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**Oral Question 584-19(2): Community Wellness Plans**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on February 24, 2021 regarding Community Wellness Plans.

I can advise that should a community identify the need for a counsellor in its Community Wellness Plan, it would not create any obligation on the part of the Health and Social Services (HSS) system to establish a counsellor position in that community. There are no funds within the HSS budget to establish positions based on individual community request.

However, funding is provided to communities to achieve the goals and objectives described in their Wellness Plans. These funds could certainly be used to hire a locally employed counsellor. Should a community choose to pursue this option, the HSS system would be available to support the community as requested with matters like sample job descriptions, interview questions, and program standards to help them establish the position.

Thank you.

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