



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

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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: Community Resource Center's 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 Community Resource Center (CRC), located in El Dorado County.

The CRC works with individuals and families in El Dorado County who are at risk of becoming, or are already, homeless. Many of the people the CRC assists have experienced mental health issues and/or received a mental illness diagnosis. Their clients often experience the type of stigma and discrimination this Community Dialogue Grant seeks to reduce.

El Dorado County believes the CRC will bring a unique perspective to the dialogue given their experience, meeting the goals of the Community Dialogue Grant application through local collaborative community dialogue events, including direct and focused contact with the El Dorado County Continuum of Care, faith-based organizations, and community and political leaders.

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

Sincerely,

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