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

I am pleased to 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 understand 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 Indiana residents, particularly those who are the 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, and three certified opioid treatment programs. Furthermore, they were selected by Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to operate as a CCBHC since 2020.

The Department of Social Work at Indiana State University has long collaborated with Hamilton Center. Our experience with the organization consists of placing social work students with their masters-prepared social workers for rigorous field internship experiences that incorporate high-quality supervision and training. Our students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels have an opportunity to gain valuable practice experience while working with diverse populations participating in a variety of programs at Hamilton Center. Social work student interns develop competency in the skills and knowledge required for professional practice through their internship experiences with Hamilton Center.

It is with great enthusiasm I support the organization's desire to be a part of the State's demonstration program. Our Social Work Department is committed to continuing our educational partnership with Hamilton Center's CCBHC.

In appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Robin Bonifas'.

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