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Kathryn Heard, Chief  
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Dear Ms. Heard:

I am the relatively new Executive Director for the Pathway Family Center. I began in January of this year, replacing Sheryl Pimlott. We are in receipt of your letter and application for renewal of our license. The application has been completed and mailed. It should arrive in ample time to meet the 30 day deadline for our August 31 expiration date.

Our audit is scheduled for August 8 with Eileen Walters. In preparation, I did some fact-finding to review the licensing history of our unique program. Last year, a solution was approved by the state department for the extraordinarily effective "host home" component of our treatment program. I have enclosed a copy of the documents related to that decision. We are pleased to inform you that the process we implemented one year ago is working well and is without complication.

The state also requested that we make application for foster home (child placement) licensing. Our original application was submitted to Linda Tansil on January 11, 1995. Eight months later we had received no response to that application. At our initiative, a meeting was requested by Robert Bee, Director Child Welfare Licensing Division, to review the case. September 11, 1995 that informational meeting was held with Linda Tansil, Bernice Burden and our executive and clinical directors. We also invited them to visit our sight. (That visit did not occur.) Three months later, on December 19, 1995 Linda Tansil provided us with a list of supplemental materials needed for our application. We submitted that documentation on January 31, 1996. Four months later, on May 21 we sent Linda another letter indicating that we had not yet received a response regarding our license, and again invited her to visit our agency. We are still without official notice.

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I firmly believe this agency can meet the requirements for a child placement license if our approach to "host-homing" is properly understood. I also believe that the process implemented last year, at the state's direction, is much more appropriate for our unique and successful treatment program. We look forward to continuing our compliance for state licensing, and are open to meet for further discussion, if that becomes necessary. Thank you for your consideration of this matter regarding our "host homes" concept.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole M. Lick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Carole M. Lick  
Executive Director