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Members of the General Assembly:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11-4a, as required in Connecticut General Statutes 17a-451(o), I hereby submit the attached report: **2013 Biennial Report on the Collection and Evaluation of Data Related to Substance Use, Abuse and Addiction Programs.**

The submission of this report has been delayed due to personnel changes within DMHAS. The retirement of key senior personnel has resulted in additional time needed to complete this report. None the less, the **2013 Biennial Report** demonstrates the strong commitment and support across state agencies, the Judicial Branch and the Office of Policy and Management to provide information useful to sound decision-making regarding substance abuse services. Today, because of this initiative, there is a better understanding of state agencies' data collection capacity along with a greater willingness to share data. Information contained in the 2013 Biennial Report can guide improved approaches to preventing, delaying, or treating substance use and abuse in Connecticut.

The 2013 Biennial Report highlights information on trends in substance abuse treatment services as well as client outcomes.

As in past reports, the 2013 Biennial Report provides an updated analysis of substance abuse service expenditures. Finally, recent 2013 Legislation (PA 13-26) has eliminated the requirement for future reports, thus this will be the last time this report is published.

I would like to thank our state agency and Judicial Branch colleagues for their participation in developing this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Rehmer".

Patricia A. Rehmer, MSN, ACHE
Commissioner