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Governor J. Kevin Stitt
Room 212
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Re: Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Dear Governor Stitt,

I write to recommend that the investigation I was retained to conduct concerning the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (the "Department") should be transferred to the responsibility of Interim Commissioner Slavonic and his leadership team, including the newly reestablished Internal Audit Division. Events transpiring since my appointment make it apparent that work completed by others and planned to be completed internally by Admiral Slavonic and his team has made much of the work I would do unnecessary. Accordingly, it is my recommendation that my continued involvement would no longer be cost effective for the taxpayers.

I was appointed as special counsel to investigate the Department on May 8, 2025. Since that time, a number of events have occurred which make much of the work I would do unnecessary. Those events include:

- On May 15, David Greenwell, CPA, P.C., issued a Report. Mr. Greenwell is an independent financial expert who had been retained to assist in estimating supplemental funding needed by the Department and to assess appropriate reforms.
 - a. Mr. Greenwell worked with other agencies including, particularly, the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.
 - b. Mr. Greenwell's Report includes 52 recommendations for reform in the areas of control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication, monitoring activities, and financial reporting and compliance.
- On May 20, 2025, State Auditor and Inspector Cyndy Byrd issued Special Investigative Audit Report Part I concerning the Department.




- a. The Report includes a discussion of how the problems at the Department had arisen.
- b. The Report also includes recommendations for reform addressing Budget and Financial Practices, Department Structure and Personnel, and Internal Controls.
- In June 2025, the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency (“LOFT”) issued a Report of its investigation into the Financial Conditions of the Department.
 - a. The LOFT Report discusses in detail 15 factors contributing to the financial conditions of the Department.
 - b. The LOFT Report lists seven proposals for consideration by the Legislature.
 - c. The LOFT Report also provides nine recommendations for reform at the Department.
- On July 18, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Department approved the Charter of the reestablished the Internal Audit Division of the Department.

Additionally, since I was appointed as special counsel, there has been a change of management at the Department. The Department now has new officials serving on an interim basis as CEO, CFO, and General Counsel. In particular, Commissioner Greg Slavonic is now leading the Department. At a meeting of the State Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services on July 18, 2025, Commissioner Slavonic expressed his desire for the Department to move forward, to address the cultural issues arising from the events of the past few months, and to make compliance with the Consent Decree in *Briggs, et al. v. Friesen, et al.*, Case No. 23-cv-81-GKF-JFJ, in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma his top priority. I am confident that, in the course of his duties as interim Commissioner, Admiral Slavonic will cover the same ground I would have investigated, but will do so without the expenditure of additional tax dollars over and above what is allocated to manage the agency. A continuation of the investigation would inevitably require time and attention from top management that is no longer necessary.

Finally, it must be noted that the investigation and report my team would have produced would be expensive. I was honored to be selected as special counsel, and the project would have been very interesting. However, in light of events, I have to say that the expense of the full investigation I would conduct would not be an effective use of taxpayer dollars.

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,


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