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April 20, 2023

Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority

RE: Cooperative Projects Involving Cities and Counties

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to express the firm support of Centra Health to the implementation of Horizon Behavioral Health's Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) including the detoxification program for individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD) or other substance use disorder which will be supported through funding from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.

Through collaboration with Horizon, the Central Virginia localities will support the development of an eight bed detoxification unit for individuals with an opioid use disorder and/or other substance use disorder, to provide a needed level of care in our community. This project will aim to divert individuals with an OUD away from emergency departments and residential facilities toward addiction-specific services locally in the community.

As a regional non-profit healthcare system based in Lynchburg, Centra serves over 500,000 people as a provider of critical medical services in central and southern Virginia. We exist to improve the health and quality of life for the communities we serve. The need for this program is reflected not only in Centra's 2021-2024 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) which lists access to mental health services as a top priority for the Lynchburg region, but also as one of Centra's top organizational strategies. We must focus on innovative treatment programs and partnering with our community to grow and develop much needed behavioral health services.

Together we will leverage strengths with other community organizations to make a greater difference in our community and the future of our community members by instilling hope, empowerment, and recovery through funding for the detoxification unit at the CRC for individuals with an opioid use disorder or other substance use disorder.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Carrier".

Amy Carrier
Centra President and CEO





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April 17, 2023

Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to express the strong support of the Lynchburg Police Department for the implementation of Horizon Behavioral Health's Crisis Receiving Center (CRC). This includes the detoxification program for individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD) or other substance use disorder which will be supported through funding from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.

Through collaboration with Horizon, the Central Virginia localities will support the development of an eight-bed detoxification unit for individuals with an opioid use disorder and/or other substance use disorder, to provide a needed level of care in our community. This project will aim to divert individuals with an OUD away from emergency departments and residential facilities toward addiction-specific services locally in the community.

The Lynchburg Police Department and our community have benefited from a long-standing relationship with Horizon Behavioral Health through a variety of programs that provide impactful services to our residents in greatest need. The CRC and its affiliated programs will offer a readily available level of service that currently doesn't exist, while also reducing the demand for law enforcement services.

Together we will leverage strengths with other local organizations to make a greater difference in our community and the future of our community members. This will be done by instilling hope, empowerment, and recovery through funding for the detoxification unit at the CRC for individuals with an opioid use disorder or other substance use disorder.

Sincerely,

Ryan M. Zuidema
Chief of Police
Lynchburg Police Department



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April 18, 2023

Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority

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and Counties**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express the firm support of name of Miriam's House to the implementation of Horizon Behavioral Health's Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) including the detoxification program for individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD) or other substance use disorder which will be supported through funding from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.

Through collaboration with Horizon, the Central Virginia localities will support the development of an eight bed detoxification unit for individuals with an opioid use disorder and/or other substance use disorder, to provide a needed level of care in our community. This project will aim to divert individuals with an OUD away from emergency departments and residential facilities toward addiction-specific services locally in the community.

For 30 years, Miriam's House has worked to end homelessness in the Central Virginia region. We recognize that a critical component in fulfilling our mission is the existence of recovery services in the community. A detoxification program is vital in ensuring housing stability for formerly homeless households and we look forward to continued collaboration with Horizon as we serve the community.

I am happy to answer any questions regarding our support of this project and can be reached at sarah@miriamshouse.org or 434.847.1101.

Sincerely,

Sarah Quarantotto, MSW
Executive Director

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Roads to Recovery

Supporting Recovery Every Single Day

April 25, 2023

Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to express Roads to Recovery's support for the implementation of Horizon Behavioral Health's Crisis Receiving Center (CRC) including the medical detoxification program for individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) or other substance use disorder which will be supported through funding from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority.

Through collaboration with Horizon, the Central Virginia localities will support the development of an eight-bed medical detoxification unit for individuals with an opioid use disorder and/or other substance use disorder, to provide a needed level of care in our community. This project will aim to divert individuals with an OUD away from emergency departments and residential facilities toward addiction-specific services locally in the community.

Roads to Recovery is a Recovery Community Organization that provides peer-based, non-clinical residential and center-based services to support recovery from substance use and co-occurring disorders in Central Virginia. Our goal is to work with our community partners to develop and mobilize resources to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery from substance use disorders.

Together we will leverage strengths with other community organizations to make a greater difference in our community and the future of our community members by instilling hope, empowerment, and recovery through funding for the detoxification unit at the CRC for individuals with an opioid use disorder or other substance use disorder.

Sincerely,

Sandy Kanehl, M.Ed., CSAC, CPRS
Founder and CEO
Roads to Recovery, Inc.