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Hello Jennifer,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend tonight's committee hearing. In my absence I would like to pass along my comments as well as the attached letter of support from Carrie Simon, Mental Health Program Specialist from Dane County Human Services. While Chrysalis is a new program in the eyes of the City Community Development Division, Chrysalis has been transforming lives through work for adults living with mental illnesses for over 30 years. In our or proposal we hope to increase the numbers of individuals able to benefit from the employment supports offered through Chrysalis. In these difficult financial times, we understand that budget cuts do not make funding community service programs very easy, however, the money Chrysalis needs to support this population is directly reinvested into the city of Madison in the form of taxable income. In 2011, Chrysalis clients earned a total of \$100,000 in taxable income.

Not only does this support generate revenue in our community, Chrysalis also gives people hope, pride, and purpose, in what can often be an extremely isolating word, especially when dealing with mental illness. In our original proposal we hoped to fund a staff position to connect an additional 20 adults to services. I am now requesting \$20,000 to support a half time employment specialist position. This individual would have the ability to work with 12 unduplicated clients. I appreciate the time that was taken to read through each and every proposal and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dani Rischall

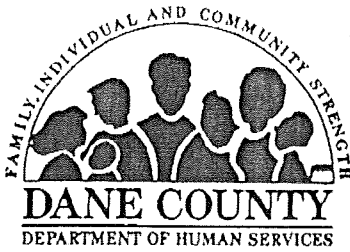
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July 23, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Chrysalis's application for grant funding from the City of Madison. Chrysalis provides a valuable service to citizens of Madison, both by helping individuals with disabilities find meaningful work and through the economic impact of decreasing unemployment. While there is a wide array of quality services available to persons with severe and persistent mental illnesses here in Madison, most of these services do not provide the individualized employment supports that many need to succeed in joining the workforce. Chrysalis follows the Individualized Placement and Support model of Supported Employment, an evidence-based practice that has proven to be an effective approach to vocational rehabilitation for persons with mental illnesses. Dane County's Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) team is able to provide this level of service internally, however less intensive services such as Community Support Programs (CSPs) and Case Management Programs are not. Chrysalis's Supported Employment Program partners with these programs to augment existing services with the vocational supports necessary to maintain community based employment.

As the Dane County contract manager for the Chrysalis Supported Employment Program, I can provide assurance that the acquisition of outside revenue by our Purchase of Service agencies is highly encouraged. While the budgetary climate remains tenuous at best, outside funding would not supplant existing funding provided by Dane County Human Services. That said, since the 2013 budget is still in process, I cannot make any guarantees about funding levels as yet. However, I can assure you that decisions about Dane County funding for Chrysalis are made independent of awards by outside funders. We are fortunate to have Community Recovery Services (CRS) funding now available to CRS is a State Plan Benefit which allows Supported Employment services to be billed to Medical Assistance. This provides a ongoing federal funding which allows for sustainability of Supported Employment Services.

If you have any questions or would like to hear more about our experience in contracting with Chrysalis for Supported Employment Services, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carrie Simon
Mental Health Program Specialist
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