

November 8, 2023

Division of Mental Health and Addiction  
Family and Social Services Administration  
402 W Washington St  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

To the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA):

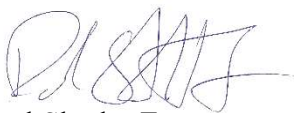
I am writing to support the application of Oaklawn Psychiatric Center to DMHA's RFS to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). Oaklawn is a strong and vital community asset and a close collaborating partner in improving the health of our community. Oaklawn is well placed and ready to become a CCBHC, and their inclusion as a CCBHC pilot site in Indiana will demonstrate the value of this model of care as they continue to improve the quality, accessibility, and timeliness of mental health care in our community.

Maple City Health Care Center (MCHCC) has been a close collaborating partner with Oaklawn since MCHCC's founding in 1989. Partnership includes shared staff trainings, open cross referrals, coordination of intake processes to reduce duplication of work and barriers to access, collaborative treatment planning, and shared standards of care. MCHCC and Oaklawn executives meet monthly to ensure close coordination and reduce of barriers to continuity of care.

MCHCC is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Goshen, Indiana, founded to serve as a medical home for people facing barriers to accessing care, particularly people without insurance, with low incomes, recent immigrants, and non-English speakers. Its mission is to foster healthy community in our neighborhoods by providing and promoting affordable, accessible, and integrated quality care. In 2023, MCHCC was again awarded HRSA's Gold Badge for Health Center Quality, ranking it in the top 10% of FQHCs nationally for quality care. In 2022, MCHCC had 120 staff providing integrated primary care, behavioral health, pediatric care, pregnancy-related care, and dental services to 6,125 patients of whom 73% identified as Hispanic, 63% were living on incomes below 200% poverty, and 31% were uninsured.

MCHCC is fully supportive of Oaklawn's application to become a CCBHC, and I, as Executive Director, and the staff of MCHCC stand ready to assist and support Oaklawn in this effort if it is selected. Thank you for your consideration and support of our community.

Sincerely,



Paul Shetler Fast  
Executive Director  
Maple City Health Care Center

#### OUR LOCATIONS

**Northside Community Health Center**  
213 Middlebury St  
Goshen IN 46528  
(574) 534-3300

**Vista Community Health Center**  
808 N Third St  
Goshen IN 46528  
(574) 534-0088

**Maple City Dental**  
814 N Third St  
Goshen IN 46528  
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