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Dear Esteemed Colleagues, Corrections Partners and Guests:

Two years ago the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) started the COMPAS at PSI pilot in Kalamazoo County. The pilot was geared towards providing the court with a more robust Presentence Investigation Report (PSIR) that included criminogenic need information relevant to the specific offender. This information was obtained through the use of the COMPAS (Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions).

The COMPAS is a risk/need assessment tool used by the MDOC to assist in identifying criminogenic needs in our population. The Department uses the COMPAS in all aspects of supervision and programming for prisoners, parolees, and probationers. Identifying an individual's criminogenic risk and needs is the first step in increasing an offender's ability to succeed in the community.

Since the first site in 2015, the MDOC has expanded the pilot to fifteen counties. The responses from the parties involved in the sentencing process have been positive. Those involved are able to see how the recommendations for the conditions of supervision tie into the needs of the offender. As such, the MDOC will be moving forward to include COMPAS results in all Presentence Investigation Reports starting October 9, 2017.

In order to inform all parties involved in the sentencing process, the MDOC will host a live video presentation on September 26, 2017. The presentation will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The presenters will be:

- Dr. Timothy Brennan, Chief Scientist - Equivant
- Honorable Kathleen M. Brickley, 36th Circuit Court – Van Buren County
- Lara Neuman, MDOC Field Supervisor – Kalamazoo County Probation/Parole Office

By receipt of this letter we are extending a formal invitation to view the presentation online. If interested, please register for the presentation through the below link. The link to the live broadcast will be sent prior to the presentation. If you are unable to view the live presentation it will be available for future viewing through the MDOC, or MJI websites. Additional websites may be added in the future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPNN596>

The MDOC is looking forward to working with you as we move forward in establishing the inclusion of the COMPAS information in the PSIR.

Sincerely,

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