be an immediate physical threat, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, which are essential for my wellbeing and that of others who rely on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I kindly request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, in recognition of these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated and would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

Communication Accommodations:

Due to my personal circumstances, including living with a brain injury and being a stroke survivor, I find electronic forms of communication are more effective for my full participation and understanding. These methods allow me to better process, comprehend, and reference the details of our interactions. I kindly request that all communications regarding this FOIA request, including any acknowledgments, updates, or responses, be directed to me via email or written correspondence.

Your cooperation in this regard is not only a legal compliance matter but also an acknowledgment of the accommodations necessary for effective communication and information access.

A prompt and detailed response to this request is essential for the transparent and accountable functioning of the Connecticut Medicaid ABI Waiver Program. Your attention to this matter will significantly contribute to ongoing advocacy self advocacy efforts and policy analysis in this critical area of public health and disability support.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Best regards,
David Medeiros
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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request – Expedited Processing Requested

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act – Jennifer Zakrzewsk's jennifer.zakrzewski@ct.gov

Dear FOIA Officer,

I am submitting this request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq., to obtain records pertaining to Jennifer Zakrzewsk's role and activities within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program, David Medeiros and ABI Resources. This request is made with the utmost seriousness and urgency to obtain comprehensive records concerning Jennifer Zakrzewsk's involvement in the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury Waiver Program, and any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or whistleblower retaliation. I am writing to submit a request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200 et seq. As a brain injury survivor, stroke survivor, and founder of ABI Resources, a company providing disability support services.

Expedited Processing Request:

The nature of this request is critical due to its direct connection with the legal case (David Medeiros v. State of CT, Department of Social Services, CHRO No. 2410220) and the Whistleblower Comprehensive Grievance reports concerning the ABI Waiver Program. Given these circumstances, I am requesting expedited processing.

Specific Information Requested:

To gain a thorough understanding of Ms. Zakrzewsk's involvement in the program, I request the following:

All legal cases, including lawsuits or administrative proceedings, relating to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within these programs.

Complete records detailing Ms. Zakrzewsk's employment, roles, and responsibilities within the ABI Waiver Program as well as CHRO civil rights.

All written communications, including emails and memos, involving Ms. Zakrzewsk related to the program's operations.

Records of meetings, including minutes and notes, with Ms. Zakrzewsk's participation, pertinent to the program.

Reports, audits, or evaluations involving Ms. Zakrzewsk in the context of the program.

Records of Reports of any complaints, lawsuits, or grievances pertaining to civil rights or whistleblower retaliation.

From the first date of employment to the present day.

All grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints.

This request seeks access to records pertaining to all grievances, complaints, whistleblower complaints, and retaliation complaints. This includes any legal cases, lawsuits, or administrative proceedings related to civil rights violations, disability discrimination, or whistleblower retaliation within Connecticut's various state-managed programs

The records are critical for understanding the dynamics of interactions within these programs, especially in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections. They are pivotal for informed advocacy and ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards in these vital areas.

I specifically refer to the case of David Medeiros v. State of CT Department of Social Services (CHRO No. 2410220), in which I am directly involved. This case underlines the urgent need for transparency and accountability within state-managed disability support programs. Given the direct connection of this request to the following

- Whistleblower Report, Comprehensive Grievance Report and Request for Clarity. Addressing Issues within the Connecticut Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program. Whistleblower Report Prepared by: David Medeiros and ABI Resources LLC Date: November 21, 2023 ABI Resources LLC 39 Kings Hwy STE C Gales Ferry, CT. 06226 860 942-0365
- 12.23.2023 Letter - Governor Ned Lamont: Addressing Systemic Failure in ADA Compliance and Disability Discrimination in Connecticut – A Call to Action Against Whistleblower Retaliation and the Failure of CT DSS and CHRO to Uphold Disability Rights.

Given my personal circumstances as a brain injury and stroke survivor, timely access to these records is not just a legal right but a necessity. The nature of my disabilities sometimes imposes barriers to effective self-advocacy and communication. Prompt access to these records is crucial for my ability to manage and respond to the challenges posed by my disabilities.

Under the FOIA, there is a provision for expedited processing when the requester demonstrates a compelling need. While there may not be an immediate physical threat in my case, the lack of timely information significantly impairs my rights and advocacy efforts, essential for my wellbeing and that of others relying on my support and expertise.

Therefore, I request that my FOIA application be processed on an expedited basis, recognizing these factors. Your prompt attention to this request would support my ongoing efforts to champion the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities.

Should any part of my request be denied, I ask for a justification for all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act and expect the release of all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal any decision to withhold information or deny a waiver of fees.

These records are crucial for understanding the dynamics of interactions with these key figures in the context of civil disability rights and whistleblower protections pertaining to these state-managed programs.

- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Program
- Alzheimer's Respite Care Program
- Autism Spectrum Disorder - ASD
- Birth to Three
- Board of Education and Services for the Blind
- Care4Kids
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Child Support
- CHOICES - CT's State Health Insurance Assistance Program for Medicare Beneficiaries
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program

- Community First Choice
- Community Options
- Connect-Ability
- Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP)
- Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership - CTBHP
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program
- Connecticut Home Care Program For Elders
- Connecticut Housing Engagement and Support Services (CHESS) Initiative
- Connecticut Integrated Care for Kids
- Connecticut Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)
- CT Medicaid Enterprise Technology System (CT METS)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Disability Services
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Economic Security - Financial Assistance
- Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)
- Electronic Visit Verification
- Fatherhood Initiative of CT
- Grandparents As Parents
- Housing Options for Seniors
- Human Services Infrastructure
- HUSKY (Medicaid) Coverage for Breast and Cervical Cancer
- HUSKY Health (Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program)
- Jobs First
- Long-Term Services and Supports - LTSS
- Med-Connect (Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities)
- Medicaid Nursing Home Reimbursement
- Medicare Savings Program

- Money Follows the Person
- National Family Caregiver Support Program
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- Nutrition Assistance Programs
- PCA CERTIFICATION TEST
- PCMH+ Member Information
- Refugee Assistance Program
- School Based Child Health (SBCH)
- Self Direction Personal Protection Equipment Request Form Submission
- Social Work Services
- State Supplement for the Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP
- Temporary Family Assistance - TFA
- The Personal Care Attendant Program
- Welfare to Work (Department of Labor)
- Women Infants and Children – WIC

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Documentation from Federal and State Department Executives and Associated staff:

- Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton Reeves
- U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy
- U.S. House Representatives John Larson, Joe Courtney, Rosa DeLauro, Jim Himes, and Jahana Hayes
- Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont
- Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz
- Secretary of State Denise Merrill