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RE: Letter of Support – Transition of Group Homes from Sierra Child and Family Services to Summitview Child & Family Services, Inc.

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency was recently informed that Sierra Child and Family Services will be closing their two group homes, and that Summitview Child and Family Services is willing to resume operation of both homes. El Dorado County has contracted for foster care and children's mental health services from Sierra and Summitview for many years and is writing in support of this transition.

This transition will not result in any increases to the overall number of beds in our county, and with the pending Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) legislation, having beds available that provide full service residential care is essential for a county our size.

Based on our history working with Summitview Child and Family Services, I endorse this transition and support the issuance of licenses to Summitview as well as the granting of a rate letter for those licenses.

If you have any questions, please let me know by reaching me at 530-642-7199 or via email at alexis.zoss@edcgov.us.

Sincerely,

Alexis Zoss
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