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To Whom It May Concern,

Please receive this letter of support for Community Medical Services (CMS), who is a valued partner of the Milwaukee Fire Department and Milwaukee Health Department's Milwaukee Opioid Response Initiative since 2019. In the past two years, CMS's administration and staff have demonstrated themselves to be good stewards of the community's trust, providing outstanding service to patients in a timely, compassionate, and comprehensive manner.

The City of Milwaukee, much like many other communities across the world, has seen an uptick in opioid related emergencies. These emergencies present themselves in people who are represented in all walks of life, all professional circles, and racial and ethnic backgrounds. Efforts to provide rapid access to support services are equally as valuable as the locations of these services in communities of need, which also further reduces the stigma around substance-use disorder that adds to mortality and continued use. These services undoubtedly save lives and reduce the fatal impact of substance use that ravish families and communities alike.

CMS has demonstrated themselves to be a valuable partner as we work to reduce the impact that substance use has on our communities. As a valued partner in the city's treatment and healing process, we offer this letter of support for CMS.

Respectfully,

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