

GREENE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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November 8, 2023

Ms. Teresa Deaton-Reese, Procurement Consultant
Indiana Department of Administration
Procurement Division
402 W. Washington St., Room W468
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Hamilton Center, Inc. Request for Services Submission

Dear Ms. Deaton-Reese:

It is with great interest that we 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.

We are 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.

The Commissioners' experience with Hamilton Center is somewhat limited, involving periodic reports to the Commissioners. However, the Commissioners have opportunities to observe the kind and level of services Hamilton Center provides to Greene County. The organization's critical importance to the county is through its relationship with Circuit and Superior Courts and the programs made available through the courts to those in need. The organization is directly involved with emergency mental health detentions and with mental health and addiction issues. The organization contributes to the development of policies. Circuit Court sees particular benefits to juvenile offenders and both families and children receiving services through Child in Need of Services that are exclusive to Circuit Court. The courts' operations and therefore would suffer without the support of Hamilton Center. Hamilton Center is a necessary part of this community as a provider of mental health and other support services, and its programs should be continued and/or expanded.

The Greene County Commissioners enthusiastically support Hamilton Center's desire to be a part of the State's demonstration program. Our county and courts are committed to serving as a referral source for Hamilton Center's CCBHC or even a Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO).

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Should you need further information, please contact the Commissioners' President. Thank you for your consideration of Hamilton Center's Request for Services submission and our letter in support of that request.

In appreciation,

Board of Commissioners of
The County of Greene, Indiana, by:



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