

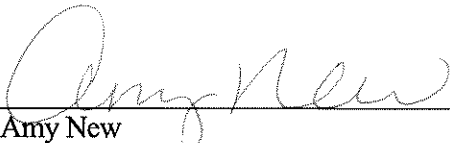
AFFIDAVIT OF AMY NEW

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

Comes now Amy New, after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I am Amy New. I am a resident of Putnam County, Tennessee.
2. I am the President and CEO of the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.
3. It is my understanding that Cedar Recovery has indicated in their application for a certificate of need that they have been actively engaged with various chambers of commerce and business groups to provide educational resources to employers in the community at large.
4. Chamber officials met with Cedar Recovery when they first came to town in the early part of 2023. There have been no discussions with Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce as to a proposed methadone clinic in our county.
5. I have had no conversations with anyone at Cedar Recovery regarding the proposed clinic at 1805 Burgess Falls Road, Cookeville, Tennessee.

Further, the Proponent saith not.



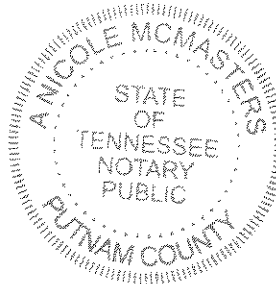
Amy New
President and CEO of Cookeville-Putnam
County Chamber of Commerce

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
10th day of July, 2024.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7/30/2024



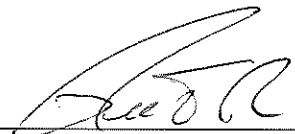
AFFIDAVIT OF ADAM POE

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

Comes now Adam Poe, after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

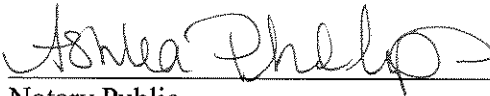
1. I am Adam Poe. I am a resident of Putnam County, Tennessee.
2. I am on the staff of the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. I am currently the Vice President of Highlands Economic Partnership.
3. It is my understanding that Cedar Recovery has indicated in their application for a certificate of need that they have been actively engaged with various chambers of commerce and business groups to provide educational resources to employers in the community at large.
4. Chamber officials met with Cedar Recovery when they first came to town in the early part of 2023. There have been no discussions with Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce as to a proposed methadone clinic in our county.
5. I have had no conversations with anyone at Cedar Recovery regarding the proposed clinic at 1805 Burgess Falls Road, Cookeville, Tennessee.

Further, the Proponent saith not.



Adam Poe
Vice President of Highlands Economic
Partnership

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
11th day of July, 2024.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 07.02.2028



AFFIDAVIT OF JULIE CHAMBERS

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

Comes now Julie Chambers, after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I am Julie Chambers. I am a resident of Putnam County, Tennessee.

2. I am the Executive Director of the Putnam County Recovery Court. We are an abstinence based program through the court system in Putnam County.

3. I have never been contacted by nor have I ever worked with Cedar Recovery.

Furthermore, Cedar Recovery has never contacted me at any time regarding the possibility of establishing a methadone clinic in Putnam County.

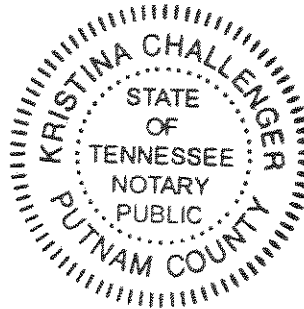
Further, the Proponent saith not.


Julie Chambers
Executive Director
Putnam County Recovery Court

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
12th day of July, 2024.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 08/03/2027



AFFIDAVIT OF WILL RIDLEY

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

Comes now Will Ridley, after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

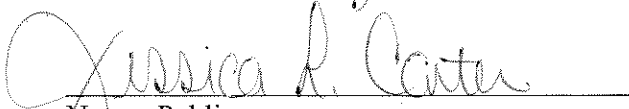
1. I am Will Ridley. I am a resident of Cumberland County, Tennessee.
2. I am one of two Circuit Court Judges for the 13th Judicial District of the State of Tennessee, which includes Putnam County, Tennessee.
3. I wish for the Health Facilities Commission to take note of the fact that in spite of me being a sitting Circuit Court Judge in the county where this methadone clinic is proposed to be located, Cedar Recovery has never had any discussions with me about the same.

Further, the Proponent saith not.



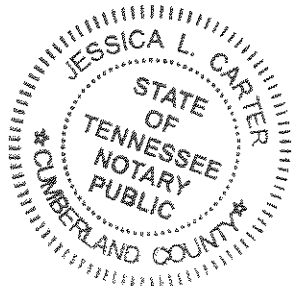
Will Ridley
Putnam County Circuit Court Judge

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
12th day of August, 2024.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 04/05/2027



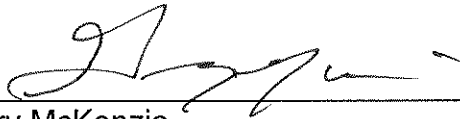
AFFIDAVIT OF GARY MCKENZIE

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

Comes now Gary McKenzie, after being first duly sworn according to law,
deposes and says:

1. I am Gary McKenzie. I am a resident of Putnam County, Tennessee.
2. I am one of three (3) Criminal Court Judges for Putnam County, Tennessee.
3. Further, I am the Judge for the Putnam County Recovery Court. The Putnam County Recovery Court is an abstinence-based program administered through the Putnam County Court System.
4. I wish for the Health Facilities Commission to take note of the fact that in spite of me being a sitting Criminal Court Judge in the county where this methadone clinic is proposed to be located, Cedar Recovery has never had any direct discussions with me about the same.

Further, the proponent saith not.



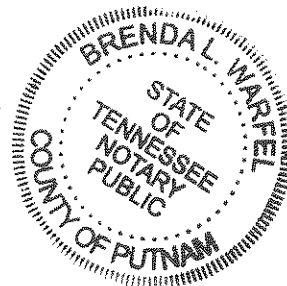
Gary McKenzie
Putnam County Criminal Court Judge of the
13th Judicial District

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the

13th day of August, 2024.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3-21-28



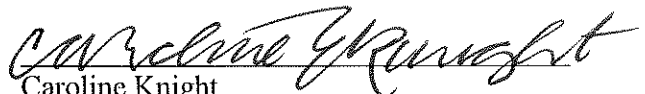
AFFIDAVIT OF CAROLINE E. KNIGHT

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

Comes now Caroline E. Knight, after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I am Caroline E. Knight. I am a resident of Cumberland County, Tennessee.
2. I am one of two Circuit Court Judges for the 13th Judicial District of the State of Tennessee, which includes Putnam County, Tennessee.
3. I wish for the Health Facilities Commission to take note of the fact that in spite of me being a sitting Circuit Court Judge in the county where this methadone clinic is proposed to be located, Cedar Recovery has never had any discussions with me about the same.

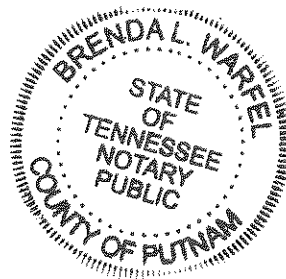
Further, the Proponent saith not.


Caroline Knight
Putnam County Circuit Court Judge

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
12 day of August, 2024.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3-21-28



AFFIDAVIT OF SHAWN FRY

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

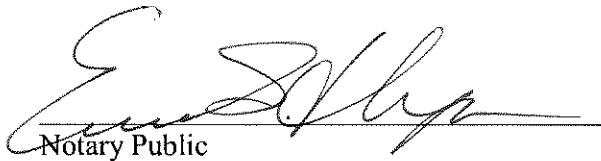
Comes now Shawn Fry, after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

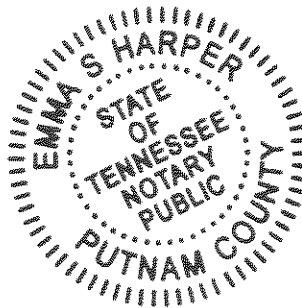
1. I am Shawn Fry. I am a resident of Putnam County, Tennessee.
2. I am one of three Criminal Court Judges for Putnam County, Tennessee. Further, I am one of the Judges for the Putnam County Recovery Court. The Putnam County Recovery Court is an abstinence-based program administered through the Putnam County Court system.
3. I wish for the Health Facilities Commission to take note of the fact that in spite of me being a sitting Criminal Court Judge in the county where this methadone clinic is proposed to be located, Cedar Recovery has never had any discussions with me about the same.

Further, the Proponent saith not.


Shawn Fry
Putnam County Criminal Court Judge

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
 1 day of August, 2024.


Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 10/23/27

AFFIDAVIT OF WESLEY BRAY

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

Comes now Wesley Bray, after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I am Wesley Bray. I am a resident of Putnam County, Tennessee.
2. I am one of three Criminal Court Judges for Putnam County, Tennessee. Further, I am the Presiding Judge for the 13th Judicial District of the State of Tennessee.
3. I wish for the Health Facilities Commission to take note of the fact that in spite of me being a sitting Criminal Court Judge in the county where this methadone clinic is proposed to be located, as well as the Presiding Judge for the entire judicial district, Cedar Recovery has never had any discussions with me about the same.

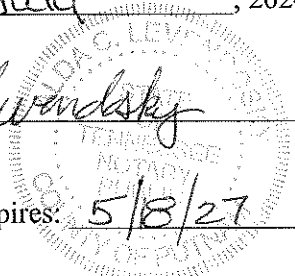
Further, the Proponent saith not.

Wesley Bray
Putnam County Criminal Court Judge

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
31st day of July, 2024.

Alda C. Lewandsky
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 5/8/27



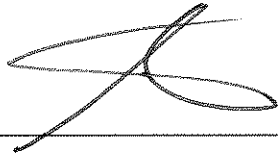
AFFIDAVIT OF STEVE QUALLS

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

Comes now Steve Qualls, after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I am Steve Qualls. I am a resident of Putnam County, Tennessee.
2. I am one of two General Sessions Judges for Putnam County, Tennessee.
3. I wish for the Health Facilities Commission to take note of the fact that in spite of me being a sitting General Sessions Judge in the county where this methadone clinic is proposed to be located, Cedar Recovery has never had any discussions with me about the same.

Further, the Proponent saith not.



Steve Qualls
Putnam County General Sessions Judge

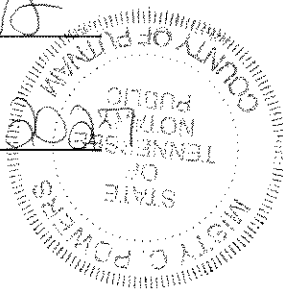
Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
8th day of July, 2024.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

2-28-2027



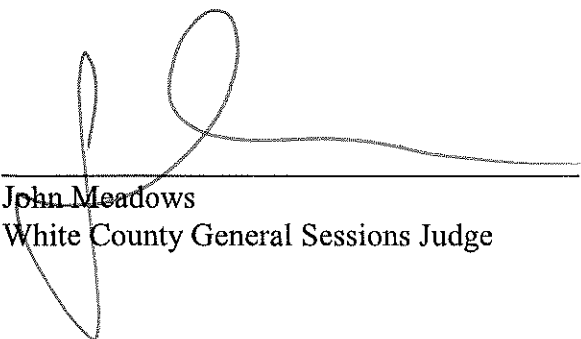
AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN MEADOWS

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

Comes now John Meadows, after being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I am John Meadows. I am a resident of White County, Tennessee.
2. I am the Judge for the White County General Sessions Court.
3. In early Spring of 2023, I was notified by the White County Mayor's office that a representative of the PIC Center was interested in meeting with me to discuss services available to the Court to address substance abuse issues for eligible offenders.
4. On May 15, 2023, I, along with other officials, met with representatives of the PIC Center and Cedar Recovery to learn more about its services and how the program operated. After this initial meeting on May 15, 2023, I have not followed up with representatives of either the PIC Center or Cedar Recovery and I have no recollection of any representatives of either the PIC Center or Cedar Recovery reaching out to me or my office.
5. Prior to Cedar Recovery opening its clinic on South Willow Avenue in Cookeville, Tennessee, Cedar Recovery met with me and other officials to discuss the possibility of sending one of their representatives to my court. This never happened.
6. Cedar Recovery is not in active discussions with me to start a PIC center in White County. The PIC Center and Cedar Recovery are not in active discussions with me to start a PIC Center program in White County.
7. I have had no discussions with Cedar Recovery about a methadone clinic in Putnam County and am not having any active discussions with Cedar Recovery about anything at this time.

Further, the Proponent saith not.



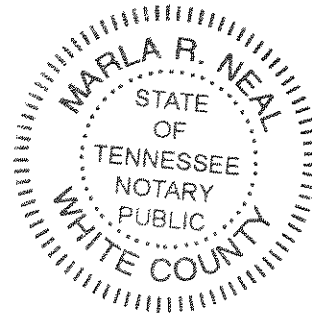
John Meadows
White County General Sessions Judge

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the
2nd day of August, 2024.

Marla R. Neal

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Sept 22, 2026



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DENY Cedar Recovery's Application for a Methadone Clinic in Putnam County TN

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We request that the State of Tennessee Health Facilities Commission **DENY** Cedar Recovery's Certificate of Need Application for a nonresidential substitution-based treatment center at **1805 Burgess Falls Road, Cookeville, TN (or any Putnam County location)** for the following reasons:

1) Methadone has been linked in medical studies to *brain tissue damage* that can cause *learning and problem-solving issues, slower thinking, problems walking, balance troubles, abnormal heart rhythms, and respiratory problems*. Methadone carries an FDA warning as a *possibly addictive drug* and is listed as a *DEA schedule II dangerous drug "with a high potential for abuse, with use potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence."*

2) Venture capital investors *view methadone clinics as highly profitable takeover targets*, creating the potential to lose local control of the clinic.

3) The Upper Cumberland region *has a number of non-substitution-based treatment groups* that **KNOW** our communities **AND** are actively cooperating *to help residents overcome opioid use disorder*.

4) The 1805 Burgess Falls, Cookeville location is *in the same building as a youth sports training facility*, is *within 0.2 miles of a homeschool umbrella office* in one direction and *a daycare* in the other, and is *within 0.5 miles of a middle school*.

Signers should live in the Upper Cumberland and be at least 18 years of age



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Health Facilities Commission
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Email: phillip.m.earhart@tn.gov

Attn: Logan Grant

Re: Opposition to Certificate of Need -Cedar Recovery
Methadone clinic at 1805 Burgess Falls Road, Cookeville, Tennessee
Request to Be Added to the Board Members' Packet

Dear Sirs:

I am a resident of Putnam County, Tennessee. I am tremendously concerned about a proposed methadone clinic in my county. I am writing to you as a private citizen urging you to vote against the application for a Certificate of Need submitted by Cedar Recovery for a methadone clinic at 1805 Burgess Falls Road, Cookeville, Tennessee. I request that you add the foregoing letter to the board members' packet for the hearing as to the application.

While I understand that opiate addiction is a problem in our state, I do not believe that a methadone clinic in our county is the proper way to address the issue. Furthermore, the proposed clinic in our area is problematic for a number of reasons, which include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Methadone has been linked in medical studies to brain tissue damage that can cause learning and problem-solving issues, slower thinking, problems walking, balance troubles, abnormal heart rhythms, and respiratory problems. Methadone carries a Federal Drug Administration warning as a possibly addictive drug.
- 2) Venture capital investors view methadone clinics as highly profitable takeover targets, creating the potential to lose local control of the clinic.
- 3) The Upper Cumberland region has a number of non-substitution-based treatment groups that know our communities and are actively cooperating to help residents overcome opioid use disorder.
- 4) The location of the proposed clinic is in the same building as a youth sports training facility, is within 0.2 miles of a homeschool umbrella office, is within 0.3 miles of a daycare facility, and within 0.5 miles of a middle school.

One of the administrators of Cedar Recovery mentioned in a recent meeting in our county that there is no way to prevent the bathrooms in such a facility becoming a “drop” for patients of the clinic, and that there would be no way to prevent patients selling methadone in the parking lots of such facilities. Further, the administrators of Cedar Recovery stated to an audience at a meeting in our area that they would not locate a facility “where they are not wanted.” With this letter, I am informing this board that the methadone clinic proposed by Cedar Recovery is definitely not wanted in our area.

Please note my opposition to this proposed clinic. Again, I urge you to vote against the Certificate of Need for which Cedar Recovery has applied.

Sincerely,