

April 23, 2023

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Because of my strong commitment to the recovery of substance using women, I fully support this effort.

Sincerely,



Caitlin E. Martin, MD, MPH, FACOG FASAM
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF HENRICO
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

ALISA A. GREGORY
SHERIFF

TYRONE L. MONTAGUE, II
UNDERSHERIFF

April 25, 2023

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Alisa A. Gregory
Sheriff, Henrico County



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Ty F. Parr
Director

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Because of my strong commitment to the recovery of substance using women, I fully support this effort. This is a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach that has not been tried in the 24 years I have worked in Henrico and I truly believe will create the best opportunity for recovery while keeping families together and in their own communities where they can live and thrive.

Sincerely,

Gretchen I Brown, MSW
Acting Director

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April 24, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Chickahominy Health District, I am pleased to support the collaborative partnership between Charles City County, Henrico County, and New Kent County, to address the continuum of care for mothers with substance use disorders (SUDs). Stable and safe housing plays a vital role in recovery for those with SUDs. Women often experience difficulty obtaining the resources needed to maintain recovery for both themselves and their children. Implementing programs to address housing for this population can lead to healthier families and long-term recovery. Stable and safe housing represents one of the essential social determinants of health for families. Addressing this determinant of health can lead to families being able to grow and improve in other areas that impact their wellbeing, such as educational attainment, health care, social connections, and employment.

Thank you for considering this proposal and we look forward to supporting the future programs.

Sincerely,



Thomas Franck, MD, MPH
Director, Chickahominy Health District





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Shannon L. Taylor
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April 21, 2023

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Director

A letter that demonstrates the need for the proposed service from a woman who participated on the development committee for this project.

My name is Serenity , (I am) 25 and am a new mother who has struggled with the disease of addiction for the last ten years. I've spent most of my life incarcerated, with very little guidance. I come from a family where both parents had very similar issues. When I found out about my daughter it was the motivation I needed to change. As most would say, break the cycle. I have very reasonable dreams and aspirations. Have a safe environment, be an attentive parent, go to school, work a day job, fix my credit, all while staying clean and growing spiritually. I've hit many dead ends in the process of finding housing. There are no mothers and children's homes in Virginia that aren't homeless shelters. The help I was able to receive granted the money for first month's rent and a deposit once I had a lease agreement, but I couldn't get approved for any apartments or houses due to either my record, income, or credit. Now that my daughter is three months, I was able to apply for childcare and got approved through Henrico County. Also, a dead end due to the availability for infants, the waiting list in Henrico and all surrounding areas are closed until 2024. So, I'm in a situation where I can't work, I don't have a car and am not in a position to make or save money so that limits many of the things I could do to move forward. I've been blessed with amazing Case workers who help me get to a lot of appointments and obligations. Henrico County has a great support network, but the fine details are out of their control. All I want for my daughter is the things in life I wasn't able to experience. Stability, comfort, safety. I'm doing my best with very limited resources. Sometimes it gets hard to manage. I'm unsure what to do next and feel like I have tried everything. With that being said I will be a year clean in June and am overall grateful for what I have accomplished.

Serenity