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Minneapolis City Council  
350 South 5th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: Proposed Hennepin County Medical Center Crisis Stabilization Services Facility

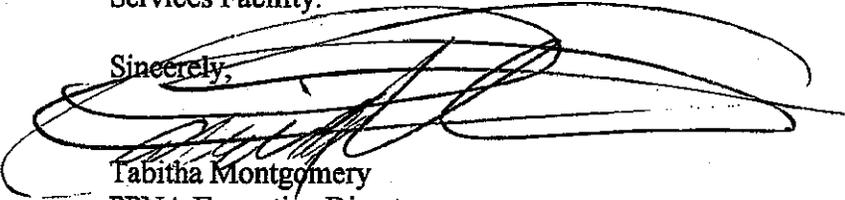
Dear Council Members:

Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) has engaged the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) to foster community support for a proposed Crisis Stabilization Services Facility to be located at 3633 Chicago Avenue South in Minneapolis.

Representatives from HCMC have demonstrated a commitment over the last several months to engage with community members in understanding the need for additional Crisis Stabilization Services in Minneapolis. These representatives are working with neighborhood members to help them understand the patient population that will be served by the Facility, and the types of services that would be delivered to these patients under a health care program that will be licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Based upon our community's positive interactions with HCMC during this community engagement process, and our understanding of the facility and services that will be provided by HCMC in this location, the PPNA offers its support for HCMC's proposed Crisis Stabilization Services Facility.

Sincerely,



Tabitha Montgomery  
PPNA Executive Director

## **HCMC Crisis Stabilization Community Engagement Activities**

### **3633 Chicago Avenue South – Powderhorn Park**

- During Summer 2015, HCMC Behavioral Health Nursing Director spearheaded 2 community meetings for the residents of Powderhorn Park at the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA).
- HCMC behavioral health representatives walked door-to-door and spoke with business owners and residents in a 3-block radius of the proposed site. This was suggested by the Powderhorn residents at the first meeting and was done before the second meeting.
- HCMC created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) to be posted on PPNA website and as a resource for PPNA staff if residents call in with questions. This was done at the request of those who attended the PPNA community meetings.
- Tabitha Montgomery the Executive Director of the PPNA has emailed the FAQ's to the surrounding neighborhood association Executive Directors for their websites.
- HCMC has extended an invitation to meet with the other Executive Directors and have community meetings for their residents. Tabitha Montgomery has been facilitating these introductions.
- If HCMC acquires the property, the Crisis Residential program manager will have continuous communication with the PPNA per their request after the facility opens.
- Future activities: HCMC staff plans to meet with the PPNA board at their next board meeting in December. HCMC management will conduct further neighborhood walk-arounds scheduled in November with the FAQ's.