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Re: BHCIP Round 5: Crisis and Behavioral Health Continuum Request for Applications - SUPPORT

Dear Application Review Committee,

I am writing to express the strong support of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors for Mendocino County's BHCIP Round 5: Crisis and Behavioral Health Continuum (BHCIP) application which would provide funding to complete our project to develop a Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) in Mendocino County.

Specifically, this application if awarded, would enable us to proceed to develop a 16-bed Psychiatric Health Facility that meets Medi-Cal standards for reimbursement at a pre-determined site in Mendocino County.

The gaps that we are proposing to fill with funds from the BHCIP award are the high utilization of inpatient hospitalization out-of-county, and long wait times in the Emergency Department (ED). We plan to address these gaps by establishing sixteen (16) beds for acute mental health crisis placements by adding a PHF. The PHF will provide additional movement throughout the Crisis Continuum of Care in our county by providing treatment for individuals in mental health crisis with intensive treatment and stabilization. In addition, wait times in the ED will be reduced with an in county PHF.

We thank for your excellent work and efforts on behalf of much-needed funding for crisis and behavioral health infrastructure to serve vulnerable Californians of all ages. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Glenn McGourty, Chair,
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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