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December 10th, 2024

Phebe Bell
Behavioral Health Director
County of Nevada

Subject: Bond BHCIP Round 1 Letter of Support for the Rural Counties Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)/Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) project

I am writing this letter in support of your application for Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready funding.

The Town of Truckee fully supports this project, which will be located in, and managed by Nevada County and will serve several rural northern counties that currently have no inpatient treatment beds. The proposed project, a small cottage-like facility with 8 acute care (PHF) and 8 sub-acute care (MHRC) beds, would bring beds closer to rural residents and therefore improve access to care. In addition to addressing current needs, this project would position the rural counties to have the capacity for future demands from SB 43, Care Court, and other policy initiatives.

The Town of Truckee understands and experiences the challenges of not having local access to inpatient treatment for community members who need it. Our officers often encounter community members having a mental health crisis. Currently, we transport them to the local hospital but often then watch these individuals wait many hours to be placed in a treatment bed, and often that bed is hundreds of miles away. The slowness of this process is frustrating for community members, as well as impacting our hospital and our officers who sometimes need to wait alongside the person. By having this level of care in Nevada County, we will be able to ensure that people receive timely care during their times of crisis.

For all of these reasons, we support this application for BHCIP funds for this much-needed facility and appreciate Nevada County's leadership and efforts to bring this facility to our county and region.

Sincerely,
Jen Callaway – Town Manager
Town of Truckee