



January 27, 2021

Luke Mohr
Regional Vice President, Central Region
Acadia Healthcare
2626 East 46th Street
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Re: Indiana OTP Expansion

Dear Luke,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet and discuss OTP needs in our area. This letter is intended to serve as support for Acadia Healthcare Indiana's application to expand its system of treatment and support for Tippecanoe County residents and others who have a diagnosis of opioid addiction.

Indiana's opioid epidemic is destroying lives, damaging families, and taking a toll statewide. In 2018, there were 1104 opioid-related overdose deaths in Indiana. Our region has been hit by the opioid epidemic, specifically in terms of opioid related overdoses and ER visits for both prescription drug misuse and heroin use.

Tippecanoe County has continued to collaborate with all sectors of the community to address substance use, from prevention efforts, treatment, recovery supports, and new approaches within our justice system. Our Resilience and Recovery Network (formerly called the Opioid Task Force) has convened for several years now. Facilitated by the United Way, partners across the spectrum of government, services providers, funders, business, education and persons with lived experience have enacted new approaches such as the creation of the Quick Response Team for post-overdose follow-up and joining DMHA in the establishment of the Recovery Café Lafayette.

Tippecanoe County reported 38 opioid deaths in 2019, and overdose EMT calls were at a rate more than 30% over the prior year. We believe that effective substance use treatment, coupled with access to counseling resources and peer recovery supports, are critical to the health of our community.

We welcome the expansion of treatment services to serve our area and reduce the toll the opioid epidemic is taking on our community. Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Tony Roswarski, Mayor
City of Lafayette

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