



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Title of Item: Letter for Lifelong Recovery

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested	
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY		<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*

Submitted by: Cynthia Bennett	Department: H&HS
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Presenter (Name and Title): Cynthia Bennett, Director	Estimated Time Needed: 5 minutes
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Summary of Issue:
Letter of support for Lifelong Recovery Center.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Financial Impact:
 Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No
 What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$
 Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*



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August 25, 2022

Minnesota Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division
Richard Moldenhauer
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540 Cedar Street
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Dear Mr. Moldenhauer:

Aitkin County Health and Human Services received a request from Lifelong Recovery Center to provide chemical dependency services in Aitkin County including: individual and group counseling, client education, integration of daily living skills, co-occurring disorders, and treatment coordination. Peer recovery resources will be optional and groups will not exceed 16 clients. Educational lectures will not exceed 40 clients. The program will offer an adult male inpatient 25 bed high intensity treatment service with psychological and psychiatric services and nursing services on site. The treatment center will be staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week with awake staff. Lifelong Recovery Center will be the first inpatient treatment program in Aitkin County and will add to the service delivery in Aitkin County.

Under Minnesota Rules 9530.6810 and MN Statutes 245G.03, a County Board shall submit a statement to the commissioner that either supports or does not support the need for the applicant's program within 60 days of the county board's receipt of the written request.

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports Lifelong Recovery Center request to provide individual and group counseling, client education, integration of daily living skills, co-occurring disorders, treatment coordination, peer recovery resources and inpatient treatment programming in Aitkin County. Having another service provider in the area would be beneficial for participants in having a choice of providers as well as having an inpatient option available locally.

Aitkin County Health and Human Services looks forward to working with Lifelong Recovery Center to assist in meeting the behavioral needs of our service area. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Larson, Aitkin county Health and Human Services Adult Social Services Supervisor at (218)927-7308.

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Respectfully,

J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc. Lifelong Recovery Center
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