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Division of Mental Health and Addiction
Family and Social Services Administration
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Dear Division of Mental Health and Addiction:

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 has been a strong community asset to whom we have looked for leadership and for expertise in mental health and addictions work. They have been known to collaborate with community partners in many different sectors and to work with others to fill gaps in our systems for the good of all community members.

The University of Notre Dame recently completed our 10-year strategic framework which identified Health and Well-being as key theme. While we have been engaged with Oaklawn for several years within our Department of Psychology, we are now partnering to provide data expertise to become a CCBHC. Engagement which included the Department of Psychology has grown to also include the Suicide Prevention Initiative – Research, Intervention & Training (SPIRIT), The William J. Shaw Center for Children and Families, Lucy Family Institute for Data and Society and Community Health and Clinical Partnerships.

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 state. We would be pleased to support both Oaklawn and our community and at the same time engage and collaborate with impactful and equitable data-driven solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Brookshire".

Jessica Brookshire
Senior Program Director
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