

To Whom It May Concern:

I have reviewed the proposed Opportunity Village development and am pleased to offer my support of Betty's Village as a community based residential setting for people with disabilities. The residents of Betty's Village will engage in an active life, be integrated in society, have support of individual choice, and be encouraged to foster independence to the highest degree possible.

Betty's Village will be integrated in and support full access of individuals receiving Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to the greater community, including opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings, engage in community life, control personal resources and receive services in the community, to the same degree of access as individuals not receiving Medicaid HCBS.

The model will have three levels of supports that individuals can choose from depending on their skills and the required level of supports. The three levels of residential supports are: a home that provides a 24/7 level of care including awake overnight supervision, an intermediate home that provides a 24/7 level of care with overnight staff availability and allows the individual to have some approved alone time, and semi-independent living with intermittent supports in their own apartment.

Encouraging interaction, independence and self-determination is the key to a full and fulfilling life. Betty's Village includes the many components needed to encourage greater independence and self-direction while ensuring the appropriate supports are available. I am in support of the project.

Sincerely,

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