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Teresa Deaton-Reese, Procurement Consultant
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Procurement Division
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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 has been a leader in our region in serving the behavioral health needs of our community as illustrated by 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.

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.

We've collaborated with the Hamilton Center on several efforts ranging from the establishment of the Wabash Valley Telehealth Network – an independent rural health network facilitating telehealth connectivity between independent rural providers for the past 15 years to supporting the perinatal needs of pregnant and parenting families in our community.

We recognize the need for better collaboration across all sectors and believe the CCBHC model will facilitate better integration throughout the continuum. I enthusiastically support this effort as it will enable our region to address many unmet needs in our community. It is for these reasons that I believe we are well poised to contribute to the State's demonstration program.

Should you need further information, please contact me.

In appreciation,

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