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RE: Letter of Interest: Health Home Application to Serve Children

Dear Ms. Astin,

On behalf of the Greater Rochester Health Home Network, LLC (GRHHN), please accept this letter as an indication of our interest to submit a Health Home Application to Serve Children. We understand that the submission of this Letter of Interest is optional, and the information contained herein is not binding and does not create an obligation to submit a Health Home Application to Serve Children.

The Greater Rochester Health Home Network is a designated Health Home that has been in operation since the initiation of Health Homes in our region. We do not foresee that our application to serve children would include a change in our governance structure. GRHHN anticipates it would serve the Finger Lakes Region, including Monroe and the surrounding Counties.

Our application will reflect our ability to adhere to NYSDOH Principles for Health Homes Serving Children. It will demonstrate expansion of our network to ensure inclusion of health care providers, community support services, and care managers with expertise in serving the unique needs of children and their families. It will also identify the development of partnerships with multiple systems that serve children. GRHHN supports the State's vision for serving children, and acknowledges that the expertise of the family/caregiver is primary and decisions regarding goal priorities should be set by the family/caregiver. We intend to demonstrate our capability to tailor the Health Home core services to support achievement of the highest possible quality of life and functioning for children and their families.

GRHHN looks forward to leveraging our current infrastructure and expertise to meet the needs of this unique population. Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Deborah Peartree, RN, MS, IA

Executive Director