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Denise Herich
Juvenile Court Clerk
Napa Superior Court
825 Brown Street
Napa, California 94559

Via Email: denise.herich@napa.courts.ca.gov

RE:
CASE #: JV17842

Dear Ms. Herich:

Pursuant to your request, I conducted a Psychotropic Medication Review for the above-referenced minor and have completed the Consultant Physician Review Request. My recommendation is that the Court authorize the requested Klonopin (clonazepam).

Jonathan is a 13-year-old male, date of birth 08/18/2002 who resides in a foster home. Jonathan is under the care of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Mukund Gnanadesikan, MD. Dr. Gnanadesikan has diagnosed Jonathan with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Encopresis, Enuresis, Unspecified Anxiety Disorder and Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder. Dr. Gnanadesikan furthermore writes that he has failed many prior psychotropic medication trials including Adderall XR (dextroamphetamine and amphetamine), Concerta (methylphenidate) Risperdal (risperidone), Depakote (valproic acid), Zyprexa (olanzapine), Abilify (aripiprazole) and lithium. He reports that Jonathan has medical problems related to his enuresis and encopresis and poor hygiene because he has skin infections, and that Jonathan is opposed to the medication. Dr. Gnanadesikan reports that even though he has failed medications, he has been a year off medications now and has done worse and has symptoms of extreme irritability, impulsivity and physical aggression in addition to the encopresis and enuresis.

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Considering Jonathan's severe symptoms and that Klonopin is typically well tolerated in boys and is a new approach in addressing his multiple psychiatric problems, I would recommend Court authorization of the requested Klonopin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. E. David, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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