

April 18, 2022

Paul Haffner, President & CEO Lighthouse Youth & Family Services 401 E. McMillan Street Cincinnati, OH 45206

Dear Mr. Haffner,

I am writing in support of Lighthouse Youth & Family Service's proposal to support new mental health and residential treatment at Lighthouse Youth Center at Paint Creek facility in Bainbridge, Ohio. Funds would be used to conduct site demolition, clearing, and basic infrastructure to improve the facility, as well as architectural and engineering costs.

Paint Creek has operated since 1986 and is a residential treatment facility for youth in Ohio Department of Youth Services or public child welfare custody. The mission of Lighthouse Youth & Family Services is to empower young people and families to succeed through a continuum of care that promotes healing and growth. Their vision is to be the leader in creating a community where every young person has the opportunity to thrive.

The Paint Valley Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Services Board's mission is to enhance the behavioral healthcare system for our communities, ensuring individuals and families have access to person-centered, evidenced-based treatment and support.

The Paint Valley ADAMH) Board continues to support the Lighthouse Youth & Family Services programming as a way for youth and families to strengthen their relationships. The continued success of Lighthouse Youth and Family Services is vital to the behavioral healthcare system of our communities.

Sincerely,

Penny Dehner Executive Director

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