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## **SUPPORT FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES' BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTINUUM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (BHCIP) LAUNCH READY GRANT APPLICATION - EDGEMOOR ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC UNIT**

As the County Supervisor for District 2, which represents the East Region of San Diego County, I am pleased to support the County of San Diego (County) Behavioral Health Services' grant application to the State of California, Department of Health Care Services, under the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Launch Ready Grant Opportunity. If awarded, funding will support an important capital/construction project, the **Edgemoor Acute Psychiatric Unit**.

The **Edgemoor Acute Psychiatric Unit** project will add a 12-bed acute psychiatric unit to the existing Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility (DPSNF) campus, allowing SNF residents to continue to receive the appropriate specialty psychiatric care without requiring transfer out of their residence and community, thereby increasing accessibility to this vulnerable population. This will provide a new critical service in the East Region designed to divert people from unnecessary hospitalization and connect them to community-based care.

Establishing an acute psychiatric unit within Edgemoor is a top priority for my office and will fill a critical gap in the care continuum. This service will support equitable access to services within the region and reducing geographical barriers to services by serving adults in their communities close to their networks of support. Edgemoor DPSNF consistently achieves top rankings for overall performance data and peer recommendations, and in 2021, was named one of the best facilities of its kind in the state and the nation by Newsweek magazine. If awarded, this level of excellence in care will carry forward into the proposed acute psychiatric unit. This project is one of several innovative behavioral health infrastructure development projects that will increase regional access to behavioral health care across San Diego County.

This **Edgemoor Acute Psychiatric Unit** project advances the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically unserved and underserved communities, and I am proud to support this proposal. For questions, please feel free to contact Victoria Floyd at [victoria.floyd@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:victoria.floyd@sdcounty.ca.gov).

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Sincerely,

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