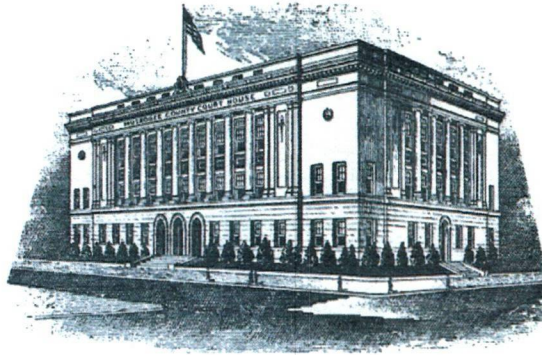


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RE: Request for \$441,950 in Funding – Oklahoma Title 57 §781 Jail Diversion Initiative

Dear ODMHSAS Leadership:

On behalf of the Muskogee County Board of County Commissioners, we respectfully submit this request for **\$441,950 in funding under Oklahoma Title 57 §781** to establish the Muskogee County Jail Diversion Initiative in partnership with Green Country Behavioral Health Services, Inc. (GCBHS).

Muskogee County recognizes the significant impact that untreated mental illness, substance use disorders, and co-occurring behavioral health conditions have on individuals entering our criminal justice system. Too often, individuals experiencing behavioral health challenges become involved in repeated cycles of arrest and incarceration when access to appropriate treatment and community-based support could provide a more effective alternative.

Through this initiative, Muskogee County and GCBHS will establish a coordinated diversion program emphasizing two primary activities: jail-entry behavioral health screening and assessment and pretrial diversion and treatment coordination. The program will identify individuals with behavioral health needs at jail entry, provide clinical assessments, coordinate with criminal justice partners to identify appropriate diversion opportunities, and connect eligible individuals to community-based treatment and recovery services.

GCBHS, the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic serving Muskogee County, brings an established network of crisis stabilization, outpatient treatment, psychiatric services, case management, and peer recovery support. These resources will complement the proposed initiative and provide treatment options for individuals who can be safely and legally diverted from continued incarceration.

The Muskogee County Board of County Commissioners is committed to strengthening collaboration among the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, courts, law enforcement, and behavioral health providers. We believe this initiative will improve access to treatment, promote public safety, reduce unnecessary jail utilization, and support long-term recovery and community stability. We appreciate the Department's continued commitment to supporting effective, community-based alternatives to incarceration for individuals with behavioral health needs.

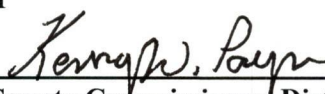
Sincerely,



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