



February 22, 2024

Dr. Alex Johnson
Interim President
Central State University
Wilberforce, Ohio 45384

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Five Rivers Health Centers enthusiastically support Central State University's (CSU) project, *Transforming Care: Initiatives to Reduce Health Disparities*. The effort will reduce the gap in health disparities by increasing the healthcare workforce, providing greater access to healthcare services, and increasing the educational attainment of Ohio's lower income citizens.

The five social determinants of health are economic stability, educational access and quality, healthcare access and quality, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community context (US DHHS). Compared to residents of higher income levels, Ohioans have poorer health outcomes in all categories due to limited access to medical facilities, lower educational attainment, and lower income levels. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that employment in the health sector will expand by 15% between 2019 and 2029, which is substantially faster than the average for all occupations. More readily accessible healthcare services delivered by trained professionals are desperately needed. Please see attached project summary.

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As the 10th largest Federally Qualified Health Centers in Ohio, serving over 27,000 patients annually, our organization can speak firsthand to the need for more diverse health professionals within our community. Our record demonstrates a long-term commitment to ensuring that all individuals have access to quality healthcare, and we fully support Central State University's (CSU) project, *Transforming Care: Initiatives to Reduce Health Disparities*. It will be a difference maker within our community. If you have questions, please contact me at 937-281-5940 or Gina.McFarlane-El@FRHC.org

Sincerely,

Gina McFarlane-El

Chief Executive Officer

ADMINISTRATION

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Dayton, OH 45417

**DAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
BASED HEALTH CENTER**

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Dayton, OH 45402

EDGEMONT CAMPUS

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INTERNAL MEDICINE
PEDIATRICS
SPECIALTY CLINICS
WOMEN'S HEALTH
721 Miami Chapel Road
Dayton, OH 45417

FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

2261 Philadelphia Drive
Dayton, OH 45406

**GREENE COUNTY
HEALTH CENTER**

360 Wilson Drive, Suite 150
Xenia, OH 45385

**PHARMACY - EDGEMONT
HEALTH CENTER**

721 Miami Chapel Road
Dayton, OH 45417

(937) 329-9786

**PHARMACY - FAMILY
HEALTH CENTER**

2261 Philadelphia Drive
Dayton, OH 45406

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SAMARITAN HEALTH CENTER

921 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45417

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

120 W. Apple Street, Suite C
Dayton, OH 45409

STAR PEDIATRICS

1659 W. Second Street
Xenia, OH 45385

**TROTWOOD-MADISON SCHOOL
BASED HEALTH CENTER**

3594 N. Snyder Road, Suite 100
Trotwood, OH 45426

February 14, 2024

Dr. Elizabeth Fogle
Mercy College of Ohio

Dr. Alex Johnson
Interim President
Central State University
Wilberforce, Ohio 45384

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I, Elizabeth Fogle, here enthusiastically support Central State University's (CSU) project, *Transforming Care: Initiatives to Reduce Health Disparities*. The effort will reduce the gap in health disparities by increasing the healthcare workforce, providing greater access to healthcare services, and increasing the educational attainment of Ohio's lower income citizens.

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Sincerely,



Dr. Elizabeth Fogle
Director, Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning
Mercy College of Ohio

February 21, 2024

Cedarville University
School of Nursing
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Cedarville, OH 45304

Dr. Alex Johnson
Interim President
Central State University
Wilberforce, Ohio 45384

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I, Angelia Mickle, enthusiastically support Central State University's (CSU) project, *Transforming Care: Initiatives to Reduce to Health Disparities*. The effort will reduce the gap in health disparities by increasing the healthcare workforce, providing greater access to healthcare services, and increasing the educational attainment of Ohio's lower income citizens.

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Sincerely,



Angelia Mickle, DNP, FNP-C. PMHNP-BC
Dean, School of Nursing
Cedarville University