



**EL DORADO COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

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Interim Director**

Mental Health Division

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Rural Mental Health Community Dialogue Grant Review Committee
c/o Runyon Saltzman & Einhorn
One Capitol Mall, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: New Morning Youth & Family Services Application for a Stigma and Discrimination
Reduction Initiative Small and Frontier County Mental Health Community Dialogue Grant

Dear Members of the Grant Review Committee:

El Dorado County would like to acknowledge the Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Small and Frontier County Mental Health Community Dialogue Grant application being submitted by the New Morning Youth & Family Services (NMYFS) in El Dorado County.

NMYFS works with a wide-range of partners, including schools, law enforcement, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations to help children in our community. They operate the only in-County children's shelter, as well as providing counseling services to school-aged children, therapy groups and parenting classes.

El Dorado County believes NMYFS will bring their experience in working with children and families to the dialogue given their work in the community, to address the goals of the Community Dialogue Grant application.

El Dorado County appreciates our community partners' activities, including those of the NMYFS, in raising awareness about mental health issues and working towards the reduction of stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness.

Sincerely,

Janet Walker-Conroy
Interim Director

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