



February 21, 2023

Dear Representative of MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services,

On behalf of the Community Development Coalition of Northwest Michigan, please accept our letter of support for Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing (NMSH) and their application for the MDHHS PSH Supportive Services Pilot. Housing options for all in our community are a share priority and focus for this Coalition.

We support the work of NMSH to provide quality permanent supportive housing in our communities. This funding is critical to help us achieve our regional goal of ending chronic homelessness in five years. We know that quality support services are necessary for most people enrolled in a permanent supportive housing (PSH) programming to establish long-term success in housing. NMSH has a rich history of providing stellar support services to people enrolled in PSH programs in our communities and are always looking for ways to enhance services and opportunities for the people they serve.

Our community stands behind NMSH as a leading permanent supportive housing provider in our community. Their commitment to the work and their positive outcomes and healthy retention rates, even while managing high caseloads, make them a great candidate for this pilot.

Please consider NMSH's request as a critical first step to ensuring the funding our community needs to end chronic homelessness.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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