



January 3, 2023

Who may concern

On behalf of Christ the King Parish, I write this letter of endorsement and support for the Concord, Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) and their efforts to secure grants to purchase and develop Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) at 6 South Street in Concord.

Since its conception CCEH has had the goal to end homelessness in our community. This is a huge challenge. The only way this can happen is by efforts such as they are undertaking to make housing available through purchase and development. It is no secret that there is a shortage of affordable housing, and the most vulnerable find themselves shut out and unfortunately some become homeless.

We, as a parish community have supported CCEH in many ways. We have a number of our parishioners who are volunteers at the resource center, as well as the winter shelter. We also make donations of clothing and personal care items for the homeless. We have contributed financially to the winter shelter, building project and other purchase and development efforts that CCEH has undertaken.

We have seen firsthand the positive impact that CCEH has had on our community and we want to strongly encourage any groups, businesses, organizations, financial institutions and government agencies who have grants available, to approve and award grants to this worthy project.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rev. Richard A. Roberge", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Richard A Roberge, Pastor

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Greg Lessard
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RE: Letter of Support for Permanent Supportive Housing at 6 South Street in Concord

Dear Mr. Lessard,

The New Hampshire Community Loan Fund strongly supports the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness's (CCEH) forward-thinking project to create eight, one-bedroom apartments of permanent supportive housing at 6 South Street in Concord. With an extreme shortage of affordable housing in New Hampshire, especially for those experiencing homelessness, these are critically needed new housing units. The Coalition in partnership with Concord Housing & Development is uniquely positioned to bring this project to fruition and ensure its long-term success.

The Community Loan Fund's main office is in this neighborhood, and we very much support development of permanent supportive housing at this location. The building is currently underutilized and would be in keeping with the mixed-use nature of the neighborhood. The location is walkable to downtown, on the bus route and is near many services including Riverbend Community Mental Health which will help to support its future tenants. We look forward to welcoming new neighbors to the neighborhood.

Thank you,

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Steve Saltzman



January 9, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Concord Hospital, please accept this letter in support of the efforts of the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) project to establish a program for Permanent Supportive Housing in Concord, NH. As we all know, the housing crisis has far reaching consequences in our communities, but more so for our most vulnerable citizens. These consequences impact not just the stability of the individual experiencing housing insecurity, but impacts the wellness of our community as a whole.

Concord Hospital's most recent Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) highlighted homelessness and housing insecurity as a significant priority need for our community to address. The work of CCEH will directly impact and improve the challenges that our community members are facing.

With this housing model, we anticipate that those served will have more consistent access and connection to the social and medical services that enhance overall physical and mental health.

Providing affordable supported housing is a significant step to lift our community members out of a challenging situation. We feel this model will provide the foundation for residents to become active and positive contributors to the improvement of our community as a whole.

Concord Hospital looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with CCEH around the needs of the community we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Betsey Rhyhart'.

Betsey Rhyhart, MPH
Vice President, Population Health

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EXISTS TO MEET THE
HEALTH NEEDS OF
INDIVIDUALS WITHIN
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IT SERVES.

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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Rev. Emilia Halstead and I am the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Concord, NH. I am writing this letter in support of the plan proposed by the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) to purchase and develop Permanent Support Housing at 6 South Street in Concord.

First Congregational Church of Concord has supported the mission and vision of CCEH since its start in 2008. The project at 6 South Street helps CCEH continue to live into its inspiring vision: A Concord community where everyone has a safe, decent, stable and affordable place to live. Additionally, we understand that this project will add 6 units to Concord's housing stock, which is essential in order to bring their vision to fruition.

We affirm that the location of this property is well-suited for Permanent Support Housing as it is in walkable distance to downtown, is on the bus route, and in very close proximity to Riverbend Community Mental Health.

To further assist in the realization of their vision, CCEH Housing Support Specialists will provide general supportive services such as helping individuals moving in and getting settled in their new home, as well as work with tenants on developing independent living skills such as budgeting and paying bills, keeping their home clean and safe, preventing and resolving conflicts with neighbors and the property management.

Knowing that Permanent Support Housing is an evidenced-based practice that assists chronically homeless individuals obtain and keep housing that is decent, safe, affordable, and integrated into their community, we strongly encourage your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Rev. Emilia G. Halstead
Pastor



January 6, 2023

Karen M. Jantzen, MPA
Executive Director
Concord Coalition to End Homelessness

Dear Karen:

Riverbend Community Mental Health, Inc. is pleased to offer support to Concord Coalition to End Homelessness' (CCEH) efforts to expand housing opportunities in our community, specifically through a Permanent Supportive Housing program at 6 South State Street in Concord. Riverbend has a long standing collaborative relationship with CCEH to provide a variety of mental health and addition services to those who may be experiencing homelessness.

Riverbend is one of New Hampshire's ten (10) Community Mental Health Centers contracted with New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services to provide state-funded community mental health services. Riverbend is assigned to Region four (4), a geographical region that includes Concord. Any person living in the Region 4 catchment area can potentially receive services from Riverbend in accordance to all the rules and regulations governing the community mental health service delivery system in NH.

Clients are assessed for eligibility for state supported services. Once determined eligible, Riverbend works collaboratively with the client to develop individualized service plans which may include goals and/or objectives related to maintaining housing. Services available to these eligible clients include: care coordination, functional support services, supported employment, therapy and medication evaluation and management. Riverbend also has the capacity to provide Individualized Resiliency and Recovery Oriented Services (IROS) in private residences or elsewhere in the community. IROS services are aimed at helping people to cope more effectively with symptoms of severe mental illnesses which can have a large impact on a person's ability to maintain independent living arrangements. It is important to note, all services are voluntary.

Lack of housing is a critical issue in our communities. It is especially difficult for those who need support and guidance to secure long term housing. CCEH has an extremely successful history of providing safe, affordable housing. Riverbend fully supports their expansion to include 6 South State Street. We will continue to be available to support the residents.

Sincerely,
Lisa K. Madden, MSW

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President & CEO
Riverbend Community Mental Health

Cc: Gregory Lessard, CCEH
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Re: Concord Coalition to End Homelessness Proposal for Permanent Supportive Housing

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a resident of Concord, NH and write in strong support of the application of the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) proposal to expand permanent supportive housing (PSH) in Concord. The funding requested will enable Concord to move dramatically closer to ending chronic homelessness with the addition/improvement of urgently needed housing units designed for those with support needs.

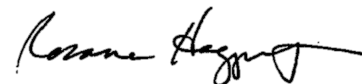
PSH is an evidenced-based practice for resolving chronic homelessness. Decent, safe, affordable housing linked to needed support services and integrated into the community is a proven path to reductions in homelessness for a community as well as a life-saving measure for those experiencing chronic homelessness. Professional property managers oversee the housing, and CCEH Housing Support Specialists work with tenants on budgeting and paying bills, keeping their home clean and safe, preventing and resolving conflicts with neighbors. The location of this property is well-suited for PSH as it is walkable to downtown, is on the bus route, and easily accessible to essential services.

The requested resources will advance CCEH's "Paths Toward Housing Solutions" initiative to assist vulnerable individuals who have been unable to secure housing given the limited supply of rental housing currently available. The CCEH proposal represents an innovative and urgently needed solution to this dilemma.

I have worked in the homelessness field for several decades, and lead a national not-for-profit that assists communities in implementing a public health approach to ending homelessness. From our work with more than 100 communities, we see the powerful role that PSH has had in saving lives, reducing and ending chronic homelessness and strengthening local housing and public health systems.

I'm grateful that Concord has a strategy to end chronic homelessness, an organization with the capacity to achieve this vision, and this important opportunity. Your support of this important request will help to end chronic homelessness in Concord.

Sincerely,



Rosanne Haggerty



The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

107 North Main Street, Concord, N.H. 03301-4951

January 4, 2023

Re: Concord Coalition to End Homelessness Proposal for Permanent Supportive Housing

To Whom it May Concern:

I currently represent New Hampshire Senate District 15, including the communities of Hopkinton, Bow and our capital city of Concord. With great enthusiasm, I am writing in support for the Concord, Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) and their efforts to secure grants to purchase and develop Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The funding requested will enable Concord to move dramatically closer to ending chronic homelessness with the addition/improvement of urgently needed housing units designed for those with support needs.

Providing Permanent Supportive Housing is an evidence-based practice that has been proven to be cost-effective and is considered a best-practice for ending chronic homelessness. It also allows people to live with dignity and become contributing members of our community.

The requested resources are fully aligned with their strategic and practical plan to end chronic homelessness in Concord, titled "Paths Toward Housing Solutions." They are an organization that has the capacity to achieve this vision.

Your support of this important request will help to end chronic homelessness in Concord.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Becky Whitley".

Senator Becky Whitley
NH Senate District 15



January 3, 2023

To: Mayor Jim Bouley and members of the Concord City Council.

I write this letter on behalf of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce in support of the CDBG grant application from the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) for the purchase of 6 South State Street in Concord to convert the property into 8 one- bedroom units for people exiting homelessness.

Given the current extremely low inventory of available housing at all levels, Concord's homeless population has grown considerably over the past few years. A certain percentage of these individuals will be homeless on a temporary basis, a but a growing proportion are falling into the chronic category.

The CCEH has a proven track record of seeking innovative ways to provide permanent housing and ongoing support for the chronic homeless population. The organization is dedicated to ending chronic homelessness in Concord. They believe, as I do, that this is an achievable goal. As a member of the CCEH advisory board, I have seen first hand how they have stepped up to provide emergency, low barrier housing to some of Concord's most vulnerable people during the winter months, have provided counselling, referrals and basic services (laundry, showers, clothing, basic supplies) and more. The CCEH is a crucial organization in the Concord area human service network, and partners very effectively within that network.

With a reluctance on the part of many landlords to rent to individuals with a history of homelessness, the CCEH has embarked upon a path to find small, multi family homes to purchase and rent to clients at whatever income level the client can afford. This approach, combined with ongoing support services, is a proven strategy to accomplish zero chronic homelessness.

I hope you will give all consideration to this grant application, and I thank you in advance for your consideration, as well as your continued and ongoing support on behalf of your constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Sink". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Timothy G. Sink, CCE
President

January 6, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Wilcox & Barton, Inc., I write this letter of endorsement and support for the Concord, Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) and their efforts to secure grants to purchase and develop Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The funding requested will enable Concord to move significantly closer to ending chronic homelessness.

Wilcox & Barton, Inc. supports CCEH's mission to end homelessness in the Capital Region. As a New Hampshire company with an office in Concord, we care deeply about the community and agree that every person should have a place to call home. Wilcox & Barton, Inc. supports CCEH in many ways. We donate civil and environmental engineering services that are required in the feasibility stage of a project. We are also a top sponsor at their two fund raising events and our staff provide over 100 hours of event volunteer time. CCEH recognizes Wilcox & Barton, Inc. as an Arch of Support and Pillar of Support

The requested resources will advance CCEH's "Paths Toward Housing Solutions" initiative to assist vulnerable individuals who have been unable to secure housing given the limited supply of rental housing currently available. CCEH "Paths" are an innovative and practical approach for an urgently needed solution to this dilemma.

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Wilcox & Barton, Inc. strongly encourages any groups, businesses, organizations, financial institutions, and government agencies, to approve and award grants to their worthy mission.

Sincerely,

WILCOX & BARTON, INC.



William R. Wilcox, Jr.
President