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July 2, 2015

Ms. TaAnn T. Kabua  
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*RE: Maternal & Child Health Title V Block Grant Application*

Dear Ms. Kabua:

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD) is pleased to express its strong support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Title V Block grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. The MCH Title V Block grant will allow us to ensure that the collaboration between our office and Division of Public Health Services, MCH program will continue in the most effective way to meet its set priorities.

We understand that the CNMI MCH program provides services to ensure that the health of mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs and their families continue based on the program's priorities.

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities recognizes that the CNMI MCH program provides much needed services that ensure the health of children and youth with special health care needs, families members, mothers, women, and other children and youth in the CNMI. Lack of access to specialized healthcare services and information when it is needed is a major barrier to self-determination, independence, inclusion and self-sufficiency of individuals with developmental disabilities.

In summary, CNMI CDD office is fully support the collaboration between our office and CNMI MCHB, and the new proposed work plan in order to assure that the CNMI MCHB meets the national goals of the MCH program to address the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, including children and youth with special care needs and families.

We wish you success on your application and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future to better serve our client.

Sincerely,

Pamela C. Sablan  
Executive Director



**Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation**  
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July 2, 2015

TaAnn T. Kabua  
Division of Public Health  
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Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Ms. Kabua:

On behalf of the CNMI Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, I am writing to lend support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health Bureau Title V Block grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Service Administration. As with the past years, we will continue to provide the CNMI Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Bureau with the data intended to be used to improve performances and achieve the set program priorities.

The CNMI WIC Program continues to collaborate with the CNMI MCH Bureau in order to meet annual data needs for the Title V Block Grant. Our continued partnership will improve the overall health needs for the pregnant mothers, infants and children that we serve here at the CNMI WIC Program. In our on-going efforts to provide the MCH Bureau with their data needs, we know that the CNMI MCH Bureau will continue to use such data for informed decision making that supports effective, efficient and quality programming.

In summary, the CNMI WIC Program supports the on-going collaboration between our office and the CNMI MCH Bureau. Notably, the new work they are proposing in order to assure that the CNMI MCH Bureau meets national goals of the MCH Program. This includes addressing the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, including children and youth with special needs, and families. We wish you success on your application and look forward to our continued partnership in the future.

Sincerely,

Erin Angela Camacho, RD  
Nutrition Services Coordinator



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation



June 15, 2015

TaAnn T. Kabua  
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Dear Ms. Kabua:

On behalf of the CNMI Health & Vital Statistics Office, I am writing to lend support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health Bureau Title V Block grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. Funds will be used to improve performance related to Health Systems Capacity Indicator (HSCI) #9A for the CNMI MCH Program and Title V agency.

The Health & Vital Statistics Office collaborates with CNMI MCH Bureau in order to meet annual data needs for the Title V Block Grant application. Our program has begun a data system update in conjunction with the recommendations of NAPHSIS. We were concerned about the impact that this may have on the data exchange with data systems currently supported by the MCH Bureau which include EHDI, Immunization, Women's Clinic, etc.,. We are pleased that the MCHB is reapplying for Title V Block grant that will allow us to assure that this collaboration can continue in the most effective way. Grant funds will be used to assure that data can continue to be matched to the new State and Territorial Exchange of Vital Events (STEVE) data system. Our IT programs will develop a new script that will automate this data exchange.

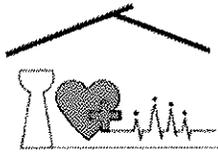
Our office is the main data source for all health and vital statistics data in the CNMI. Since MCH depends heavily on the reporting data from our office, upgrading our data collecting methods and technology has been a critical part of the collaboration between our office and MCH Bureau. Due to the financial constraints of the CNMI government, thus resulting in the lack of staff and resources for the office, the SSDI Project has been a tremendous resource in our efforts to continue providing the services required of us.

In summary, we support the on-going collaboration between Health & Vital Statistics Office and the CNMI MCH Bureau and the new work they are proposing in order to assure that the CNMI meets national goals of the MCH program to address the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, including children and youth with special care needs, and families. We wish you success on your application and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wilbert Rospel".

Wilbert Rospel  
Program Manager/Registrar



# KAGMAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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June 30, 2015

Ms. Ta'Ann Kabua  
Maternal and Child Health Bureau Administrator  
Division of Public Health Services  
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Dear Ms. Kabua:

**Subject: Promoting Quality Health Services and Outreach for Pregnant Women, Mothers, Children and Families in the CNMI**

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the Promoting Quality Health Services and Outreach for Mothers, Children and Families in the CNMI block grant application. The Kagman Community Health Center looks forward to this continued opportunity to improve access to and quality of clinical preventive services for pregnant women, mothers, infants, children, including children with special health care needs and families.

Our Health Center will assist in providing the support needed with training for the focused target population served under this block grant application. We pledge to strengthen and provide support in implementing the project's goals and activities carried out under this grant.

Thank you for your continued efforts and support in seeking ways to improve lives of pregnant women, mothers, children and families here in the CNMI.

Sincerely,

Frances T. Santos  
Acting Executive Director



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July 1, 2015

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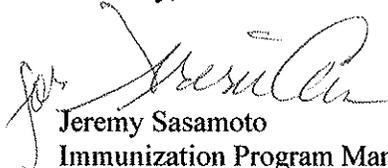
Dear Ms. Kabua:

On behalf of the Department of Public Health Services, Immunization Program, I am writing to lend support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health Bureau Block grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. As with the past years, our Program will continue to provide the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Bureau with the data intended to be used to improve performances and achieve the set program priorities. The Immunization Program is willing to collaborate with the CNMI MCH Bureau in order to meet annual data needs for the Title V Block Grant application. Our office will continue to collaborate with DPHS, Maternal and Child Health Bureau to address and improve child health through providing needed vaccination. With our continued partnership, the DPHS MCH program will improve the health care needs for children and adolescents. In our on-going efforts to provide the MCH Bureau with their data needs, we know that the CNMI MCH Bureau will continue to use such data for informed decision making that supports effective, efficient and quality programming.

Since MCH depends heavily on the reporting data from our office, upgrading our data collecting methods and technology has been a critical part of the collaboration between our office and MCHB. Due to the financial constraints of the CNMI government, thus resulting in the lack of staff and resources for the office, MCHB has been a tremendous resource in our efforts to continue providing the services required of us.

In summary, Immunization Program is in full support of the on-going collaboration between our office and the CNMI MCHB and the new work they are proposing in order to assure that the MCHB meets national goals of the MCH program to address the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, including children and youth with special care needs, and families. We wish you success on your application and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Jeremy Sasamoto  
Immunization Program Manager



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June 24, 2015

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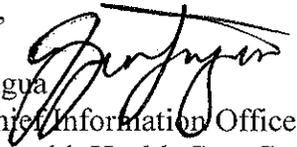
Dear Ms. Kabua:

On behalf of the Health Information Technology Office, I am writing to lend support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health Bureau Title V Block grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As with the past years, our Office will continue to provide the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Bureau with CNMI demographic data intended to be used to improve performance related to the Health Status Indicators Demographic Data - #9A for the CNMI MCH Program and Title V agency.

The Health Information Technology Office will collaborate with the CNMI MCH program in order to meet annual data needs for the Title V Block Grant application. The annual data needs that we continue to provide include: 1) the data collection for all MCH patients seen at the hospital and outpatients clinics through the use of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Network, 2) identify specific MCH data measures that are captured and reported in RPMS/EHR, 3) the transmittal of messages of MCH patients seen in the private sector that are not part of the RPMS/EHR Network through Direct Source Messaging, and 4) through the build-up of core infrastructure to support EHR and related applications for collaboration and leveraging of available resources. In our ongoing efforts to provide the MCH Bureau, with their data needs, we know that their program will continue to use such data for informed decision making that supports effective, efficient and quality programming.

In closure, the Health Information Technology Office supports the on-going collaboration between our office and CNMI MCH program and the new work they are proposing in order to assure that the CNMI meets national goals of the MCH program to address the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, including children and youth with special care needs, and families. We wish you success on your application and look forward to work collaboratively with you in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Quitugua  
Acting Chief Information Officer  
Commonwealth Health Care Corporation



# COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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June 30, 2015

To Whom it May Concern:

In support of the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) in the CNMI, the Early Intervention Program will collaborate with the identified individuals to:

- 1) Provide data to be used in the CYSHCN Database
- 2) Provide families with the CYSHCN annual surveys
- 3) Participate in the CYSHCN group meetings

The Early Intervention Program understands the importance of serving infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and providing them with the services needed to improve child and family outcomes. We look forward to collaborating with you in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should there be any questions.

Thank you,

Robin Lizama Palacios, MA SpEd.  
Interim Coordinator  
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July 2, 2015

Vivian T. Sablan  
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Walter Macaranas  
 Administrator  
 Nutrition Assistance Program

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Hafa A dai & Tirow Ms. Kabua.

Cynthia P. Reyes  
 Executive Director  
 Chamorro/Carolinian  
 Language Policy Commission

On behalf of the CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA), I write in support of the *CNMI Maternal and Child Health Bureau Title V Block Grant* application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Service Administration. As in past years, DCCA continues to provide the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Bureau with CNMI demographic data intended to help improve performance related to the *Health Status Indicators Demographic Data - #9A for the CNMI MCH Program and Title V agency*. DCCA provides the following data:

Maribel D. Loste  
 Administrator  
 Childcare Program (CCDBG)

Low Income Home Energy  
 Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Residential Energy  
 Assistance Challenge (REACH)

Childcare Licensing Program

Garapan Street Market

1. The number of infants and children aged zero through nineteen (19) years old living in foster care homes.
2. The number of infants and children aged 0 through nineteen (19) years old enrolled in the Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP).
3. The rate of juvenile crime arrests for children and youth up to nineteen (19) years of age.

I understand the MCH program will continue to use such data for informed decision-making that supports effective, efficient and quality programs and services.

Overall, DCCA supports the work the bureau proposes to assure that the CNMI meets the national goals of the program. These goals will help address the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, and families, including those with special care needs. We wish you success on your application and welcome our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Laura T. Ogumoro



MARK O. RABAULIMAN  
Secretary of Commerce

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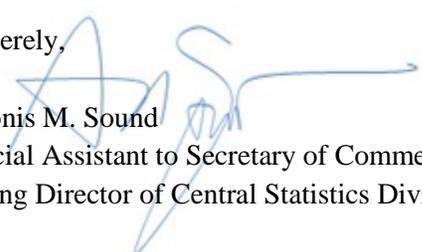
Dear Ms. Kabua:

On behalf of the CNMI Department of Commerce's Central Statistic Division (CSD), I am writing to lend support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Title V Block grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources. As with the past years, our Office will continue to provide the MCH Bureau with the CNMI demographic data intended to be used to improve performance related to Health Systems Capacity Indicator (HSCI) #9A for the CNMI MCH Program and Title V agency.

The CNMI Central Statistic Office will collaborate with CNMI MCH Bureau in order to meet annual data needs for the Title V Block Grant application. The annual data needs that we continue to provide include: 1) the total number of infant and children 0 through 19 years enumerated by race, 2) the percent of infant and children aged 0 through 19 years living in households headed by a single parent, 3) the geographical living area for all resident children aged 0 through 19 years old, 4) the poverty levels for the total State population, and 5) the poverty levels for all children aged 0 through 19 years old. In our ongoing efforts to provide the MCH program, with their data needs, we know their program will continue to use such data for informed decision making that supports effective, efficient and quality programing.

In closure, we will continue to support and collaborate with the CNMI MCH program and the new work they are proposing in order to assure that the CNMI meets national goals of the MCH program to address the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, including children and youth with special care needs, and families. We wish you success on your application and look forward to work collaboratively with you in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Alfonis M. Sound  
Special Assistant to Secretary of Commerce  
Acting Director of Central Statistics Division



# Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

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June 29, 2015

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Dear Ms. Kabua:

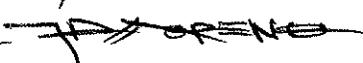
On behalf of the CNMI Division of Public Health Communicable Disease Bureau (DPH CDB), I am writing to lend support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health Bureau Title V Block Grant application to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. Our Office will continue to provide the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) with the data intended to be used to achieve its set program priorities and improve the overall health of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, children and youth with special health care needs.

The DPH CDB collaborates with CNMI MCHB in order to meet annual data needs for the Title V Block Grant application. We are pleased that the MCHB is applying for the Block Grant, which will allow us to assure that this collaboration between our office and MCHB will continue in the most effective way. In our on-going efforts to provide the MCH Bureau with their data needs, we know that the CNMI MCH Bureau will continue to use such data for informed decision making that supports effective, efficient and quality programming.

Since MCHB depends heavily on the reporting data from our office, upgrading our data collecting methods and technology has been a critical part of the collaboration between our office and MCHB. The financial constraints of the CNMI government have resulted in a lack of staff and resources for the office, and the MCHB has been a tremendous resource in our efforts to continue providing the services required of us.

In summary, we support the on-going collaboration between DPH CDB and the CNMI MCHB and the new work they are proposing in order to assure that the CNMI meets national goals of the MCH program to address the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, including children and youth with special care needs, and families. We wish you success on your application and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

  
John Dax Moreno  
Communicable Disease Manager

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July 2, 2015

TaAnn T. Kabua, Maternal and Child Health Bureau Administrator  
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Dear Ms. Kabua:

On behalf of the CNMI Women's Association, I am writing to lend support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health Bureau Title V Block grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. As with the past years, our office will continue to provide the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Bureau with the data intended to be used to improve performance and achieve the set program priorities.

The CNMI Women's Association is willing to collaborate with the CNMI MCH Bureau in order to meet annual data needs for the Title V Block Grant application. The CNMI Women's Association will continue to collaborate with DPHS, Maternal and Child Health Bureau to address and improve women's health by encouraging all women in our community to make appointment for their annual physical exam, which includes cervical and breast cancer and anemia screening.

With our continued partnership, the DPHS MCH program will improve our women's health care needs. In our on-going efforts to provide the MCH Bureau with their data needs, we know that the CNMI MCH Bureau will continue to use such data for informed decision making that supports effective, efficient and quality programming.

In closure, CNMI Women's Association fully supports the on-going collaboration between our office and the CNMI MCH Bureau and the new work they are proposing which includes the CNMI meeting national goals of the MCH program. These national goals include addressing the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, as well as children and youth with special care needs, and their families. We wish you success on your application and look forward to working with you collaboratively in the future.

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Sincerely,

Debra A. Inos

Program Administrator

CNMI Women's Association (CWA)



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July 13, 2015

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Dear Ms. Kabua:

On behalf of the CNMI Teen Talk, is pleased to express its support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health Bureau Title V Block grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. The MCH Title V Block grant will allow us to assure that the collaboration between our office and Division of Public Health Services will strengthen our efforts to promote and improve the health and well-being of mothers, infants, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

In addition, the CNMI Teen Talk will continue to collaborate with DPHS, Maternal and Child Health Bureau to address and improve adolescent health by promoting healthy adolescent behaviors and reducing risk behavior (i.e. drug and alcohol use, bullying) and poor outcomes (i.e. teen pregnancy, injury and suicide).

Furthermore, the CNMI Teen Talk is willing to collaborate with the MCH Bureau for any community health event or any promotional event to promote healthy adolescents, reduce risk behavior and decrease teen pregnancy.

In summary, CNMI Teen Talk supports the on-going collaboration between our office and the CNMI MCH Bureau and the new work they are proposing. Our continued partnership will ensure that we address the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, as well as children and youth with special care needs, and their families. We wish you success on your application and look forward to working with you collaboratively in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Sharleen Crisostomo  
Teen Talk Advisor  
CNMI Public School System



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July 14, 2015

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Dear Ms. Kabua,

The Commonwealth Health Care Corporation's (CHCC) Non-Communicable Disease Bureau (NCDB) under the Division of Public Health Services Administration (DPHSA) is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' (CNMI) Maternal and Child Health Bureau's (MCHB) application for continued funding through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The mission of the NCDB is to "Empower our community to improve lifestyle choices by eating healthier, moving more, reducing alcohol use and being tobacco free." The NCD Bureau consists of chronic disease programs which aim to reduce the incidence, death and/or complications due to Diabetes, Tobacco use, Breast Cancer, Cervical Cancer, and Adult and Childhood Obesity through prevention behaviors for healthier lifestyles. It also encompasses a comprehensive approach to all other cancers and monitors the data associated with NCDs. We look forward to collaborating with MCHB in meeting their priority areas related to women's health, prenatal care services, breastfeeding, promoting healthy adolescent behaviors and reducing risk, oral health and insurance status. We have reviewed the annual plan of proposed activities being submitted and understand the intent of the continuing application. We will support and participate in all related project activities by:

- Providing assistance to project staff on planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating project strategies and activities.
- Provide data on breast and cervical cancer screening rates for the past year
- Share assessment/evaluation reports on related project activities that will include challenges/barriers, successes and outcomes.

Sincerely,

Rebecca C. Robles  
NCDB Administrator



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July 14, 2015

TaAnn T. Kabua, Maternal and Child Health Bureau Administrator  
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Dear Ms. Kabua:

On behalf of the CNMI Women's Association, I am writing to express our support for the CNMI Maternal and Child Health Bureau Title V Block grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. As with the past years, our office will continue to collaborate with the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Bureau to promote a healthy living lifestyle. Our partnership will ensure that we address the health needs of mothers, infants, children, adolescents, as well as children and youth with special care needs, and their families through the delivery of quality prevention programs and effective partnerships, such as CNMI Women's Association.

The CNMI Women's Association will continue to collaborate with DPHS, Maternal and Child Health Bureau to address and improve women's health by encouraging all women in our community to make appointments for their annual physical exam, which includes cervical and breast cancer and anemia screening.

Furthermore, with our continued partnership, the DPHS MCH program will improve our women's health care needs. In our on-going efforts to promote women's health, our office is in full support and willing to collaborate with MCH Bureau for community health events.

In summary, CNMI Women's Association is looking forward to collaborate closely with CNMI MCH Bureau and support the work plan they are proposing to meet the set priorities. We wish you success on your application and look forward to working with you collaboratively in the future.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Inos

Program Administrator  
CNMI Women's Association (CWA)



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CNMI HEAD START PROGRAM

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July 14, 2015

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Dear Ms. Kabua,

On behalf of the Head Start Program, we are pleased to learn that the CNMI Healthcare Corporation, Maternal Child Health (MCH) intends to submit the MCH Block Grant. Such a program would support the vision of other programs, such as Head Start which aims to promote and improve family well-being. The Head Start Program also works toward providing empowering opportunities for families to partner with appropriate organizations to ensure the overall quality of health and well-being of young children. This grant will provide additional support in that effort.

As you are aware, the Head Start Program provides high quality-comprehensive services, including health; nutrition; dental; and mental health to preschool-aged children and families. Through your effort and by providing Maternal Child Health Services to women; infants, children, including those with special health care needs, combined with our services, it will enable our Community to become more knowledgeable about the resources available. Since child and family health is an integral part of Head Start in which we have seen tremendous benefits, it is no doubt that the MCH Program will be an additional benefit to our Community's overall healthy development.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, formerly known as the Commonwealth Health Center has been in a long standing partnership with the Head Start Program providing education and promoting healthy life styles. Through continued collaboration and delivery of quality prevention programs and maintaining effective partnership, such as the Head Start Program, positive results will substantially help address community wide health concerns. Therefore, the CNMI Head Start Program fully supports the submission of this critical grant.

We look forward to nurturing our collaborative relationship in the effort to continue to provide high quality services with impactful results to our Community.

We wish you success on the submission and approval of a very critical grant application.

Please contact me at 670-664-3761 or email me at [melissa.palacios@cnmipss.org](mailto:melissa.palacios@cnmipss.org) if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Melissa DLR. Palacios  
Director, CNMI Head Start Program

xc: Community Partners Binder