



Wednesday, October 18, 2023

To the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction:

As the Executive Director at Tulip Tree Family Health Care (Tulip Tree), 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.

Tulip Tree is committed to improving the health of individuals by offering high quality, affordable services regardless of income. Tulip Tree provides primary health care, dental care, behavioral health, and other related services, including education, diagnosis, and treatment through a community facility. As a FQHC located in Gibson County, we provide exceptional care to a rural community that improves the quality of life for our patients and the well-being of our community.

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

- Care coordination
- Primary Health Care

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- Dental Care
- Data sharing (non-PHI, or with authorization of release from client)

For our role as SWBH's partners, we will build upon our history of collaboration, during which we have worked with SWBH since we opened our doors in 1999. The local office for SWBH in Gibson County and Tulip Tree collaborate in the treatment of many clients, and SWBH provides psychiatric consultation and a collaborative agreement for Tulip Tree 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 Tulip Tree's support of SWBH, please reach out to me at my contact information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristine Georges".

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