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To the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction:

As the Executive Director at Peace Zone, Inc., I am writing this letter of commitment to demonstrate our support of the Southwestern Behavioral Health (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.

Peace Zone, Inc. was founded in 2012 with the support of SWBH who provides a no cost lease to support this recovery hub. Peace Zone provides valuable programs and recovery support groups, arts empowerment opportunities, peer mentoring, poetry, journaling and other wellness groups, as well as hospital outreach and community educational forums that are free and open to the public. As one of Indiana's Regional Recovery Hubs, Peace Zone is open four days a week and includes staff that are certified peer recovery specialists serving individuals with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

In our commitment to this endeavor, Peace Zone, Inc. is committed to being a Designated Care Organization (DCO) for this CCBHC, providing essential peer recovery services for those served by SWBH. Some examples of these services include:

- Data sharing
- Peer Mentoring
- Support Groups
- Community Outreach
- Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP)

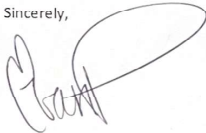
- Drop in availability, with scheduled interest groups

For our role as SWBH's DCO, we will build upon our history of collaboration over the past 11 years, which includes co-location within SWBH's facilities.

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

Sincerely,



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