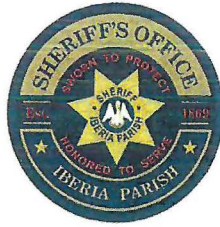


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Re: Letter of Support for Acadiana Area Human Service District
Substance Abuse Treatment Center in Lafayette, LA

To Whom It May Concern:

The Acadiana Area Human Service District is seeking State assistance for the funding of a 78 bed Substance Abuse Treatment Center in Lafayette, Louisiana, within Lafayette Parish. The 78-bed facility will provide ASAM levels of care consisting of 3.7D (Inpatient Detox), 3.7 (Co-Occurring Inpatient), and 3.5 (Inpatient Residential).

This treatment center is designed as a response to the detox and inpatient substance abuse needs to combat the opioid and drug addiction pandemic of the region. Our state, and the region, lack the number of beds to fully meet the need of the indigent and Medicaid population requiring treatment.

This primary Medicaid-funded program is a much-needed asset in Lafayette Parish and will serve the population of our state. Having this residential treatment facility available for people dealing with substance abuse will be a vital tool to law enforcement and the judicial system of our community. This facility will also enhance employment opportunities within Lafayette Parish.

I support this program and any state assistance to be allocated where possible.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

By: 

Sheriff

Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office