

August 15, 2024

Mr. Demetris Pressley  
Chief Administrative Officer  
The Town of Eatonville  
307 E. Kennedy Blvd  
Eatonville, FL 32751

Dear Demetris:

Thank you so much for the time you and Council Woman Randolph spent earlier today learning about the partnership with Grace Medical Home and the Central Florida Black Nurses Association of Orlando (CFBNA) to bring direct medical services and community health education to Eatonville. I am so grateful for your willingness to help us think through potential host locations for these activities.

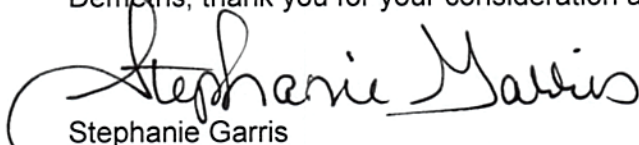
As I shared, Grace Medical Home is a not-for-profit multi-specialty medical practice exclusively for the uninsured, low-income people of Orange County, Florida. We cannot see patients who have public or private insurance and serve as a gap-filler for people who lack access to health services. Grace provides integrated, comprehensive, whole person health care with continuity for those who unable to access care due to insurance status and cost barriers. We are a 501c3 organization and have to raise our annual funding each year.

We are thrilled that we were 1 of 5 nonprofits awarded grant funding by the Winter Park Health Foundation in celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the community. Our proposed program is to bring our new mobile medical unit (MMU) to Eatonville for one week, 6 times a year, to provide direct patient care to our existing patients who live or work close to Eatonville, Winter Park and Maitland. However, a new feature of the Unit that is funded in this grant is to provide heart health education and screening for all community members and make sure anyone who screens positive to be at-risk for heart disease has access to a medical home. The attached one-pager gives more details about this program.

We are looking for a place where we can bring our fully-self contained MMU to Eatonville for one week, 6 times/year, where our patients can have medical appointments. This is especially important for patients with transportation barriers. We would also like a larger space where the CFBNA can offer a community education session and screenings. You mentioned the Denton Johnson Center might be a possibility. We talked about a potential date in November which works for us. The unit is currently scheduled to be in Apopka from Oct. 7 to 17, but otherwise we are flexible. We can add the Town of Eatonville as an additional insured and complete any paperwork needed.

For the Education Sessions, we would also love to explore whether there might be any funding to help with incentives or food. I'm currently allocating \$2,000 from the grant to help with this, but I also know there are many more incentives or health tools that could be distributed to promote heart health that far exceeds the funding we have.

Demetris, thank you for your consideration and let me know if you have any questions.

  
Stephanie Garris  
Chief Executive Officer