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Webb County Indigent Health Care Services Department

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**Mid Rio Grande Border
Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Attn: Julie Bazan
1505 Calle Del Norte, Ste. 430
Laredo, Texas 78041**

Dear Ms. Bazan:

RE: Letter of Support for Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program Grant

The Webb County Indigent Health Care Services Department strongly supports the creation of a healthcare consortium between Webb County, Texas Health & Human Services Commission–Office of Border Affairs, Mercy Ministries of Laredo, The Mid Rio Grande Border Area Health Education Center (MRGB AHEC), Gateway Community Health Center, and BCFS – Health and Human Services, for the submission of a Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program Grant application in an effort to improve health care and the quality of life for the residents of our community.

The efforts of this consortium and the goals of the grant, such as:

- expanding the delivery of health care services exclusively in rural communities
- delivering health care services through a strong consortium
- utilizing evidence-based or promising practice models in the delivery of health care services to improve population health
- demonstrate health outcomes and sustainability

are necessary to have a healthy community where its residents can contribute to making our community a better place for all.

Webb County strongly supports the submission of a Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program Grant application and commits to collaborate in this effort as an active member of this consortium.

Sincerely,

**Nancy Cadena, Director
Webb County Indigent Health Care Services**