



Friday, October 20, 2023

To the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction:

As the Chief Executive Officer at ECHO Community Health Care (EHC), I am writing this letter of commitment to demonstrate our support of the Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare (SWBH) 2023 application to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration Site.

Through this work, SWBH plans to develop the full menu of CCBHC services in our community. The services include: comprehensive community-based mental and substance use disorder services; treatment of co-occurring disorders; advancing the integration of behavioral health with physical health care; ensuring equitable access to care and reduction of healthcare disparities; consistently utilizing evidence-based practices; ensuring access to care across the lifespan; providing comprehensive care coordination; and promoting improved access to high-quality care.

We believe this program is critical to the wellbeing of Southwestern Indiana and its surrounding communities because our citizens are in need of the comprehensive, integrated care offered by this model.

EHC is committed to providing quality healthcare to all members of our community, including the uninsured, underinsured, and homeless. As a FQHC located in Evansville Indiana, EHC provides a full array of community healthcare services for the lifespan, as well as homeless health outreach services.

In our commitment to this endeavor, EHC will offer healthcare services to clients of SWBH as desired with low barrier access. Some examples of services include:

- Care coordination
- Primary Health Care
- Dental Care
- Prenatal Care and Women's Health
- Pediatric Care
- Homeless Health Outreach
- Data sharing (non PHI, or with authorization of release from client)

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For our role as SWBH's partners, we will build upon our history of collaboration, during which we have worked with SWBH for over 20 years assuring integrated care of those we serve. SWBH and ECHO collaborates in the treatment of many clients, and SWBH provides psychiatric consultation and a collaborative agreement for ECHO prescribing staff.

We appreciate this opportunity to collaborate with SWBH in this service transformation and we highly recommend them for receipt of this funding. SWBH is a key member of our continuum and enhancement of their services will be an integral part of continuing to promote equitable access to high-quality care to our community.

Should you have any questions about this letter or ECHO's support of SWBH, please reach out to me at my contact information below.

Sincerely,



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