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Letter of Support for URAM to Expand its Services to Become Licensed as a Chemical Dependence Outpatient Treatment Program Provider

Dear Ms. Kilmer:

On behalf of Manhattan Community Board 10, I write in support of Upper Room AIDS Ministry (URAM)'s application to expand its services to become licensed as a Chemical Dependence Outpatient Treatment Program provider, to be located at the Willis Green Jr. Adult Day Healthcare Center (123-125 West 124th Street, New York, New York, 10027). As part of its application, URAM plans to exclude methadone treatment from its scope of services. URAM is a well-respected and established provider in the underserved communities of Central Harlem and East Harlem, and its staff understands the complex needs of its clients, all of whom face multiple health disparities and many of whom have chronic, comorbid medical and behavioral health conditions.

Since its inception in 1988, URAM has provided access to quality health care, HIV prevention and education, housing, and supportive wraparound services to individuals experiencing mental illness, substance use disorders, housing instability and homelessness, and social stigma to medically underserved communities of color in Harlem. URAM's integrated and holistic service delivery model aims to treat the whole person – mind, body, and spirit – in a compassionate and supportive environment in which clients learn to become their own advocates and acquire a new sense of well-being and independence.

URAM anticipates significant demand for the proposed Chemical Dependence Outpatient Treatment Program as part of its continuum of care. Clients who do not require intensive services offered as part of its Adult Day Health Care program will benefit from this more specialized service. These clients will receive chemical dependence services in the context of coordinated, wraparound medical, behavioral health, housing and case management services, which in turn increases the efficacy of chemical dependence treatment. The agency also emphasizes strong collaborations with numerous hospitals, residential substance use treatment providers, and other community agencies to ensure continuity of care.

We lend our full support to URAM's efforts to provide high-quality chemical dependence services to individuals in the underserved communities of Central and East Harlem by expanding our current services to include chemical dependence at the Willis Green Jr. Adult Day Healthcare Center.

Sincerely,

Henrietta Lyle
Chairperson
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