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## Behavioral Health and Wellness Council

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Governor Brian Sandoval  
101 Carson Street  
Office of Governor Sandoval  
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval:

Thank you for the trust that you have shown by appointing me to Chair the Governor's Advisory Council on Behavioral Health and Wellness. It has been an honor. Enclosed please find our first Report and Recommendations, which were to be delivered to you by May 31, 2014.

I also want to thank you for the excellent group of people that you appointed to the Council. They have made my job easy and fun. I believe that we have accomplished a great deal in a very short amount of time, but as you will see from the last section of the report, we have a great deal more work to do.

I am also grateful for the support and responsiveness of Director Mike Willden and his staff at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to your staff, especially Jackie Bryant and Michon Martin. They have provided me with information, kindness, and support. I have worked with a number of people in similar jobs, and these are two of the finest public servants it has ever been my pleasure to know.

I hope that you find these recommendations useful as you work to improve the mental health care in Nevada. Please don't hesitate to call me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Joel A. Dvoskin, Ph.D.  
Chair