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Christine Parris, President/CEO
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Dear Mr. Mike Napier,

Alliance for Healthy Communities supports the Pasco County Health Equity Task Force's creation of a Health Equity Plan and social determinants of health projects to improve equity and reduce health disparities in Pasco County. We strongly endorse the focus on reducing health disparities among vulnerable populations in Pasco County, especially those with behavioral health needs, by addressing the root causes and barriers to achieving optimal health.

The Alliance for Healthy Communities mission is to improve health in our communities through cross-sector partnerships and programs. As an organization which works to assess Pasco County's needs, mobilize community stakeholder efforts, improve healthcare access, and educate about integration of substance use disorder prevention in community and primary care settings, we are committed to improving the quality of life in our community.

Through this letter, we acknowledge specific roles and responsibilities we will fulfill as part of the Health Equity Coalition. These include:

- Designating a representative to work on this effort.
- Consistently participating in Health Equity Coalition meetings.
- Reviewing projects proposed by the Health Equity Task Force for feasibility, sustainability, and impact.
- Assisting the Health Equity Task Force in identifying potential collaborations, funding, and support.
- Forming genuine partnerships to address the social determinants of health.

We look forward to working with Tom Panagopoulos and the Pasco County Health Equity Taskforce to improve the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine A. Parris".

Christine A. Parris
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