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Sheila Martin, Chief Executive Officer  
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**RE: Letter of Support – Community Project Funding Request for Siouxland Mental Health Center’s Child and Adolescent Clinic**

Dear Siouxland Mental Health Services, INC,


On behalf of the Woodbury County, Iowa Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to provide a letter of support as a community/local organization partner of Siouxland Mental Health Center (SMHC). It is my understanding SMHC is applying for community project funding to assist with the costs associated with a new child and adolescent clinic. This new facility is designed to expand mental health and substance use disorder services to meet community needs and close gaps to comprehensive, coordinated behavioral health care.

SMHC has been providing services within the Siouxland community for over fifty years. New child and adolescent patients with serious emotional disturbance (SED) increased by 48% in the past two years. SMHC is currently treating over 1,500 child and adolescent patients for mental health issues. Because of this steady upsurge, SMHC, the designated Community Mental Health Center for Woodbury County in Iowa, has recognized a need to expand services to youth in new and innovative ways.

The purpose of this Letter of Support is to document the support and understanding of Siouxland Mental Health Center in collaboration with the Woodbury County, Iowa Board of Supervisors to assist all individuals, more specifically children and adolescents, experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis.

We are in support expansion of services that result in excellent outcomes for SMHC child and adolescent consumers.

Respectfully,



Matthew Ung  
Chairperson,  
Woodbury County, Iowa Board of Supervisors