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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, AT ANCHORAGE

In the Matter of)
A Request for Information)
_____)

Case No. 3AN-16-00695DN

DR. GØTZSCHE'S RESPONSE
to
ALASKA PSYCHIARIC INSTITUTE'S
and
ALASKA PUBLIC DEFENDER AGENCY'S
COMMENTS ON COURT PROPOSAL:

Both the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) and the Alaska Public Defender Agency (Public Defender) strenuously object to this Court's proposal to ask respondents going forward if they consent to having their court files included in the proposed study. The Public Defender has even requested a status conference to hold an evidentiary hearing for testimony from both the clinicians at API and Public Defender attorneys about what a bad idea it is to ask the respondents for their consent.

Dr. Gøtzsche does not believe an evidentiary hearing would be helpful. Both API and the Public Defender oppose asking the respondents if they consent and it is not Dr.

Gøtzsche's preferred approach.¹

In light of API's and the Public Defender's strenuous objections to this Court's proposal that the respondents be asked to consent going forward until thirty consents have been obtained, Dr. Gøtzsche respectfully suggests this Court revisit his proposal that the thirty most recent files be included in the study,² with the Court system redacting the files and transcripts at Dr. Gøtzsche's expense, as ordered by the Alaska Supreme Court.

DATED December 2nd, 2019. Law Project for Psychiatric Rights

By: 

James B. Gottstein, ABA # 7811100

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies the foregoing was mailed to Linda Beecher and Steven Bookman this date.

December 2nd, 2019


Jim Gottstein

¹ If the Court does decide to hold a status conference and/or evidentiary hearing, please be advised counsel for Dr. Gøtzsche is not scheduled to be in Alaska until April or May except for January 22-24, 2020 and will appreciate the opportunity to participate telephonically.

² API argues that thirty consecutive files would skew the results. This is untrue. Thirty consecutive files is a very good, un-skewed sample.