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Subject: RE: Doctor J. Paul Seal, MD Contact

Hi Dr. Mitchell,

I am glad to be in contact with you. Our eldest son had surgery at Piedmont in 2000 after a horrible auto accident, head injury and facial trauma. We had an excellent experience with your hospital and hear consistently good things about the care you provide.

We have had an extremely positive relationship with our AA community here in Macon. As the article from Dr. Blondell affirms, people in recovery often have an amazing ability to connect with patients in denial. We encourage use of volunteers with at least 1 year of sobriety. One of our AA volunteers has volunteered to receive our referrals by phone or voicemail and identify a willing volunteer of the same gender, ethnic background, and general age group. We ask permission from patients in the hospital or clinic for someone from AA to call them and tell them more about the program. If the patient says yes, we call our contact and give him name, gender, ethnic background and age. It's a great way to help reluctant individuals take a first step toward recovery. Just this month I have a lady I have seen for over 5 years whom we have detoxed from prescription drugs 3 times who finally started going to recovery meetings after agreeing to a call from a volunteer.

I have been working with Mr Onaje Salim at DHR on a proposal to do screening and brief intervention in emergency centers in Atlanta and Macon if funded by a SAMHSA grant. If we get funded, I'll be in your area frequently. I would enjoy meeting you personally sometime.

Thanks for being open to consider how AA might help your patients. Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

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