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Teresa Deaton-Reese, Procurement Consultant
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Dear Ms. Deaton-Reese:

I am submitting 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 and enthused that 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 community partner in central and west central Indiana since 1971. Their integration with all segments of the community has promoted collaboration and provided access to care for 13,000 consumers spanning a ten-county area. Most recently, the organization added 24/7 crisis services 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.

United Way of the Wabash Valley's experience with Hamilton Center is that of a great community partner. We continue to work together on multiple HRSA rural grants addressing substance use disorder treatment in our rural service area. Their collaboration with those grants has helped to change the landscape around substance use disorder treatment in the rural communities.

Our organization supports Hamilton Center's desire to be a part of the State's demonstration program. We look forward to our continued work with this valued partner in our community.

Should you need further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Abby Desboro
Co-Executive Director
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