



To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as a proud BPHN provider, Outreach & Education Partner, supporter, and advocate for the continued presence and expansion of **BPHN (Black Physicians Healthcare Network)** in **Montgomery County, Maryland**. As a mental health professional, I have seen firsthand the transformative impact BPHN has had on individuals, families, and the broader community.

BPHN stands as a beacon of culturally competent care, providing services that are not only accessible but also rooted in a deep understanding of the unique needs of Black and marginalized communities. In a time where health disparities persist and access to trusted, affirming care can be scarce, BPHN fills a critical gap. Their holistic approach—addressing mental, physical, nutritional, and emotional well-being—meets people where they are and uplifts them toward where they can be.

Montgomery County is one of the most diverse counties in the state, yet many residents continue to face barriers to equitable care. Whether it's due to stigma, lack of representation in providers, or limited culturally responsive services, the need is undeniable. BPHN not only provides essential services, but also fosters trust, dignity, and empowerment among community members—especially those who have historically been overlooked or underserved.

I have seen the difference BPHN makes. Their programming, workshops, and community partnerships create safe spaces where healing can begin and resilience can grow. The organization's presence is not just beneficial—it is essential.

As Montgomery County continues to grow and diversify, it is imperative that organizations like BPHN receive the support and recognition they deserve to expand their reach and deepen their impact. Our communities thrive when providers reflect our values, experiences, and strengths. BPHN is that provider.

With sincere gratitude and hope for continued support,

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