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Division of Mental Health and Addiction
Family and Social Services Administration
402 S Washington St.
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To the Division of Mental Health and Addiction:

I am writing to support the application of Oaklawn Psychiatric Center to DMHA's RFS in becoming a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). Oaklawn has been a strong community asset to whom we have looked for leadership, direction, and expertise in mental health and addictions work. Oaklawn collaborates with community partners in many different sectors, and others, to fill gaps in our systems for the good of all our community.

We have been long-time partners with Oaklawn in the CIT process which has been vital to our continual response improvement for those with mental health and addictions challenges in our community. These days, we have been particularly interested in and very supportive of our combined efforts toward the development of mental health crisis services-both through mobile crisis units and the crisis stabilization center. We have established relationships and are committed to developing the protocols that will turn these new services into examples of what can be done to meet our community needs.

We are fully supportive of Oaklawn's application to become a CCBHC. We see the great opportunity that this would be for Oaklawn, for our community, and for our city, county, and state.

The efforts we've started are important to us as is this opportunity to develop them in ways that can demonstrate results; a goal to which we are fully committed and are attainable.

Sincerely,

Chief Scott Ruszkowski
Chief of Police

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