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Dear Ms. Deaton-Reese:

It is with great interest that I write this letter of support for Hamilton Center Inc.'s Request for Services submission (REF 24-77045) regarding the statewide expansion of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model. Hamilton Center is uniquely positioned to be a part of the State's application for a demonstration program and has been a partner with Sullivan County Community Hospital (SCCH) for many years.

I am aware the CCBHC model will allow robust expansion of the behavioral health system in Indiana with an emphasis on crisis services, alignment with 988, integration with primary care and broadening access for all Hoosiers, particularly those most vulnerable.

Hamilton Center has been a remarkable community partner in central and west central Indiana since 1971. Their integration with all segments of the community has promoted strong collaboration and provided access to quality care for 13,000 consumers spanning a ten-county area. Most recently, the organization added 24/7 crisis services (including mobile crisis), a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike, three certified opioid treatment programs and has been selected by SAMHSA to operate as a CCBHC since 2020.

Our organization's experience with Hamilton Center consists of many collaborative community efforts focused on the health and wellness of Wabash Valley residents, specifically those of Sullivan County. Hamilton Center is the provider of the mental health crisis intervention program in our Emergency Department (ED), which is implemented through in-person consultations and telehealth when necessary. We partner with Hamilton Center throughout the year in community events and educational opportunities regarding mental and behavioral health options for community members and providers. Additionally, the leadership team of Sullivan County Community Hospital meets with Hamilton Center representatives to ensure care provided in the ED is meeting needs and to discuss further opportunities to improve or expand programming for SCCH patients and Sullivan County residents in general.

It is with great enthusiasm I support their desire to be a part of the State's demonstration program. Our organization is committed to becoming a referral source for Hamilton Center's CCBHC or even a Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO).

Should you need further information, please contact me.

In appreciation,

Michelle Franklin, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer
Sullivan County Community Hospital