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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to be a member of the Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board as a representative of residential treatment facility, transitional housing or other housing program serving persons with mental illness or who abuse alcohol or drugs.

Over the past 23 years I have spent my career working with adolescents in residential treatment. It is my passion and life's mission. I have worked with mental health professionals across the country, collaborating on treatment plans and providing residential care for over 5,000 teens.

In 2020, my brother was speaking with me about his job as an emergency department resident physician at Sunrise Trauma Center in Las Vegas. He told me about all the teens seeking treatment for mental health and substance abuse in the emergency department, and how difficult it was to find placement for them. I felt compelled to start looking for a facility where I could start a residential treatment program, specifically for under-served Nevada youth.

In December 2021 I left my position as Executive Director at The Heritage Community to start Aurora Center for Healing in Hawthorne, Nevada. I have had the privilege of working with various state agencies as I developed and opened my program. The energy and dedication to provide behavioral health services in rural Nevada is inspiring. I would be honored to be a part of this board and serve the residents of our community to provide access to treatment and housing, helping to heal generational trauma and improve the lives of Nevada citizens.

I have attached my resume for your consideration and will serve in any capacity required.

Kindly,

McKaye Treanor, Founder and Executive Director
Aurora Center for Healing