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To the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction:

As the Warrick County Sheriff, 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 residents of Warrick County and its surrounding communities because our citizens are in need of the comprehensive, integrated care offered by this model.

The Warrick County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) has partnered with SWBH for multiple decades through SWBH providing on site mental health consultation in the jail setting. More recently WCSO has begun a partnership with SWBH mobile crisis team as the law enforcement partner within Warrick County. We hope to be the law enforcement co-response for the mobile crisis team in 2024. In addition, SWBH has provided essential training components to the local CIT training of which WCSO deputies attend.



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In our commitment to this endeavor, WCSO will offer continued collaborative training related to mental health and substance use crisis, and continued support of the mobile crisis team through co-response. WCSO will offer as part of this partnership:

- ☐ On site safety assessments by WCSO Deputies prior to deployment of SWBH mobile crisis team staff
- ☐ Data Sharing
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Secure space within the jail for on-site consultations with inmates with mental health and/or substance use concerns.

For our role as SWBH's partners, we will build upon our history of collaboration, during which we collaborated to assure mental health care is accessible in the jail. In addition, we will create a successful mobile crisis model with SWBH and WCSO 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 WCSO's support of SWBH, please reach out to me at my contact information below.

Sincerely,

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