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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as official notice of Alexander Youth Network's decision to close the ASAP Residential Substance Use Program effective June 30, 2022. The decision to close the program was not made lightly as our organization has been strongly committed to ensure this service was available in our area despite the cost to the agency every year. We are thankful for the support of Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council has provided over the past several years in response to our need to close the funding deficit as much as possible. Without that support, we would not have been able to continue the service as long as we have. We are grateful to the program staff who have worked tirelessly to support adolescents receiving treatment, but with staffing challenges, and changes in the economic environment, we are unable to continue this program.

The program was serving two youth at the beginning of June. One was discharged because he needed a higher level of care and the other discharged to another program located closer to the youth's guardian as ASAP's distance was a barrier for the guardian's involvement in treatment. As a result, no clients were enrolled in the program at the time of closure on June 30, 2022. The program's status has been communicated to our Chief Court Counselor and she will be notifying the court and its counselors about the change.

In the future, we hope to serve the needs of youth requiring more intensive substance use support through our Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program (HYPE) and through our Therapeutic Foster Care program.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

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