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Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Department of Medicaid Services
275 East Main Street, 6W-C
Frankfort, KY 40621

Dear Commissioner Steckel:

I am pleased to write this letter of support Humana's application for funding to address the need Kentucky's SKY population specific to trauma informed care. I understand that should Humana be awarded funding, we would work with Humana to develop and implement a training and evaluation plan centered around Trauma Informed Care. We are committed to strengthening and supporting the well-being and vitality of Kentucky's children, families and communities through our high-quality, impactful services designed to empower clients by building on their unique strengths. And, we are excited to be working with Humana, an innovative managed care partner, to support the Enrollees that will be served by the SKY program.

I am the CO-PI (Bibhuti K. Sar, PhD, PI and Director) at the Center for Promoting Recovery and Resilience (CPRR) where I provide training and build capacity in the community for trauma informed care. CPRR 1) provides training to human service organizations and their service provider workforce in order to increase their knowledge and skills to implement trauma informed care and operate as a trauma informed organization, 2) brings in trauma treatment experts and developers to provide clinical training to service providers in evidence based, trauma-informed treatment modalities to meet the needs of traumatized children and adolescents, and 3) conducts research and evaluation to demonstrate impact of training and use of trauma focused interventions on improving child and family wellbeing, clinical competencies, and shifts towards becoming a trauma informed organization. CPRR has experience with developing trauma curriculum for providers and the community at large. Specifically, CPRR has trained providers on trauma informed care who have worked with children and youth whose lives have intersected with the child welfare, mental health, and health systems due to experience of traumatic events such as abuse and neglect. CPRR has also evaluated these trainings and have found that providers reported both increased knowledge and a better understanding of the value of the knowledge to their work with children and adolescents in practicing trauma informed care.

Traumatized children and adolescents deserve wholistic, comprehensive, and integrative services in their path to recovery. We support your efforts to accomplish this critical need in Kentucky. I can be reached at anita.barbee@louisville.edu or (502) 852-0416 (office) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita P. Barbee, Ph.D., MSSW" with a small mark to the right.

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