



July 21, 2022

Monroe County Purchasing and Central Services
39 West Main Street
Room 200
Rochester, NY 14614

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Villa of Hope – a human service agency providing a comprehensive behavioral health continuum of care for youth, adults, and families living with trauma, mental health issues, and substance use needs. Based in Rochester, they serve thousands of individuals annually through Monroe County and the Finger Lakes Region. As you are aware, the mental health needs of Monroe County residents are exponentially increasing and Villa of Hope is stepping up to meet those needs.

Trillium Health has been a collaborator with, and a receiver of services performed by the Villa of Hope for many years. The relationship we have with the Villa has been long-standing and we have partnered on a number of endeavors.

We would like to support Villa of Hope's application for Monroe County's American Rescue Plan Act funding. The Villa is applying to launch Hope on the Horizon – a youth drop-in center based in the City of Rochester focused on meeting the mental health needs of youth ages 13-21 in the Greater Rochester community. The program will support mental health needs, address social determinants of health, reduce community violence, and connect to needed resources in the community.

Trillium Health is excited to hear about this opportunity and is committed to properly supporting the Villa. Thank you for considering their proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea DeMeo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrea" and last name "DeMeo" clearly legible.

Andrea DeMeo
CEO and President