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Dear County Supervisors,

This is Dr. Samuel Phang and I have worked in the VCMC Pediatric Unit as an attending physician for the last 8 years. I want to congratulate the new collaboration between CMH and VCMC to consolidate pediatric inpatient care in our region. Drs. Andrei Bobrow and Todd Flosi are superb pediatricians who will continue to provide the highest quality of care to children at VCMC. As VCMC is receiving funding to expand pediatric volume and services, I ask that you support adequate staffing for the Pediatric Unit. Sick children often require multiple nurses for even routine tasks such as blood draws or IV placement. I advocate for more than the bare minimum of two nurses, and minimize pediatric nurses floating to other units when they are needed on the Peds Unit. There also needs to be dedicated nursing assistants, office assistants, case managers, social workers, therapists, dietitians, and child life specialists to support a successful Pediatric Service. Please direct Hospital Administration to improve recruitment and retention of staff, and to allocate appropriate resources to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Samuel Phang, MD

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