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POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve a letter of support for Leo's Hope and authorize the Mayor to sign.



City and Borough of Sitka

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December 23, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

The Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka would like to express our support for the efforts of Leo's Hope to provide critically needed substance use disorder treatment services in Sitka. Treatment services as part of a holistic approach to addressing drug and alcohol addiction in isolated communities is critical.

The negative impacts of drug and alcohol addiction are felt throughout our communities, from families to employer, schools to courts, and childhood to senior populations. Comprehensive, multidisciplinary approaches to treatment and support services within our healthcare and mental delivery systems ensures the best success.

The substance use disorders continuum of services should include interventions that are capable of meeting the various types of individual's needs, including differing levels of care. As individuals go through their recovery, they may need to transition to levels of care of greater or lesser intensity, depending on their clinical needs.

Sitka at this time is without a Level 3.5 intensive inpatient treatment service, and as a clinically managed service is one of the critical components to a broad based continuum of services. The founders of Leo's Hope are becoming well organized to explore providing such a service in our community.

It is our hope that such efforts by Leo's Hope can further address the needs within the substance use disorder treatment community and can provide individuals with the care that they seek.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Paxton
Mayor