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Dear Stakeholder and Interested Party:

It is our honor to make available to you the Final Report of the Alliance Focus on the Future Project. We especially want to recognize the Focus Group participants, the Project Steering Committee and the Project Workgroup for all their work. We also acknowledge the Alliance Board for their insight and support of the project, and funders for their support as well.

The project consisted of two key phases. In Phase One, five regional Focus Groups met to gather input to identify what's working/not working and aspects of the service delivery system that must stay the same or must change. People receiving services and families were the starting point of the project and composed 68% of the focus group participants. Phase Two was the Workgroup Phase where system stakeholders were invited to join the Alliance Project Steering Committee to formulate recommendations for change. Workgroup participants included people with varied backgrounds and experiences.

The Workgroup analyzed five problems they identified as the root cause of the issues expressed by focus group participants:

1. The System is too complex;
2. Resources are not allocated in a way that meets people's needs;
3. System focus is not first and foremost the person;
4. We don't have formal systematic mechanisms to self direct I/DD services; and
5. We don't have the data infrastructure to assess our system.

The workgroup developed recommendations to address these five problems. Please reference pages 12 to 17 of the Report to review the recommendations. To obtain the report go to www.alliancecolorado.org; there is a link on the homepage to the Focus on the Future Final Report as well as the Focus Group Report.

We would like additional feedback on the report. Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/FocusOnFuture and take a quick survey to provide us with additional feedback. Based on input we received, we are issuing clarifications to the report which are highlighted on pages 11, 12 and 17.

This is a time of unprecedented change for services and supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We look forward to working with you on implementing the recommendations of the Focus on the Future Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Collins".

Chris Collins
Executive Director, Alliance

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Atlas-Acuña".

Mike Atlas-Acuña
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