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Mr. Argila,

I met with my client about the possibility of settlement discussions. While DDS continues to work with SGPRC to meet Cavan's needs, we do not feel this case is appropriate for settlement at this time.

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Ms. Nixon. The purpose of this e-mail is to document my understanding of Commissioner Priver's instructions at yesterday's (4/19/24) Mandatory Settlement Conference at LA Superior Court.

It is my understanding that you will create a set of objectives which will be used to evaluate Cavan's development and performance, in a number of areas, and that you will specify criteria, based on these objectives, for which DDS will agree to terminate their conservatorship of Cavan. (The so called "exit strategy.")

You agreed that your initial draft of said objectives would be provided to me "by May 1st."

I would be pleased to confer with you on Zoom should you wish to do so.

It might be helpful if I state initially what I would expect for the objectives which you will be writing. Not only would these objectives cover all of Cavan's significant areas of function. (The IPP should be doing that already.) But objectives must be quantitative and measurable. The metrics must be clearly identified and must be credible. That is, not subject to the "opinion" of one party or another. For example, documentation provided by trusted third parties.

Numerous resources are available on the Internet. I would be happy to discuss those further with you should we have an opportunity to "confer."

Please contact me should you have any additional questions.

I look forward to receiving your draft by May 1st.

Thank you,

Carl Argila