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Dear Client:

I am aware...and I certainly hope by now you are aware as well...that the Emmet County Parole and Probation Department, under the leadership of Mr. Anthony Peters, has recently created a new set of policies and guidelines for its clients to follow regarding regular reporting to one's probation officer and for regular as well as impromptu testing for drug and alcohol misuse.

On the one hand, we can be thankful that the Probation Office has taken into consideration the inherent dangers involved in ignoring the social distancing practices made necessary by the Covid-19 pandemic. Probation Officers are rescheduling their meetings with their probationers at new, often outdoor locations and times. Some of us think that is a great solution. Some of us are concerned about the increased potential for our clients not to be able to document the fact that they were able to meet the demands of the new scheduling times, dates and specific sites. We are aware that disputes over such issues have often resulted in harsh consequences suffered by probationers and parolees.

We want to help.

On behalf of our clients, Community Recovery Alliance has asked Anthony Peters, Director of the Emmet County Probation Office, to share the new scheduling policies with us so that we can help our clients meet the demands of those schedules appropriately and confidently.

We recommend that each of you take the initiative to document your appointments by connecting with your probation officer in writing (via text) each time you receive a notice to meet to assure that you have the specific schedule documented, in print, correctly. Ask to have your text confirmed by your probation officer and then keep that confirmation as a record.

Please feel free to respond to this suggestion. We know from experience that you often have improvements to offer.

All the best...

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