May 15, 2014

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Re: FOIA 14-302

Dear Ms. Irving:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated May 1, 2014 and received in my office on May 2, 2014, in which you requested:

“The Institute on Disability and Human Development published “An Evaluation of the Jacksonville Developmental Center Closure: Preliminary Results” March 2014. As regards this evaluation, please provide:

• Copies of all materials mailed to guardians, stakeholders and individuals.
• Lists of guardians, stakeholders and individuals to which materials were mailed. If privacy concerns prevent the disclosure of these lists, please indicate whether all 178 individuals transitioned from JDC had a guardian surveyed or were surveyed themselves if they are self-guardians, and whether materials were mailed to or received from more than one guardian per individual.
• Completed surveys returned by guardians, stakeholders and individuals. We understand redactions will be necessary due to privacy concerns.
• All correspondence related to this research brief, including e-mail correspondence, between the Institute and the Illinois Department of Human Services as well as between the Institute and the Illinois Department of Public Health.”

Information responsive to your request is available. These are public documents, and if printed, would number 687 pages. The link below will provide you access to the responsive records.

Portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

• 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” Pursuant to this exemption, patient information (or information that could lead to the identification of a patient) that is prohibited from being released under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was redacted from the responsive documents.
• 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes pass codes, home addresses and private medical information.
• 140/7(1)(c) that exempts from disclosure “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” This includes the identification of patients, guardians, or information that could lead to the identification of patients and private medical information.
You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer

To access your files, please go to:

This link will expire in ten business days.