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Craig Prins
Executive Director
Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

Dear Mr. Prins:

Thank you for your letter of interest to participate in Phase IV of the Evidence-Based Decision Making in Local and State Criminal Justice Systems Initiative, an opportunity sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections.

I am pleased to inform you that Oregon has been accepted into Phase IV of the EBDM Initiative. We look forward to working with the state- and local-level stakeholders in your state to develop a shared vision of desired outcomes, enhance their collaborative partnerships, and work towards the systemic use of research to inform their decisions.

The goal of Phase IV is to equip and build capacity within the states, with existing local EBDM teams to expand their EBDM efforts to include additional local jurisdictions and state-level executives. It will require convening an EBDM Statewide Project Planning Team, representing the range of disciplines impacted by EBDM, including state-level entities/agencies/policy leaders, state membership organizations, and the diversity of the local communities. During Phase IV, this Statewide Project Planning team will be tasked with identifying the goals and appropriate configuration of partnerships for Phase V, which will be a competitive phase in which states will begin planning systemwide change strategies to achieve EBDM. It is anticipated that Phase IV will conclude, and Phase V will begin in the fall of 2014.

Other states that have been accepted into Phase IV include: Colorado, Indiana, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Again, I congratulate and welcome you and your colleagues to this exciting, new phase of EBDM! Someone from the Initiative staff will be in touch with you shortly about the assignment of your state's technical assistance provider and the next steps.

On behalf of the National Institute of Corrections and the Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative Team,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Cosby".

Jim Cosby
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