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Project.ME FW, Incorporated is a peer support and harm reduction nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that is based in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana. Project.ME FW currently and gratefully serves as the Regional Recovery Hub for Allen and Whitley Counties and has been contracted as a Hub since January 2023.

During this time, Project.ME FW has demonstrated its ability to carry out the responsibilities of a Hub, through its consistent service to the community as well as administratively, with the current managers of the Regional Recovery Hub. Project.ME FW has experienced exponential growth in its delivery of services and available programming since being invited into the Hub project. Project.ME FW would like to continue this growth through this opportunity by submitting a proposal to be contracted as the Region 10 Recovery Hub, providing nonjudgmental, holistic, and person-centered peer support in Adams, Allen, Dekalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, Whitley counties.

Project.ME FW is a registered vendor with the State of Indiana. All organizational vendor information is up-to-date and accurate.

Project.ME FW is in Good Standing with the Secretary of the State of Indiana. Current Certificate of Existence is attached.

Project.ME FW is the sole Certified Recovery Community Organization (CRCO) in Allen County and one of two CRCOs that are located in region 10. Project.ME FW obtained status as a Certified RCO on May 31, 2023. Recovery Community Organization Certification is attached.

Project.ME FW collaborates and has relationships with a large variety of community providers. Project.ME FW facilitates recovery programming at the Allen County Jail, the Allen County Juvenile Center, and Whitley County Community Corrections. Project.ME FW holds Memorandums of Understanding with the Fort Wayne Police Department's Hope & Recovery Team (HART), The Center for Behavioral Health OTP, and the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Executive Director, Aisha Diss, sits on the Everyone Home low-barrier housing subcommittee for the City of Fort Wayne, is a member of the Stop Suicide Northeast Indiana Coalition, is a committee member for Tobacco-Free Allen County, is a member of the Allen County Overdose Fatality Review

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Team, is a committee member for the Allen County Drug & Alcohol Consortium, which serves as the LCC of Allen County, and is a person in long-term recovery from OUD.

Project.ME FW serves and plans to serve the needs of the community by continuing to expand peer services that are available to anyone across the spectrums of substance use and recovery. Project.ME FW accomplishes this through connection and will continue to operate in this manner. The best way to connect recoverees to services and supports that are relevant to their life and recovery is to be knowledgeable about anything that is available in that community. We are consistently growing our community partnerships and referral database. Project.ME FW created and implemented the Allen County Harm Reduction Street Outreach Team, operates the Recovery & Dream (RAD) one-on-one peer recovery coaching team, and created and operates the project.ME recovery drop-in center.

Although Project.ME FW has been the hub for Allen & Whitley Counties, leadership and staff are familiar with recovery supports that are available in all surrounding communities, and have relationships with recovery residences, inpatient and outpatient treatment providers, OTPs, RCOs, and justice systems in these surrounding counties as well as across the State.

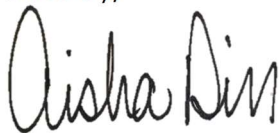
Project.ME FW currently operates the Indiana 211 Peer Recovery Line, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm and would be honored to continue. The 211-line work has permitted Project.ME FW peers, who may not be comfortable with providing in-person support, to offer peer support in a way that is a good fit for them and is equally rewarding and valuable.

As a harm reduction organization, Project.ME FW is excited about this opportunity. We believe we are doing a good job of shifting the conversation, challenging stigma, and ensuring that all people, including (and especially) people who use drugs, have access to dignified and nonjudgmental support services that are tailored to their needs and support their autonomy, in the communities we currently serve. We look forward to the opportunity to expand our model and reach to include all communities within region 10.

Project.ME FW Executive Director, Aisha Diss is the principal contact and authorized representative.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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