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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.

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 treatment services for juvenile probationers who are placed on probation supervision by the Parke Circuit Court. Hamilton Center has provided services to juvenile probationers for substance abuse and mental health services. Hamilton Center has been able to assist juvenile probation by quickly implementing home or community-based services to prevent juveniles from being detained or residentially placed. Hamilton Center has also assisted probation with suicide screenings multiple times on an emergency basis to see if a juvenile needs emergency detained. Hamilton Center has been a huge asset in our rural community and I look forward to continuing to utilize there services.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexis N. Wirth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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