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Sent electronically to Chad Searls at chadsearls@gmail.com and
chadsearls@hotmail.com

Subject: Case Status Review (Initial Hearing) After Opening a Formal Investigation,
Searls, Chad - PDC Case 61437

Dear Chad Searls:

After conducting a preliminary review and assessment of a staff-generated complaint dated December 19, 2019 concerning Chad Searls, PDC staff opened a formal investigation and held a case status review, referred to as an initial hearing, on February 20, 2020, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755, and WACs 390-37-060 and 390-37-071.

At the hearing it was noted that the case status review is not an adjudicative proceeding, and that RCW 42.17A.755 provides PDC staff with additional tools to resolve complaints through the use of alternatives to full, formal adjudication, or referral to the Attorney General's Office, and I am encouraging you to work with staff on resolving this matter.

If you have questions, please contact Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Officer, by replying to the email to which this letter is attached.

Sincerely,



Peter Lavalley
PDC Executive Director