



AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**C-1**

# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: August 16, 2016

Date: August 5, 2016  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass  
Subject: Open Door Community Health Centers Letter of Support for Funding Request

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors has been asked to send a letter in support of Open Door Community Health Centers funding request for a US DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Service Area Competition grant for the period 2017-2019. This funding is vital to the Open Door's ability to serve the primary medical, dental and behavioral health needs of a significant portion of our community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW: Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:  
 Consent  
 Departmental  
 Public Hearing  
 Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg  
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Aug. 16, 2016  
By: Kathy Hayes  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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August 16, 2016

Herrmann Spetzler  
Chief Executive Officer  
Open Door Community Health Centers  
670 Ninth Street, Suite 203  
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear CEO Spetzler:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for your US DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Service Area Competition application for the period 2017-2019. We recognize that this grant is part of the normal HRSA funding cycle and key to your continued ability to serve the primary medical, dental and behavioral health needs of a significant portion of our community.

Open Door Community Health Centers continues to evolve as a comprehensive system of care for our community. We understand that the demand for access to care is at an all-time high. Because of the access to health care insurance provided by managed Medi-Cal and the ACA, many people are now insured and seeking care for problems long ignored. Simultaneously, the Open Door Community Health Centers continue to experience a decrease in the number of private practitioners in the area, particularly those who accept these insurance programs. Open Door's continued availability and expansion are critical to the health of our friends and neighbors.

The Board has long supported the work of the Open Door Community Health Centers, and believes that together we will be able to improve the health and health care of this area.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Open Door Community Health Centers and bringing our collective efforts to bear on the many health needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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