

October 21, 2024

Commissioner of Human Services Minnesota Department of Human Services Licensing Division PO Box 64242 St. Paul, MN 55164-0242

Dear Commissioner,

On behalf of Ramsey County Social Services, I am pleased to write this letter of support for Blooming Future facility in St. Paul. Over the past few years, the need for effective and accessible substance abuse treatment services has grown across all communities within the Twin Cities, including the East African community. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by the East African community, such as language barriers and cultural stigma related to substance use disorders, Blooming Future has assembled a team of professionals committed to opening an outpatient substance abuse treatment program to provide comprehensive care and support for individuals struggling with opioid use disorders.

Blooming Future is opening a 245G outpatient treatment center in the 3rd district. Their proposed treatment program is designed to offer evidence-based therapies, counseling services, peer support, and holistic approaches to address the complex needs of their clients. The facility will be staffed with highly trained and licensed professionals who are passionate about helping individuals on their journey to recovery. Furthermore, Blooming Future plans to collaborate with local community organizations, healthcare providers, and support networks to ensure a comprehensive continuum of care.

Ramsey County Social Services strongly supports Blooming Future efforts in securing the necessary licensing and accreditation, attracting financial support, and establishing crucial partnerships with relevant stakeholders and organizations.

We are confident in endorsing Blooming Future substance abuse treatment program and look forward to working with the Minnesota Department of Human Services in addressing the pressing issue of substance abuse, particularly opioids, in our community. We are dedicated to positive change and believe in the impact of this initiative.

Sincerely,

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