

Additional Information Requested by the CTU regarding Exeter Hospital Community Benefits

1. Funding to the State's drug and alcohol fund (e.g., amount);

Response: Exeter makes 2 payments annually, \$254,856 each, for a total of \$509,712 per year. This is a 5-year commitment entered into in June of 2018.

2. Support for expansion of access and local support services in concert with Seacoast Mental Health and IDN; and

Response: Exeter has contracted with and financially supported Seacoast Mental Health Services for many years so they can provide services and support to our patients in the emergency room and on the inpatient units. The level of SMH support has been increased over time to better address increasing mental and behavioral health and substance abuse issues involving our patients. We also contract with SMH and other organizations, including Aloft, to provide integrated mental and behavioral health services in our primary care practices, including pediatric practices.

We partnered with the IDN to support integrated mental and behavioral health services at Core's primary care practices. The IDN is no longer in operation, and we are looking to the affiliation with BILH to assist us in furthering this initiative.

Earlier this year Core employed its first psychiatrist to further augment services on our inpatient units. We also recently contracted with an outside service provider to coordinate the counseling and other support the needs and to facilitate safe supported transitions of our substance use disorder patients in both the ED and inpatient units.

3. Ongoing Community Calls and outreach to support organizations involved with addressing gaps in:
 - aging population
 - transportation
 - substance misuse

Response: Exeter initiated regularly scheduled "Community Calls" during the first peak of COVID to help update community leaders and our partner organizations in the community about the status of the pandemic and Exeter's response to it. As the pandemic progressed, we continued the calls which were initially weekly, then bi-weekly, and then eventually monthly, to highlight the indirect impacts of COVID. The Community Calls also enabled our community partner organizations to have a

platform to talk about health-related issues ranging from senior isolation, food insecurity, transportation gaps, substance use disorder issues and especially behavioral and mental health issues associated with adolescents and school age children.

Participants in these calls included the leadership from the IDN (Nick Toumpas – now a Board Member of Exeter), Seacoast Mental Health, Lamprey Health, Seacoast Community Health, local food resources, Aloft, local area SAUs, transportation providers, substance use treatment and support organizations, town leadership, local officials, private business owners, assisted living providers, urgent care providers and Chambers of Commerce. The calls are open to all and our participant list continues to grow.

To our knowledge, we were the only organization that supported these community-based conversations during the pandemic. One of the important outcomes of these efforts was that the various participating organizations connected on community-based issues, shared information, and in many cases collaborated in new ways as a result. These calls were fully supported by our Board and members of our Ad Hoc Community Benefits sub-committee of the Board frequently participated. Ultimately, these calls were also integrated into our community needs assessment process. We intend to continue and expand these efforts in the future.

Although the grant program component of our Community Benefits Program remains suspended due to the economic reality of our continuing substantial operating losses, we do provide limited sponsorships to help those organizations that are aligned with our mission and are focused on needs in our community needs assessment with their own fundraising. We expect that the closing of the affiliation will provide us the opportunity to reinstate our grant program over time as economic conditions improve.