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March 10, 2026

STRIDE Community Health Center
Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Team
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Dear STRIDE Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Team,

On behalf of Arapahoe County Public Health (ACPH), I support STRIDE Community Health Center's (STRIDE) application to Congressman Crow's FY27 Congressional Appropriations Community Project Funding (CPF) program. STRIDE's project will build its capacity to provide healthcare services for Coloradans across the 6th Congressional District of Colorado regardless of their ability to pay. Given the vital need for accessible, comprehensive healthcare, particularly for low-income, uninsured Coloradans, it is essential that STRIDE continue its work as a vital medical, behavioral, and dental healthcare safety net for the Denver metro area, including Arapahoe County.

STRIDE's mission is to partner with the community to provide excellent, culturally sensitive health services to meet the needs of each individual. STRIDE is a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving five counties in the Denver metro area. The organization provides essential health care services including primary, behavioral health, and pediatric care through its clinics, school-based health centers, and Mobile Health Center. STRIDE's focus population is largely underserved and more than 50% are uninsured or underinsured. We strongly support STRIDE's request for CPF funding to provide vital modernized dental and expanded pharmaceutical healthcare services for an underserved population in need of care.

Arapahoe County Public Health has worked with STRIDE since we opened our doors as a single-county health department in 2023. We believe that STRIDE is uniquely positioned to advance healthcare for Arapahoe County residents due to its outstanding community leadership and more than 35 years of experience. To support STRIDE's CPF program implementation, our organization will continue to strengthen our referral systems, collaborate in community events, and leverage mobile health services for the clients we serve.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jludwig@arapahoegov.com.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Ludwig
Public Health Director



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Dear STRIDE Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Team,

On behalf of Cherry Creek Schools, I enthusiastically support STRIDE Community Health Center's (STRIDE) application to Congressman Crow's FY27 Congressional Appropriations Community Project Funding (CPF) program. STRIDE's project will build its capacity to provide healthcare services for Coloradans across the 6th Congressional District of Colorado regardless of their ability to pay. Given the critical need for accessible, comprehensive healthcare, particularly for low-income, uninsured Coloradans, it is essential that STRIDE continue its work as a vital medical, behavioral, and dental healthcare safety net for the Denver metro area.

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Cherry Creek Schools has worked with STRIDE for many years, starting in 2018 as our primary pediatric immunization and well-student check-up partner on site at CCSD schools. Through this success, our partnership has grown. STRIDE was our first community partner during the COVID-19 pandemic, offering critical services including CCSD staff and community COVID testing and partnering to offer thousands of COVID vaccines per protocols once they were available. It is not an exaggeration that STRIDE's tireless work with us during this crisis helped save lives in our community of 52,000+ students, 10,000 staff and over 100,000+ family members.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: 720-554-4275

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Dear STRIDE Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Team,

On behalf of HCA HealthONE Aurora, I enthusiastically support STRIDE Community Health Center's (STRIDE) application to Congressman Crow's FY27 Congressional Appropriations Community Project Funding (CPF) program. STRIDE's project will build its capacity to provide healthcare services for Coloradans across the 6th Congressional District of Colorado regardless of their ability to pay. Given the vital need for accessible, comprehensive healthcare, particularly for low-income, uninsured Coloradans, it is essential that STRIDE continue its work as a vital medical, behavioral, and dental healthcare safety net for Denver.

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HCA HealthONE Aurora has worked with STRIDE for several years with support from our family practice residency. Through this success, HCA HealthONE Aurora has developed a huge respect for what STRIDE has done to support the patients in this community. HCA HealthONE Aurora believes that STRIDE is uniquely positioned to advance healthcare for Metro Denver resident's due to its outstanding community leadership and more than 35 years of experience.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Dear Health Center,

For more than 60 years, health centers have delivered affordable, accessible, high-quality primary health care to individuals and families across this country. At the heart of this success is the Health Center Program's commitment to accountability and quality. The Health Center Program requirements serve as the foundation for ensuring effective operations and high-quality care delivery, and Operational Site Visits (OSVs) serve as an essential tool for objectively assessing compliance with these requirements while supporting continuous improvement.

Following the completion of your organization's recent virtual Operational Site Visit, it was determined that your organization demonstrated full compliance with all Health Center Program requirements. This achievement reflects a dedication to excellence, operational integrity, and continued service to your patients and community.


In recognition of this accomplishment, we are pleased to award your organization the **2025 Operational Site Visit Badge**. This distinction honors your steadfast commitment to compliance, quality, and the mission of the Health Center Program.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for the important work you do to serve your community. We appreciate your partnership and the care you provide each day.

Sincerely,



James Macrae, Associate Administrator



Tasha Akitobi, Director, Office of Health Center Program Monitoring