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Dear Ms. Bucher:

Thank you for your letter explaining that the Substitute Care Advisory Council (SCAC) has been unable to provide a FY2021 Annual Report because it lacked a quorum for more than a year and informally suggesting some recommendations despite the lack of a formal report.

With regard to these suggestions, the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) would be happy to attend one of your regularly scheduled SCAC meetings to discuss the frequency of communications between SCAC and the Department, the production of information when requested, and the timeliness and completeness of responses to the Council's required annual recommendations.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Deputy Cabinet Secretary Beth Gillia at (505) 231-6203 or beth.gillia@state.nm.us. Thank you for your time and effort serving the children, youth, and families of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

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