

Commissioner Gannon,

Attached please find our proposal for the DeKalb Opioid Recovery Program that outlines the clinical interventions proposed. It is modeled on some of the most recognized and successful national, private opioid recovery programs. We have adjusted some of the programming to suit the public-sector needs of our DeKalb citizens, while maintaining the evidence-based core of the program.

Our DeKalb Opioid Recovery Program would address the needs of the population that the DeKalb CSB treats—the uninsured and unfunded citizens of DeKalb County. While the need for opioid treatment in our county is immense and immediate, we propose to start our program on a smaller scale (8 clients per cohort, or up to 16-24 per year), and scale up over time. It is important to note that the treatment interventions include at least 4-6 months of residential care and that once clients “graduate” to the next level it opens up capacity to serve another cohort of 8. Ultimately, we believe we will have the capacity to handle 24 clients per cohort, or up to 75-100 per year.

What makes this program different than most others is that it will address the needs of opioid addicted individuals from acute detoxification, through transitional living (and rebuilding of drug-free skills like supportive employment, vocational rehabilitation, etc.) all the way through semi-independent living reintegration and finally full independent living.

In terms of funding, we believe that we can start this program with **one-time start-up funding of \$300,000**. Further, I have been in contact with leadership at the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and they seem excited about the prospect of such a program, and may be interested in supporting our program in partnership with the County as a demonstration project (although they have made no commitment yet).

I am confident that this program could be highly successful as a demonstration project for DeKalb County as a model can make a real difference in the opioid epidemic. I am truly grateful for any support DeKalb County can offer.

Regards,

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