

# Keys AHEC Health Centers

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Steve McAlearney, Engineering Director  
City of Key West  
1300 White St.  
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Dear Mr. McAlearney,

It is my pleasure to provide Community Health of South Florida, Inc. (CHI) with this letter of reference. I have known the Agency, its Executive Staff and the Medical Team for approximately 12 years and fully recommend them to establish a Medical Center in partnership with the City of Key West. I have always enjoyed a very positive relationship with the organization.

Back in 2007 I participated on a community workgroup who identified CHI as the leading entity to provide Medical Services in Marathon. They have done so with the highest of standards, expanded services at the Center and expanded into Tavernier. Their full service Centers provide direct medical and dental services to our indigent and working poor populations as well as any resident or visitor needing healthcare services.

Having them expand to Key West provides for a fully comprehensive program that covers all aspects of the health care delivery system. CHI has also worked with Keys AHEC in helping us establish the School Based Health Centers. Colonel Hartley directed me to his team who provided guidance and support in our program's development. In fact their Marathon Physician, Dr. Morelli, serves as our Medical Director. Truly the organization cares about its patients, the community and delivery of high quality health care.

I also firmly believe CHI is the only entity that can take on such a detailed project. With their history of success in building medical centers and running programs I know the City will have the best health center and future partner possible.

Sincerely,



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