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ARPA - RFP Coordinator  
Monroe County Purchasing and Central Services  
39 West Main Street  
Room 200  
Rochester, New York 14614

Dear ARPA RFP Coordinator and Monroe County Representatives:

I am writing on behalf of Women's Initiative Supporting Health (WISH) Program to express our support of RAWNY on their proposal submitted in response to the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities.

I am the principal investigator and director for the WISH Program at the University of Rochester School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry. The WISH Program is a clinical and research health services and implementation initiative of gender and trauma-specific strategies to address the broad health needs of women involved in the criminal legal system (e.g. incarceration, probation, Drug Treatment Court). The WISH Program uses evidence-based strategies including primary medical care based in the Department of Psychiatry, peer community health workers, Self-Determination Theory, and self-paced multimedia interventions.

Providing coordinated reentry services is crucial to the health and well-being of Monroe County individuals, given the wide sweep of individuals reentering from jail and prison. Most of the efforts to date have not specifically addressed healthcare. The WISH Program is the exception as we work with women, providing them primary care and peer navigation. We would be a community partner for this program, so in the course of our usual care, women could be referred to the WISH Program through the efforts of RAWNY.

We look forward to our ongoing partnership in this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Diane S. Morse'.

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