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April 25, 2022

Congressman Jason Crow (CO-06)
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Dear Congressman Crow,

This letter is to document the support of STRIDE Community Health Center for Aurora Mental Health Center's proposed FY2023 Community Project Funding request. The proposed project will support the capital construction of a new behavioral healthcare center at 1290 S. Potomac Street in Aurora to provide co-located crisis services, withdrawal management and substance use disorder services, and immediate access to care for assessment and treatment. The Acute Care Center project will address increasing community demand for acute care services by expanding overall capacity, address barriers to care and eliminate confusion for first responders and community members regarding where to access care through co-location of services. The project will also improve client experience and engagement in treatment programs through a custom facility that incorporates trauma-informed architecture and design.

STRIDE CHC strongly supports the proposed project as it will address priorities in access to healthcare services for the Aurora community. AuMHC currently operates these services at three locations, which do not have the capacity to meet increasing need for acute behavioral health services resulting from the pandemic. These disparate locations require first responders and the public to determine which location to access, creating unnecessary confusion, as well as the need to move clients across sites. The new facility will create "one stop" access for mental health and substance use acute care, conveniently located adjacent to the Medical Center of Aurora and a host of other medical service buildings, is visible from I-225, and located just south of a highway exit making it ideally located to meet the drop-off needs of first responders, support transitions of care from local hospitals, and promote coordination with other specialty healthcare providers located in this corridor. The crisis, withdrawal management and access to behavioral health services that will be available at the new location are also essential points of collaboration with local law enforcement, judicial districts, hospitals, and first responders. Improved access will divert individuals experiencing an acute behavioral health need to AuMHC as a professional treatment provider, reducing unnecessary hospitalizations, incarceration, and first responder time. With co-located acute services, clients, community members, law enforcement and first responders will not have any burden to understand what kind of behavioral health help is needed or find the right location.

STRIDE is a Federally Qualified Health Center serving 57,000 underserved and uninsured individuals in five counties providing affordable access to primary care services regardless of ability to pay. Our clinical services include behavioral health, dental, and medical care, and we



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also have a continuum of wraparound services such as care coordinators, educators, and financial navigators to support an individual's social determinants of health. More than three-fourths of our patients identify as Black, Brown, Indigenous People of Color and our patients speak 113 different languages. We have been in discussion with AuMHC for several months to also house our services on this campus in addition to increasing affordable housing. The combination of these services will make a significant impact on our community and your constituents.

We support the proposed model to create a one-stop comprehensive, trauma-informed care center. We will continue to collaborate with AuMHC regarding access and coordination between our agencies at the new location, and to identify additional community needs that could be addressed by the project. The proposal has our full support, and we strongly encourage that this be identified as a priority community project for FY2023.

Sincerely,

Ben Wiederholt
President and CEO



April 25, 2022

Congressman Jason Crow (CO-06)
District Office
3300 S. Parker Road #100
Aurora, CO 80014

Dear Congressman Crow,

This letter is to document the support of The Housing Authority of the City of Aurora, for Aurora Mental Health Center's proposed FY2023 Community Project Funding request. The proposed project will support the capital construction of a new behavioral healthcare center at 1290 S. Potomac Street in Aurora to provide co-located crisis services, withdrawal management and substance use disorder services, and immediate access to care for assessment and treatment.

The Acute Care Center project will address increasing community demand for acute care services by expanding overall capacity, address barriers to care and eliminate confusion for first responders and community members regarding where to access care through co-location of services. The project will also improve client experience and engagement in treatment programs through a custom facility that incorporates trauma-informed architecture and design.

The Housing Authority of the City of Aurora strongly supports the proposed project, as it will address priorities in access to healthcare services for the Aurora community. AuMHC currently operates these services at three locations, which do not have the capacity to meet increasing need for acute behavioral health services resulting from the pandemic. These disparate locations require first responders and the public to determine which location to access, creating unnecessary confusion, as well as the need to move clients across sites.

The new facility will create "one stop" access for mental health and substance use acute care, conveniently located adjacent to the Medical Center of Aurora and a host of other medical service buildings, is visible from I-225, and located just south of a highway exit making it ideally located to meet the drop-off needs of first responders, support transitions of care from local hospitals, and promote coordination with other specialty healthcare providers located in this corridor. The crisis, withdrawal management and access to behavioral health services that will be available at the new location are also essential points of collaboration with local law enforcement, judicial districts, hospitals, and first responders.

Improved access will divert individuals experiencing an acute behavioral health need to AuMHC as a professional treatment provider, reducing unnecessary hospitalizations, incarceration, and first responder time. With co-located acute services, clients, community members, law enforcement and first responders will not have any burden to understand what kind of behavioral health help is needed or find the right location.

We support the proposed model to create a one-stop comprehensive, trauma-informed care center. We will continue to collaborate with AuMHC regarding access and coordination between our agencies at the new location, and to identify additional community needs that could be addressed by the project. The proposal has our full support and we strongly encourage that this be identified as a priority community project for FY2023.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Maraschky
Executive Director
The Housing Authority of the City of Aurora
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CHERYL TERNES
Director

April 20, 2022

Congressman Jason Crow (CO-06)
District Office
3300 S. Parker Road #100
Aurora, CO 80014

Dear Congressman Crow,

This letter is to document the support of Arapahoe County Department of Human Services for Aurora Mental Health Center's proposed FY2023 Community Project Funding request. The proposed project will support the capital construction of a new behavioral healthcare center at 1290 S. Potomac Street in Aurora to provide co-located crisis services, withdrawal management and substance use disorder services, and immediate access to care for assessment and treatment. The Acute Care Center project will address increasing community demand for acute care services by expanding overall capacity, address barriers to care and eliminate confusion for first responders and community members regarding where to access care through co-location of services. The project will also improve client experience and engagement in treatment programs through a custom facility that incorporates trauma-informed architecture and design.

Arapahoe County Department of Human Services strongly supports the proposed project, as it will address priorities in access to healthcare services for the Aurora community. AuMHC currently operates these services at three locations, which do not have the capacity to meet increasing need for acute behavioral health services resulting from the pandemic. These disparate locations require first responders and the public to determine which location to access, creating unnecessary confusion, as well as the need to move clients across sites. The new facility will create "one stop" access for mental health and substance use acute care, conveniently located adjacent to the Medical Center of Aurora and a host of other medical service buildings, is visible from I-225, and located just south of a highway exit making it ideally located to meet the drop-off needs of first responders, support transitions of care from local hospitals, and promote coordination with other specialty healthcare providers located in this corridor. The crisis, withdrawal management and access to behavioral health services that will be available at the new location are also essential points of collaboration with local law enforcement, judicial districts, hospitals, and first responders. Improved access will divert individuals experiencing an acute behavioral health need to AuMHC as a professional treatment provider, reducing unnecessary hospitalizations, incarceration, and first responder time. With co-located acute

services, clients, community members, law enforcement and first responders will not have any burden to understand what kind of behavioral health help is needed or find the right location.

Many of the clients served, and/or reported to our Department present with unidentified and untreated mental health and substance abuse concerns. These concerns have escalated significantly since the pandemic. Our staff struggle to find appropriate resources for these clients, resulting in confusing and fragmented services. This new concept of the Acute Care Center will allow Human Services to refer children and their families as well as at-risk adults to one centralized location. This location will be sensitive to the needs of this population, who also often have unidentified and untreated trauma. We are excited that this facility will be designed to be welcoming and with a trauma informed lens. We are encouraged that our clients can count on receiving immediate services with a structured model that offers comprehensive care in a continuum that meets their mental and physical needs. We believe this concept of a one-stop access point will allow our clients and our staff to receive the necessary supports in a more holistic and expedited manner, from a trusted community partner that has served our community for many years.

We support the proposed model to create a one-stop comprehensive, trauma-informed care center. We will continue to collaborate with AuMHC regarding access and coordination between our agencies at the new location, and to identify additional community needs that could be addressed by the project. The proposal has our full support and we strongly encourage that this be identified as a priority community project for FY2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Ternes" followed by a small "GD" monogram.

Cheryl Ternes
Director
Arapahoe County Department of Human Services
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Falck

April 19, 2022

Congressman Jason Crow (CO-06)
3300 S. Parker Road #100
Aurora, CO 80014

Dear Congressman Crow,

As the contracted, exclusive emergency ambulance provider for the City of Aurora, this letter is to document the support of Falck Rocky Mountain for Aurora Mental Health Center's proposed FY2023 Community Project Funding request. The proposed project will support the capital construction of a new behavioral healthcare center at 1290 S. Potomac Street in Aurora to provide co-located crisis services, withdrawal management and substance use disorder services, and immediate access to care for assessment and treatment. The health campus model will bring together their shared expertise and experience to create a comprehensive continuum of services available in one location to ensure community members receive the right care, at the right time, and at the right location.

Falck Rocky Mountain strongly supports the proposed project as it will address priorities in access to healthcare services for the Aurora community, eliminating confusion for both clients, first responders, and community partners regarding where to access acute behavioral healthcare. The location at 1290 S. Potomac Street in Aurora is adjacent to the Medical Center of Aurora and a host of other medical service buildings, is visible from I-225, and located just south of a highway exit making it ideally located to meet the drop-off needs of first responders, support transitions of care from local hospitals, and promote coordination with other specialty healthcare providers located in this corridor. Our organization treats and transports many in the community requiring these services, and we are proud to have launched a 9-1-1 Social Worker/Paramedic behavioral health co-responder program in Aurora this summer in conjunction with Aurora Mental Health Center.

We support the proposed model to create a one-stop comprehensive, trauma-informed care campus. We will continue to collaborate with AuMHC regarding access and coordination between our agencies at the new location, and to identify additional community needs that could be addressed by the project. The proposal has our full support, and we strongly encourage that this be identified as a priority community project for FY2023.

Sincerely,

David Patterson
Managing Director, Vice President



Mayor

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April 11, 2022

Congressman Jason Crow (CO-06)
District Office
3300 S. Parker Road #100
Aurora, CO 80014

Dear Congressman Crow,

This letter is to document the support of the City of Aurora for Aurora Mental Health Center's proposed FY2023 Community Project Funding request. The proposed project will support the capital construction of a new behavioral healthcare center at 1290 S. Potomac Street in Aurora to provide co-located crisis services, withdrawal management and substance use disorder services, and immediate access to care for assessment and treatment. The Acute Care Center project will address increasing community demand for acute care services by expanding overall capacity, address barriers to care and eliminate confusion for first responders and community members regarding where to access care through co-location of services. The project will also improve client experience and engagement in treatment programs through a custom facility that incorporates trauma-informed architecture and design.

The City of Aurora strongly supports the proposed project as it will address priorities in access to healthcare services for the Aurora community. AuMHC currently operates these services at three locations, which do not have the capacity to meet increasing need for acute behavioral health services resulting from the pandemic. These disparate locations require first responders and the public to determine which location to access, creating unnecessary confusion, as well as the need to move clients across sites. The new facility will create "one stop" access for mental health and substance use acute care, conveniently located adjacent to the Medical Center of Aurora and a host of other medical service buildings, is visible from I-225, and located just south of a highway exit making it ideally located to meet the drop-off needs of first responders, support transitions of care from local hospitals, and promote coordination with other specialty healthcare providers located in this corridor. The crisis, withdrawal management and access to behavioral health services that will be available at the new location are also essential points of collaboration with local law enforcement, judicial districts, hospitals, and first responders. Improved access will divert individuals experiencing an acute behavioral health need to AuMHC as a professional treatment provider, reducing unnecessary hospitalizations, incarceration, and first responder time. With co-located acute services, clients, community members, law enforcement and first responders will not have any burden to understand what kind of behavioral health help is needed or find the right location.

We support the proposed model to create a one-stop comprehensive, trauma-informed care center. We will continue to collaborate with AuMHC regarding access and coordination between our agencies at the new location, and to identify additional community needs that could be addressed by the project. The proposal has our full support and we strongly encourage that this be identified as a priority community project for FY2023.

Sincerely,

Mike Coffman
Mayor

Angela Lawson
Council Member At-Large



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April 25, 2022

Congressman Jason Crow (CO-06)
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**RE: Support for Aurora Mental Health Center FY2023 Community Project
Funding Request**

Dear Congressman Crow,

This letter is to document the support of the Arapahoe County for Aurora Mental Health Center's proposed FY2023 Community Project Funding request. The proposed project will support the capital construction of a new behavioral healthcare center at 1290 S. Potomac Street in Aurora to provide co-located crisis services, withdrawal management and substance use disorder services, and immediate access to care for assessment and treatment. The Acute Care Center project will address increasing community demand for acute care services by expanding overall capacity, address barriers to care and eliminate confusion for first responders and community members regarding where to access care through co-location of services. The project will also improve client experience and engagement in treatment programs through a custom facility that incorporates trauma-informed architecture and design.

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We support the proposed model to create a one-stop comprehensive, trauma-informed care center. We will continue to collaborate with AuMHC regarding access and coordination between our agencies at the new location, and to identify additional community needs that could be addressed by the project. The proposal has our full support, and we strongly encourage that this be identified as a priority community project for FY2023.

Sincerely,

ARAPAHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Commissioner Nancy Jackson
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April 27, 2022

Congressman Jason Crow (CO-06)
District Office
3300 S. Parker Road #100
Aurora, CO 80014

Dear Congressman Crow,

This letter is to document the support of the Adams County Board of County Commissioners for Aurora Mental Health Center's proposed FY2023 Community Project Funding request. The proposed project will support the capital construction of a new behavioral healthcare center at 1290 S. Potomac Street in Aurora to provide co-located crisis services, withdrawal management and substance use disorder services, and immediate access to care for assessment and treatment. The Acute Care Center project will address increasing community demand for acute care services by expanding overall capacity, address barriers to care and eliminate confusion for first responders and community members regarding where to access care through co-location of services. The project will also improve client experience and engagement in treatment programs through a custom facility that incorporates trauma-informed architecture and design.

Adams County strongly supports the proposed project as it will address priorities in access to healthcare services for the Aurora community. AuMHC currently operates these services at three locations, which do not have the capacity to meet increasing need for acute behavioral health services resulting from the pandemic. These disparate locations require first responders and the public to determine which location to access, creating unnecessary confusion, as well as the need to move clients across sites. The new facility will create "one stop" access for mental health and substance use acute care, conveniently located adjacent to the Medical Center of Aurora and a host of other medical service buildings, is visible from I-225, and located just south of a highway exit making it ideally located to meet the drop-off needs of first responders, support transitions of care from local hospitals, and promote coordination with other specialty healthcare providers located in this corridor. The crisis, withdrawal management and access to behavioral health services that will be available at the new location are also essential points of collaboration with local law enforcement, judicial districts, hospitals, and first responders. Improved access will divert individuals experiencing an acute behavioral health need to AuMHC as a professional treatment provider, reducing unnecessary hospitalizations, incarceration, and first responder time. With co-located acute services, clients, community members, law enforcement and first responders will not have any burden to understand what kind of behavioral health help is needed or find the right location.

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DISTRICT 2

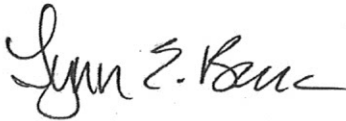
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DISTRICT 4

Lynn E. Baca
DISTRICT 5

We support the proposed model to create a one-stop comprehensive, trauma-informed care center. We will continue to collaborate with AuMHC regarding access and coordination between our agencies at the new location, and to identify additional community needs that could be addressed by the project. The proposal has our full support and we strongly encourage that this be identified as a priority community project for FY2023.

Respectfully,



Lynn Baca
Adams County Board of Commissioners, Chair

CC: Adams County Board of Commissioners
Alisha Reis, Interim County Manager

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