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California Hub and Spoke System Services Department of Health Care Services Substance Use Disorder Compliance Division MS 2600 PO Box 997413 1501 Capitol Ave, Sacramento, CA 95899-7414

To the California Hub and Spoke System Services Grant Committee:

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors hereby formally expresses its support for Aegis Treatment Centers to receive the Opioid Crisis Grant. Aegis is well known in this field, and is one of the leading Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) treatment providers in the State of California. In our review of Aegis, we have found their programs to have an excellent record of clinical success in the treatment of opioid use disorders.

The County of El Dorado is a rural county with an increasing need for intervention among individuals abusing illicit and prescription opioids. In addition to the enormous suffering of these individuals and their families, this growing problem is affecting the State's health care, incarceration, and other societal costs. This trend extends across the board, but has hit rural areas especially hard. The County welcomes the California Hub and Spoke System (CA H&SS), as it may be a very effective way to expand access to treatment for specific populations that have a great need for opioid use disorder treatment and supports the development of the substance use disorder continuum of care services.

The County looks forward to collaborating with Aegis in the future to implement the CA H&SS model in both South Lake Tahoe and the West Slope. The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors supports Aegis for the award for the Opioid Crisis Grant.

Sincerely,

Shiva Frentzen, Chair Board of Supervisors County of El Dorado