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Health Care Authority,

I am writing to support the Washington Association of Community and Migrant Health Centers' (WACMHC) Health Transformation Project proposal "**Provider trainings in the Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) model for use in the Patient Centered Medical Home setting**".

While Country Doctor Community Health Centers (CDCHC) has been providing behavioral health services for more than 30 years, training staff in the PCBH model is critical to support the transformation of health care. CDCHC currently employs 32 medical and behavioral health providers. The training proposed by the WACMHC is essential to ensure effective team-based care and subsequent care coordination.

WACMHC represents 26 federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) throughout Washington State. As an association, they are well aware of the workforce challenges FQHCs experience in attracting and retaining behavioral health providers who are adequately trained to serve in underserved areas and to lead Washington State in care delivery transformation as part of an integrated health care team.

This project template was submitted to HCA as part of the Medicaid Transformation initiative. Training providers to follow the PCBH model will result in the fulfillment of the Transformation project domains: health systems capacity building, care delivery redesign, population health improvement.

The support of this proposal will result in effective training of all clinical providers, a critical component to support behavioral health integration across Washington State.

Sincerely,

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