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TO: GENDER HEALTH CENTER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF THE GENDER HEALTH CENTER SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA) is pleased to inform you that the Gender Health Center (GHC) application to provide syringe services under the name of "The Point at GHC" has been approved. CDPH, OA has determined that GHC's program has met the requirements outlined in California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 121349 to qualify for authorization. Additionally, CDPH, OA has determined that conditions exist for the rapid spread of HIV, viral hepatitis, or other blood-borne diseases in Sacramento County. Authorization is effective November 8, 2019 through November 8, 2021. Gender Health Center may apply for renewal before the end of the two-year period.

The Point at GHC is approved to provide syringe services at the GHC office at 2020 29th Street, Sacramento, California. The Point at GHC will be open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Operating days, hours and locations are subject to change after consultation with and approval from CDPH, OA, as the need for services changes.

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Subchapter 15, Syringe Exchange Program Certification, requires that certified syringe services programs (SSPs) record both adverse incidents and positive interactions between local law enforcement and SSP staff, volunteers or participants; document concerns and positive feedback expressed by program participants, community members, neighborhood associations and/or local law enforcement officials; and document steps the program has taken to address any reasonable concerns. CDPH, OA will contact you to discuss these and other data and reporting requirements, and work with you to support your efforts to address any concerns that arise.



We appreciate the dedication of all who worked to submit this application. Thank you for your efforts in HIV and hepatitis C prevention, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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