

Catholic Community Service

Hospice and Home Care of Juneau • SAFE Child Advocacy Center • Southeast Senior Services

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TO: Beth Weldon, Mayor
City and Borough of Juneau
Beth.Weldon@juneau.org

Dear Mayor Weldon,

On June 28, Catholic Community Service Board President John Greely informed the Board of Directors of Bartlett Regional Hospital that CCS was experiencing financial challenges in maintaining hospice and home health services due to the dramatic increase in the cost of providing healthcare services since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As always, our intention and goal is to ensure that those in Juneau who need home health care, and services at end of life, receive these services locally.

Our CCS Board of Directors has asked me to engage with SEARHC, Bartlett Regional Hospital and the City and Borough of Juneau to see how we might work together to maintain these services for the community. We have asked both BRH and SEARHC if either of them are willing and able to take on management of hospice and home health programs in Juneau.

Due to financial constraints, Catholic Community Service will stop taking referrals for new patients effective Friday, September 2, unless the agency is assured of receiving funding of \$50,000 per month to cover additional expenses and stem financial losses. CCS is committed to providing care to patients served by Hospice and Home Care of Juneau until they can be safely discharged or 3 months from date of final referral, whichever comes first.

Catholic Community Service is committed to serving Juneau and will do all we can to provide for a transition that will allow the citizens of Juneau to access hospice and home health services that are so critical to healing and quality of life for all.

I would be happy to discuss this more with you and answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 907-463-6151 or at erin.walker-tolles@ccsjuneau.org.

Thanks so much,

Erin Walker-Tolles
Executive Director

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