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Dear Partners and Stakeholders.

The Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) is pleased to share the attached copy of *Moving Forward*. This report represents both an evaluation of the DDD program over the last decade and a reflection of our ongoing commitment to building a stronger, more responsive system of care.

Over the past ten years, DDD has taken significant steps to transform how we support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the state of Hawai'i. Guided by a vision of inclusion, dignity, and independence, we have worked diligently to improve service delivery, expand person-centered approaches, and strengthen operational efficiencies. Today, our system serves over 3,500 individuals statewide, each with unique needs and aspirations.

The *Moving Forward* report highlights not only the measurable progress we have achieved, but also the lessons learned along the way. From implementing evidence-based practices to enhancing provider partnerships, our efforts have centered on ensuring that every person we serve has access to meaningful opportunities, supportive communities, and quality services. These changes have been made possible through the dedication of families, providers, advocates, and stakeholders who continue to collaborate with us to shape a system that is more responsive and inclusive.

Looking ahead, DDD remains committed to advancing equity, innovation, and sustainability within our programs. We recognize that the needs of individuals and families evolve over time, and we are dedicated to adapting our services and supports to meet those needs in a way that honors choice, fosters independence, and builds resilience within our communities.

We invite you to review *Moving Forward* as both a reflection of where we have been and a roadmap for where we are going. Together, with your continued collaboration and support, we will strengthen our collective capacity to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Hawai'i can live the lives they choose.

With gratitude for your partnership. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at mary.brogan@doh.hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

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