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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE  
COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

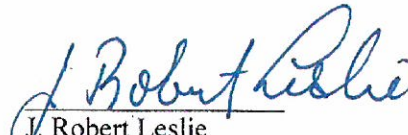
The West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources (the "WVDHHR") is seeking legal representation to assist WVDHHR and the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General with ongoing litigation involving the State's psychiatric hospitals.

More specifically, the WVDHHR is seeking legal representation to assist the Department with the case of *E.H. v. Matin* (the "Hartley" case), which is currently pending in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist the WVDHHR with the legal matter set forth herein, based on the following factors:

- The matter at issue requires specific expertise in healthcare law, including, but not limited to, behavioral health and substance abuse matters, as well as general litigation experience.
- There is a particular need for legal representation with additional litigation background and experience to assist the Attorney General's Office with the legal matter in question.
- Kanawha County is the geographic area where the legal services are to be performed.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services without assistance from outside counsel at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel for the legal matter in question pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.

  
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Date Signed: February 12, 2015