



Legislation Text

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To congratulate Basecamp Recovery Center on the opening of their new recovery center in East Columbus and express gratitude for their efforts to help Columbus residents overcome substance abuse addiction

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Ohio Department of Health reported that the rate of overdose deaths reached 42.9 out of 100,000 Ohio residents compared to 61.1 out of 100,000 residents in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Basecamp Recovery Center was established in Columbus in August 2020 by emergency-room-trained physicians Drs. Rob Graessle and Bryan Borland, who have sought to implement a community-wide support system to address the chemical dependency, mental health, and co-occurring needs of a medically underserved population in the Greater Hilltop and Franklinton neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Basecamp is a community service agency and social enterprise whose mission is to provide quality substance abuse treatment to Central Ohioans and which delivers innovative, comprehensive, evidence-based services that surpass industry standards for patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Basecamp staff recognize that alcoholism and drug addiction are treatable diseases, with prevention the optimal outcome, followed by early intervention where appropriate and possible; and

WHEREAS, Harking back to the ER training of its founders, Basecamp welcomes all patients in a manner that recognizes substance abuse addiction as the emergency that it is: without an appointment and regardless of their ability to pay, leading to \$1.1 million in uncompensated care since opening in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Basecamp has provided treatment to 1,100 patients since opening during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, has a proven treatment model to serve the most vulnerable based upon Medicaid reimbursement, and serves as a preferred provider for many county agencies and other local providers; and

WHEREAS, Basecamp opened its new East Side office on 1925 East Livingston Avenue in early 2022, bringing its total Columbus operation to 30 employees and 200 weekly patients and setting them on a trajectory to serve an additional 1,500 patient over the coming three to four years.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby extend its congratulations and gratitude to Basecamp Recovery Center for the expansion of its operation and dedication to helping Columbus residents recover from substance abuse addiction.