

Senate Human Services Committee

SB 2155

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Chairman Lee and Committee Members, my name is Brian G. Williams, I am the CEO of Coal Country Community Health Center. Coal Country Community Health Center (CCCHC) has 4 clinic locations in Mercer, Oliver, and Dunn Counties. In addition to those 4 clinic sites, we also provide behavioral health services in the Killdeer, Beulah, Hazen, and Center School Districts.

CCCHC provides several behavioral health services in a collaborative model with the schools, Knife River Care Center, and Sakakawea Medical Center. The services we provide to our youth in the school districts is vital in assisting youth now during times of need but also providing them with skills to utilize throughout their lives. Unfortunately, CCCHC does not always receive reimbursement for services and this funding would allow us to sustain these services and provide opportunities to grow the school based behavioral health services within our current collaboration.

I respectfully encourage the committee to support SB 2155.