



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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Department of Health Care Services  
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Re: Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports Sorrel Leaf Healing Center's application for the BHCIP grant. Sorrel Leaf is a newly formed youth mental health program serving children (ages 7-12) and adolescents (ages 13-18) experiencing a mental health crisis coming from Humboldt and the surrounding counties' diverse backgrounds. This full spectrum of care will include a mobile response team, a 3-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit and a 9-bed Crisis Residential Treatment Center to address moderate to severe mental health crises, including but not limited to major depressive disorder with or without suicidality, anxiety disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and developmental trauma.

If this grant is funded, Humboldt County commits to continuing a collaborative partnership with Sorrel Leaf Healing Center through ongoing support, advisement, and linkage. This center is vitally important to our community, as our nearest pediatric mental health facility is over 200 miles away while our young population is among the most traumatized in the state with one of the highest youth suicide rates in California. Humboldt County will provide referrals and/or supports to Sorrel Leaf Healing Center who will support our community in diverting young people from unnecessary hospitalizations or incarcerations.

The Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) provides Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) funding to construct, acquire and rehabilitate real estate assets or to invest in mobile crisis infrastructure to expand the community continuum of behavioral health treatment resources, including vitally needed youth mental health services. We fully support Sorrel Leaf Healing Center's mission and its application for the BHCIP grant to complete construction of their facility at 124 Indianola Road in Eureka so this much needed service can be provided in our community.

Sincerely,

Virginia Bass, Chair  
County of Humboldt