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***Isabel Becerra,***  
President/Chief Executive Officer

April 14, 2021

Lisa Shelton-Finch  
Chief Executive Officer  
North Orange County Regional Health Foundation  
Dba Family Health Matters Community Health Center (FHM)  
1182 N. Euclid Street  
Anaheim, CA 92801

Re: Family Health Matters' School-Based Service Site in the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District.

Dear Ms. Shelton-Finch:

The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers is pleased to provide our strong support for FHM's proposed school-based service site to be located near Melrose Elementary and Valadez Middle School Academy in Placentia, California.

Founded in 1990 as a women's health center in response to the urgent and unmet health needs of the area's female residents, FHM has a long history of providing health care services based upon community need. To support these efforts, FHM has grown to become a licensed community clinic in 2008, a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike in 2012, and a HRSA-funded Federally Qualified Health Center in 2019. Through the FHM permanent health center site and your mobile clinic(s), along with the utilization of telehealth services, FHM provides comprehensive primary medical care, dental care, and behavioral health care services to our neediest residents.

The students and families of Melrose Elementary and Valadez Middle School have experienced long-standing and ongoing economic inequality. Sadly, the COVID19 pandemic has induced far-reaching economic devastation and created a public health crisis due to the documented loss of service industry jobs and the related loss of health insurance. Health sector providers have identified a quantifiable decrease in the utilization of vital preventative and curative services and an increase in depression and other mental health issues since the start of the pandemic and there doesn't seem to be an end in sight.

Through FHM's proposed school-based clinic, FHM will offer primary medical care and behavioral health care services through the permanent school-based clinic along with dental and vision services through the mobile clinic(s), expanding whole-person care to

the underserved and low-income Hispanic residents in the school's catchment area. In addition, FHM will continue to support, as needed, the establishment and operation of COVID testing and vaccination clinics to assure equitable access to the school's staff, students, and the community.

The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers serves a diverse membership of 25 independent 501 (c) 3 non-profit Health Care Organizations with over 70 health center locations throughout Orange County. Through the primary care safety net, Coalition OC's members serve over 380,000 patients annually. They are committed to providing quality, culturally and linguistically appropriate health care services to all. The Coalition OC's membership provides a comprehensive array of services including primary medical (pediatric/women's health/youth/geriatric), dental, behavioral, vision, substance abuse and urgent care services. In addition, the following wrap around services are essential to address compliance and social determinants of health: chronic disease management, radiology, laboratory, health education, mobile health units, HIV treatment and prevention, pharmacy, nutrition, food bank and legal services.

FHM is an engaged community partner in Orange County and has worked diligently to identify needs, develop programs, and support partnerships that have made a difference for our communities. The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers strongly supports your proposed school-based service site and we look forward to your program's success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Isabel Becerra", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Isabel Becerra  
President and CEO  
Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers