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EMS Advisory Council Members,

I am writing in support of Dr. Zachary Zimko being appointed to the open seat on the EMS Advisory Council. Dr. Zimko currently serves as the Medical Director of Personal Enrichment Through Mental Health Services, Inc., (PEMHS). He has been with the agency for 3 years. He is dedicated to PEMHS and its mission and vision. Dr. Zimko is responsible for the evaluation of the children and adolescent population, on the 15-bed Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit. He also supervises 3 other psychiatrists covering 45 adult in-patient psychiatric beds and 3 Advance Practitioner Registered Nurses. Dr. Zimko is a very well rounded clinician who demonstrates excellent leadership skills. He has extensive knowledge of inpatient psychiatry and has worked in out-patient settings as well. He lives locally and has a vested interest in health and wellbeing of Pinellas County residents. Dr. Zimko demonstrates professionalism at all times and is always willing to assist in any way possible. He teaches staff and reviews program processes to ensure that they are working in the best interest of the population served.

I believe that Dr. Zimko would be an asset to the Advisory Council. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reach via phone, 727-902-7740 or email, at [mbooker@pemhs.org](mailto:mbooker@pemhs.org).

Thank you,

Maxine Booker,  
CEO & President of PEMHS



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