

10/19/2020

County of Mendocino
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, California 95482

Attention: Ms. Carmel Angelo, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Letter of Support
Project Homekey Facility
Best Western Orchard Inn

Dear Ms. Angelo:

I am writing on behalf of Redwood Quality Management to express our support for the proposed Project Homekey Facility located at 555 South Orchard Avenue in Ukiah. Redwood Quality Management Company ensures that mental health services are available, appropriate and accessible to Mendocino County beneficiaries. RQMC services are provided by contracted agencies: Redwood Community Services, Tapestry Family Services, Mendocino County Youth Project, Manzanita Services, Hospitality Services and MCAVHN. All the listed agencies have been providing these services for many years and are available to participate in this project. It is RQMC's mission to promote recovery and healing through a strong and comprehensive network of care by providing accountability, quality, and innovative administrative services to our providers that support the varying needs of our vulnerable population.

We understand the project will convert the existing Best Western Orchard Inn from a 56-unit hotel to a 56-unit transitional housing facility, with plans to convert at least half of those units to permanent housing units within 10 years. The facility will provide housing to homeless individuals and those at risk of becoming homeless and set aside rooms for various at-risk populations including seniors, veterans, families, and those requiring respite medical care. This facility will provide an integral piece of the County's social safety net and fill a niche which no current County or partner facility provides.

Establishing this facility in Mendocino County will help our most vulnerable residents secure both transitional and permanent housing at a critical time for our community, amidst an ongoing housing crisis and global pandemic which have disproportionately impacted low-income individuals. This facility will provide a safe and healthy place to live for those most at need, helping them get back on their feet and avoid falling into chronic homelessness.

We look forward to seeing the significant benefits this facility will provide in our community. Please contact me at 707-472-0350 or SchraederT@rqmc.org if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Tim Schraeder
Chief Executive Officer