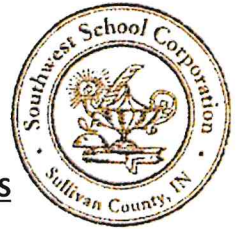


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Dear Ms. Deaton-Reese:

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.

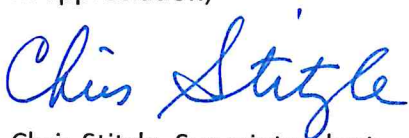
The Southwest School Corporation has had a long and productive partnership with the Hamilton Center. One of the standout aspects of Hamilton Center is their focus on community engagement. They actively collaborate with schools, organizations, and other community stakeholders to address the unique healthcare needs of our region. Their involvement in school-based mental health programs has made a significant difference in the lives of students.

By providing services both on campus and off campus, they have ensured that students have access to vital support, regardless of their circumstances. In addition, they host valuable professional development for community members, organizations, and our school staff. We appreciate their efforts to improve the mental health and well-being of our community.

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 blue ink that reads "Chris Stitzle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Stitzle, Superintendent