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To the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction:

As the Chief of Police at Evansville Police Department (EPD), 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 the City of Evansville and its surrounding communities because our citizens are in need of the comprehensive, integrated care offered by this model.

EPD has partnered with SWBH over the past 2 years through collaboration in creating and implementing a mobile crisis team, which includes SWBH training police staff, SWBH staff co-responding to mental health crisis with law enforcement, and ongoing care coordination with the EPD Mental Health Liaison.

In our commitment to this endeavor, EPD will offer continued care coordination through the use of the EPD's Mental Health Liaison, ongoing collaborative training related to mental health and substance use crisis, and continued support of the mobile crisis team through co-response. EPD will offer as part of this partnership:

- Care Coordination through the Mental Health Liaison
- On site safety assessments prior to deployment of mobile crisis team by officers
- Data Sharing
- Training

For our role as SWBH's partners, we will build upon our history of collaboration, during which we have jointly organized CIT trainings for more than a decade, as well as creating the current successful mobile crisis model with SWBH and EPD working as a team.

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 EPD's support of SWBH, please reach out to me at my contact information below.

Sincerely,

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