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To whom it may concern:

The Massachusetts Department of Mental Health provided the Massachusetts Mental Health Center a grant through SAMHSA Block Grants in 2017 to launch the Massachusetts Psychosis Network for Early Treatment (MAPNET) as a technical assistance center under the leadership of Dr. Matcheri Keshavan. MAPNET hosts an annual conference, learning collaborative meetings, an active website (www.mapnet.online), webinars, phone-based and in-person consultations for early psychosis cases, as well as site visits to clinics delivering care to first episode psychosis (FEP) patients.

Part of MAPNET's vision is to provide the infrastructure for standardized data collection across FEP clinics in Massachusetts. These data can then be used to examine patterns of care delivery, patient- and family-reported outcomes, and effectiveness of FEP interventions. Critically, data collection and evaluation is part of the SAMHSA Block Grant mandate. Dr. Emily Kline is leading MAPNET's effort in this domain.

We are announcing that MAPNET will bring on Dr. Dost Öngür as a collaborator to assist in the standardized data collection effort. Dr. Öngür has extensive experience in FEP care from his work at McLean OnTrack, and in standardized data collection through NIMH-funded clinical trials and multi-site other projects. Dr. Öngür will collaborate with Dr. Kline and interface with FEP clinics at MMHC, McLean Hospital, MGH and others to ensure the data collection efforts are proceeding as planned. As part of the MAPNET team, Dr. Öngür will have access to the data and conduct data analyses to further the DMH's mission of providing excellent FEP care in Massachusetts.

We are very enthusiastic about this ongoing collaboration and look forward to growing our work together around first episode psychosis and early intervention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathy Sanders".

Kathy Sanders MD
State Medical Director
Deputy Commissioner for Clinical & Professional Services