Tuesday, October 17, 2023

To the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction:

As the President/CEO at The Easterseals Rehabilitation Center (Easterseals), 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 because our citizens are in need of the comprehensive, integrated care offered by this model.

Easterseals has been making a difference in our community since 1946, providing a wide range of programs and services for children, adults, and families. Our goal is to support individuals in reaching their personal goals to live, learn, work, and play in their community through comprehensive therapeutic services, work and home site modification assessments, wheelchair seating and mobility, employment and adult day services, group home programs, early intervention and early care and education services.

In our commitment to this endeavor, Easterseals will join the Southwestern treatment team to provide multidisciplinary care to youth with complex issues related to both mental health and intellectual/developmental concerns. Easterseals will provide:

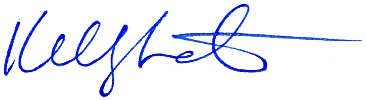
* Psychological Evaluation and related testing
* Occupational Therapy
* Speech Therapy
* Audiology
* Physical Therapy
* Nutritional Assessments and consultations
* Data sharing

For our role as SWBH’s partners, we will build upon our past year of success in creating the Neurodevelopmental Center of Southwestern Indiana (funded through the DMHA Community Catalyst Grant).

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 Easterseals’ support of SWBH, please reach out to me at my contact information below.

Sincerely,



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