



HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

Healthy People Living in Healthy Communities throughout El Dorado County

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CMSP Governing Board
ATTN: RFP Response
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RE: Support for El Dorado County Community Health Center Proposal

The Health Services Department, Public Health and Mental Health Divisions, strongly supports the El Dorado County Community Health Center's application for a CMSP Local Health Connections Pilot Project planning grant.

Homelessness is a critical issue in El Dorado County. A primary need of the homeless residents of our County is access to adequate health care. Despite serious budget shortfalls, which have required the County to reduce public services to mandated and funded levels, the Health Services Department continues to provide what resources it has available to aid community efforts to serve the needs of homeless people.

This pilot project, which will develop a plan to establish a system of care coordination, linkages to enabling services and disease management, will ensure that homeless people appropriately access a basic level of health care.

If the grant is awarded, we will participate on the planning team led by the El Dorado County Community Health Center to help support their development of a plan that addresses the grant implementation requirements of local-level care management, continuity of care, linkages to enabling services, disease management and disability advocacy and outreach relative to the targeted adult homeless population.

Sincerely,

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