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Dedicated to Hope, Healing and Recovery

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Valley-Wide Health Systems Board of Directors
128 Market Street
Alamosa, CO 81101

Dear VWHS Board of Directors:

My Board has asked me to write this letter to share with you and the Valley-Wide Board members our continued resolve to make our shared dream of a fully integrated clinic come true. Our initial presentation at the Valley-Wide Board retreat almost 4 years ago was our first effort to lay the foundation for this endeavor. The subsequent meetings that followed between our staff continued in a positive manner and encouraged us to begin our capital campaign to build out our vacant space. Our campaign was successful, and in full cooperation with your staff, we began construction. Your facility staff had full authority to design the floor plan with our shared vision of an integrated clinic space. Construction continued for approximately 9 months. I believe all were pleased with the results; it is a beautiful and functional clinical space. However, the effort to operationalize the integrated clinic has been challenging, which has delayed any plans to bring our Boards together to celebrate this accomplishment. The clinic build-out was completed approximately 18 months ago; the final details related to the medical record, final office particulars, staffing, and authority to operate the clinic is what is left to be solidified by our respective teams. Our teams continue to work together to finalize these details.

In the spirit of our long-standing partnership and a newly built Alamosa South outpatient clinic, we would like to host your March board meeting at our facility. We would also like to provide dinner for your Board meeting as well as a small reception prior to the dinner. Our Board will only attend the reception, which we will hold in the clinic. The community room that we will make available for your board meeting is fully functional for any presentation you may have. Our hope is that this opportunity provides the time and space you need to carry on your business needs as well as see our joint accomplishment to celebrate our continued partnership. We are truly excited to host your Board meeting and anxiously await your response.

Sincerely,

Aquino Gallegos
SLVBHG Board Chair