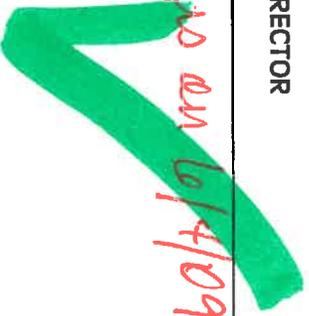


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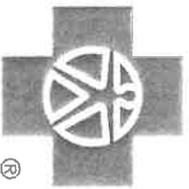
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Dear Dr. Myers:

Thank you for your recent application to our Foundation. We are very much in favor of supporting your overall objective. However, after careful consideration, we believe that the grant request that was submitted needs modifying before we are able to commit to funding it. Therefore, we are declining the Foundation's participation at this time.

We would like to meet with you sometime over the next month to discuss the areas that concerned us. We would like to specifically discuss the following issues:

- The potential sites and the level of interest to implement this in the rural areas. We understand there is interest in Richland County, but would like to know the practitioners in rural counties by the zip codes you designated who are willing to discuss the potential implementation of this program? We would like to see further clarification of specifically how the practitioners would implement this in their offices.
- Is there the necessary pool of behavioral health practitioners in the rural areas identified? Although there may be practitioners for these zip codes, what is the potential to expand this program to other identified counties? Please be prepared to elaborate on the financial and physical ability to expand.
- What stipulations would be in place to ensure that physician offices are committed to participating? What type of contractual obligations would you specify in order for the practice to receive the \$25,000 per site reimbursement.

As we talked about, we need to be confident in the long term success of a grant before we agree to fund the grant. As I mentioned earlier, we do believe in the proposed concept. If we can get further clarification on the implementation and sustainability, we would be happy for you to resubmit an application during our next grant cycle in August.

Please contact me if you are interested in pursuing this further.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harvey L. Galloway". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Harvey L. Galloway
Executive Director
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