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Michael Fraser, PhD
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Dear Dr. Fraser:

On behalf of the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, we enthusiastically support the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs' (AMCHP) proposal to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau-Office of Adolescent Health funding "*Partnership to Promote Adolescent Health in States*" program, under categories 3 and 4. This cooperative agreement will enhance AMCHP's capacity to elevate national, state and community focus on and commitment to the health, safety, developing and social and emotional well-being of adolescents and young adults, reduce health disparities among adolescents and young adults, and, ultimately, to improve the health and safety outcomes for adolescent and young adults.

As the only national organization dedicated exclusively to improving maternal and child health, including adolescent health, AMCHP is uniquely poised to improve the health, safety and well-being of youth. In particular, AMCHP's proposed capacity building activities appear to be excellent mechanisms for transmission of knowledge, skills, expertise, and attitudes that will strengthen the core competencies essential for state health agencies to improve the delivery, effectiveness, and sustainability of disease prevention and health prevention and health promotion programs and policies for youth.

NIHCM Foundation supports AMCHP's concern for women's, children's, youth, and family health and well-being. Your efforts are consistent with our organization's mission to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of America's health care system. NIHCM and AMCHP work collaboratively together through PIPPAH. AMCHP brings a unique perspective to the PIPPAH group and we value them as an important partner in building partnerships to address adolescent health and prevent risk-taking behaviors.

The NIHCM Foundation welcomes the opportunity to continue to work with AMCHP to strengthen public health programs for women, children, youth and families, and to work in partnership to further our shared goals.

Sincerely,

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