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TO: Speakers at Gahanna Planning Commission Meeting - December 7, 2016

RE: Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

I am sending this letter to you because, as a speaker at the Gahanna Planning Commission meeting on December 7, 2016, I wanted you to have the facts about the Drug and Alcohol Treatment facilities at the James Road and W. Johnstown Road addresses.

- The building at 175 W. Johnstown Road would be used as an outpatient facility, providing therapy for clients by appointment.
- The 121 James Road building would be used as a residential facility providing intense therapy and counseling in a residential setting for clients staying thirty (30) to one hundred eighty (180) days.
- Both facilities would be operated by Access Ohio, a for-profit, state licensed provider of treatment for persons afflicted with drug and alcohol addiction.
- All clients visiting the outpatient facility and all clients residing at the residential facility would do so voluntarily. Clients would not be admitted if they have an outstanding arrest warrant or a criminal record involving violence.
- Regarding the residential facility:
 - All clients would have completed a minimum seven (7) day detox before being admitted.

- To protect those clients committed to their recovery: The clothing of all clients entering the facility is checked, clients are drug tested when they enter the program and when they return from any off-site/chaperoned appointments. Clients are given unscheduled urine tests approximately four (4) times a week and rooms are periodically searched. Any client found to have drugs or alcohol or failing a urinalysis is escorted off the property to his/her home or other prearranged location.
- Clients are not permitted to have vehicles.
- All visitors would be screened and any items they bring for clients are checked. Visitors are only permitted to bring clothing on the approved list and food that is still in sealed bags or containers from the store, no fast food or home cooked foods, etc.
- Based on Access Ohio's experience at its residential facility in Dayton, Ohio, the age of clients will range generally from 18 to 65.
- The yard area of the residential facility would be monitored by staff before and during the period a resident is permitted to use the yard.
- As a requirement of its license with the State of Ohio, all doors at the facility would be alarmed with locks that have a thirty (30) second delay between alarm and opening.
- The residential facility will employ:
 - Round-the-clock residential assistants
 - Therapists and case managers working 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - A clinical supervisor and a nurse working 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - A physician and psychiatrist making rounds at least once a day
- Each resident would receive a minimum of thirty (30) hours of treatment each week, including individual counseling. Each client would also receive work, family and situational coping skills with the goal of avoiding relapse.
- All clients would be assigned household chores at the facility as part of their treatment.
- After successfully completing their residential treatment, clients would be monitored and encouraged to continue recovery through the outpatient facility.

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Thank you for taking the time to better understand the Access Ohio James Road and W. Johnstown Road facilities. Should you have any questions, please contact Don Plank at dplank@planklaw.com and I will ask the appropriate person at Access Ohio to respond.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Plank". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Donald T. Plank

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