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Dear Karol:

On behalf of the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A), I want to express our appreciation to you for attending our Board meeting last week to discuss the future of ADRCs in California. Thank you.

The membership felt that the information you shared was most helpful in clarifying their thinking about ADRCs and in formulating C4A's thoughts about the direction of the program.

We understand the complexities that are driving the Advisory Committee to explore expanding the definition of "core partners" and to broaden the designation standards and criteria. However, C4A believes that there is a clear directive of what defines a "core partner" and what constitutes "partners" or a "partnership". For example, "core partners" provide local leadership, are the local system planners, and provide care coordination; "partners" constitute the providers of service and make up the fabric of the service delivery system

C4A's position is that the ADRC core partners must include the local independent living center (ILC) and area agency on aging (AAA). In the event that either the ILC or AAA chooses not to participate as a core partner, the agreement to move forward without the ILC or AAA must include written notice by that organization declining to be involved.

C4A looks forward to our continued participation on the ADRC Advisory Committee and working with you as we struggle with defining and developing a new service delivery model in California.

Again, thank you for attending the C4A Board meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derrell Kelch".

Derrell Kelch  
C4A Executive Director