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Re: Letter of Support for Service Area Competition Application by
Open Door Community Health Centers

Dear Ms. Spetzler:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in support of the Open Door Community Health Center's application for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Service Area Competition grant. It is understood that this is a competitive continuation application to maintain high quality health care in the area. Open Door has proven itself worthy of this support.

Humboldt County has worked with Open Door for many years to improve the health of our residents. It has become the single largest provider of primary medical, dental and behavioral health care, including significant substance use disorder services, in the counties of Del Norte and Humboldt. Open Door has always been a collaborative partner seeking ways to address the demands for quality care in this large rural community.

Open Door continues to evolve and expand as a comprehensive system of care. This is at a time when demand for care continues to increase. The advent of expanded Medicaid and private coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) combined with reductions in the private sector increases Open Door's essential role.

We enthusiastically support this application and look forward to continuing our collective efforts to bear on the many needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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