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Office of the Governor
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December 23, 2009

Re: CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant
HHS-2010-CMS-CHIPRA-0002
CFDA 93.767

Mike Fogarty, CEO
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Dear Mr. Fogarty:

On behalf of the State of Oklahoma, I am writing to express my support of your agency's CHIPRA child health quality demonstration grant initiative. These grant funds will allow Oklahoma's single state Medicaid agency, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA), and its partners, to strengthen efforts to improve the quality of care and health outcomes for Oklahoma children served by the SoonerCare program.

It is the goal of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to provide the children of Oklahoma with the highest quality of care through several innovative approaches, all of which build on the patient-centered medical home model currently in operation. These approaches include the evaluation of core quality measures established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the integration of Health Information Technology (HIT) into the SoonerCare provider community. The coordination of children's healthcare will be streamlined as best practices are spread to participating Health Access Networks by practice facilitators. As a result of these quality improvement efforts, the SoonerCare program will offer even higher-quality healthcare coverage to Oklahoma children.

One of the goals of my administration is to increase access to healthcare and improve health outcomes for all Oklahomans. I believe this grant initiative will provide a means to accomplish both. I offer my support for the OHCA child health quality grant initiative. The efforts outlined within this grant proposal will help bring a healthier tomorrow for more of Oklahoma's children.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Fogarty:

Support of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) application for the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality Demonstration Grant is something that I feel strongly about, because Oklahoma consistently ranks in the lowest quartile of states on measures of child health and often in the lowest five among the states. So, it is important that Oklahomans work together to make changes necessary for improving the quality of health care delivered to our children. We are committed to ensuring a high quality of life for all Oklahomans, and believe that implementation and evaluation of an integrated health system focused on providing optimal care for our citizens is a major step toward marked improvement in the health of our children.

It is our understanding that the Oklahoma Health Care Authority will make a broad-based collaborative effort to result in an integrated healthcare system providing optimal quality health care to children and families in Oklahoma served by SoonerCare (Medicaid/CHIP). Systemic change will be driven by implementation and evaluation of processes and outcomes associated with use of core performance measures, enhancement of care transition and coordination, use of pediatric electronic health records and establishment of a continuous quality improvement system that will facilitate the dissemination and integration of best practices and lessons learned from grant funded activities to providers participating in the grant initiative. It is our understanding that the University of Oklahoma College of Community Health-Tulsa, Oklahoma State University College of Medicine, the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine Departments of Pediatrics as well as the Department of Family Medicine have committed to a partnership with the OHCA to perform the work delineated in this proposal. We anticipate very good results from this partnership with these resources. The activities funded by this grant will compliment previous and current OHCA quality initiatives.

We strongly support the efforts of OHCA to improve the quality of care delivered to our children, and are excited about the positive outcomes and impact on children and families in Oklahoma for years to come.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Fogarty:

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Sincerely,

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MIKE FOGARTY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BRAD HENRY
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OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

January 8, 2010

Re: CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grants
HHS-2010-CMS-CHIPRA-0002 CFDA 93.767

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma's single State Medicaid Agency and lead agency for this grant initiative I am very pleased to present to you Oklahoma's CHIPRA Child Health Quality Demonstration Grant proposal. The agency is requesting a total of $10 million in grant funds to carry out the strategies outlined for you in this proposal. These funds will allow the OHCA to more effectively work with our numerous partners to improve care coordination and quality resulting in healthier children in Oklahoma's Medicaid program, namely SoonerCare. The OHCA takes pride in the long-standing relationships that have been built with our partners. In the short period of time since this grant opportunity was released the following organizations have committed to work with us toward the goal of improving the quality of health care for children enrolled in SoonerCare:

Oklahoma State University Center for Rural Health
University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine, Tulsa
Partnership for a Healthy Canadian County
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma Physician's Resource/Research Network (OKPRN), Oklahoma City

As the lead agency for this initiative, the OHCA will be overseeing the coordination of quality improvement efforts from multiple partners. It is the goal of the OHCA to improve the quality of health care for children by the implementation of new and innovative approaches. These include using the collection of quality measures, and the evaluation of provider based models. The integration of health information technology and experimentation with a pediatric electronic health record format will streamline efforts. Finally, the use of practice facilitators and local learning collaboratives will disseminate best practices to the providers. It has become clear to me that from this grant proposal Oklahoma's quality improvement efforts will result in healthier lives for thousands of Oklahoma's children.

I am pleased to introduce to you Ms. Terrie Fritz, L.S.W.-C., Director of our Child Health Unit as the Project Director for this grant initiative. Should you require additional information please feel free to contact Ms.Fritz at (405) 522-7377, or by e-mail at terrie.fritz@okhca.org Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Fogarty

Oklahoma Chapter

December 30, 2009

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Re: Oklahoma Health Care Authority CHIPRA Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Chapter – American Academy of Pediatrics, I am writing in support of the grant application of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) under the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant Program.

Upon full implementation of the OHCA proposal, the grant expenditure will achieve the goals of the Program by experimenting with and evaluating the use of new and existing measures of quality for children covered by Oklahoma Medicaid (SoonerCare) and CHIP; promoting the use of health information technology (HIT) for the delivery of care for children covered by SoonerCare and CHIP; evaluating provider-based models to improve the delivery of SoonerCare and CHIP children's health care services; and demonstrating the impact of the model electronic health record (EHR) format for children on improving pediatric health, and pediatric health care quality, as well as reducing health care costs.

The OHCA concept for the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant application is a total system of care and statewide collaboration. The application focuses on areas of longstanding significance to the Oklahoma Chapter and the American Academy of Pediatrics like Medical Home and Continuous Quality Improvement. It also seeks to address areas of growing practical concern for pediatricians such as electronic health records. All areas of the grant application rely heavily on collaborations with other organizations -- the University of Oklahoma – Tulsa, Canadian County and Oklahoma State University Health Access Networks.

As you will see in the grant application itself, the implementation of this program will form an overarching process for improving the way SoonerCare children receive health care. This will lead to better outcomes for Oklahoma children and create a template of care models that can eventually be utilized by pediatricians statewide.

The Oklahoma Chapter supports this meaningful undertaking and requests that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid fund this grant application by OHCA fully.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Fogarty:

The Oklahoma State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program is pleased to support the Oklahoma Health Care Authority application for the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality Demonstration Grant. We recognize that Oklahoma is in need of initiatives such as this to implement health information technology to support improvements in the quality of health care delivered to our children so that we can improve the overall health of our state's youngest citizens.

The Oklahoma State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program has many stakeholders, many of which are contributing key personnel to the Oklahoma Health Information Exchange. These stakeholders include: area Indian Health Services offices, Oklahoma Tribal Council, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State Medical Association, Oklahoma Hospital Association, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Primary Care Association, Greater Oklahoma City Hospital Council, Oklahoma Academy of Family Practitioners, Oklahoma Dental Association, Oklahoma Nurses Association, planned Parenthood of Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

OHCA will lead a broad-based collaborative effort resulting in an integrated healthcare system providing optimal quality health care to children and families in Oklahoma served by SoonerCare (Medicaid/CHIP). Systemic change will be driven by implementation and evaluation of processes and outcomes associated with use of core performance measures, enhancement of care transition and coordination, use of pediatric electronic health records and establishment of a continuous quality improvement system that will facilitate the dissemination and integration of best practices and lessons learned from grant funded activities to providers participating in the grant initiative. It is our understanding that the University of Oklahoma College of Community Health-Tulsa, Oklahoma State University College of Medicine, The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine Departments of Pediatrics as well as the Department of Family Medicine have committed to a partnership with the OHCA to perform the work delineated in this proposal. We anticipate very strong results from a partnership of this magnitude with these resources.

Quality improvements resulting from the integrated healthcare system described in this proposal can be replicated and expanded statewide and will complement previous and current OHCA quality initiatives.

The Oklahoma State Health Information Exchange Cooperative is committed to working with OHCA to improve child health indicators in Oklahoma, and support funding of the OHCA proposal.

Sincerely,

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January 5, 2010

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Dear Mr. Fogarty:

I am submitting this letter in support of your application for the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality grant. The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) supports your vision to improve the use of electronic health records, improve primary care coordination with specialists (including mental health and substance abuse) and to further develop evaluation tools utilized by Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) enabling them to conduct quality improvement activities within their practices and provide evaluation of our Medical Home Program. The collaboration you propose with Oklahoma University (OU) Tulsa Community Medicine, Oklahoma State University (OSU) Family Practice, Canadian County Health Access Network, and OU Center for Family Medicine Research, offers tremendous potential to improve the quality of care for children in the state of Oklahoma.

Your efforts to integrate all five categories available in this grant describe an overarching process for improving the way SoonerCare children receive health care. In grant category A, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) provide a set of core quality measures for grantees to experiment with and evaluate. The Partnership for a Healthy Canadian County Health Access Network will be taking the lead and will coordinate with providers of varying technological levels to evaluate the ability of providers to capture the core measures and promote best practices. This group will look at the best methods for collecting and analyzing the data and how these measures can translate into better quality of care.

Grant category B looks at the use of Health Information Technology (HIT) for improving care coordination and delivery. The OSU Health Access Network (HAN) will be the lead entity in this category and will explore methods of using HIT to improve the coordination of referrals, the exchange of health information and disease management capabilities. By establishing a patient registry, this category will help enhance the care management aspect of the Medical Home model and allow for better evaluation and dissemination of best practices.

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Grant category C looks to address the evaluation of provider based models. By reviewing the enhancements to the medical home model, this category will be overseen by Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) and will assist with sharing findings from each of the other categories to providers and HANs alike. Category C will additionally look to address how each group improves the quality of care for children.

Grant category D is designed to help with the evaluation of a pediatric Electronic Health Records (EHR) model. Utilizing the OU/Tulsa HAN as the lead, this group will implement the pediatric EHR template designed by The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and determine compatibility with the other initiatives being developed. This group will determine how successfully the pediatric EHR can be integrated and used for data collection, improving the use of HIT and evaluation of provider based models.

Grant category E will focus on a Continuous Quality Improvement initiative by connecting all the grant categories together. Beginning with a provider group in a single county, this concept will build on the use of practice facilitators and local learning collaborative to share best practices from all the other grant categories. By utilizing peer-to-peer forums, providers working through this initiative will have the opportunity to improve the quality of the care delivered as well as the way the care is delivered.

This endeavor forms an encompassing system of care that will improve the collection and analysis of quality measures, expand the use of HIT and EHR in care transition, and evaluate and improve the quality of children's healthcare through improved efficiency and provider involvement. This will lead to better outcomes for our children and create a template of care models that can eventually be utilized by providers statewide.

Working with the OHCA, the OSDH will continue collaboration and support efforts toward the mission, objectives, and activities outlined in the CHIPRA Quality Demonstration grant.

Sincerely,

Terry Cline, Ph.D.
Commissioner

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Dear Mr. Fogarty:

Oklahoma Primary Care Association (OKPCA) would like to offer support for Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) proposal for the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality Demonstration Grant opportunity. Of great importance to OKPCA is access to high quality, efficient, effective preventive and primary health care especially through comprehensive medical homes, reducing the human suffering and high cost caused by preventable and controllable chronic conditions and ensuring continuity and seamlessness across all levels of health care. The OHCA proposal in many ways addresses all of these elements.

OKPCA is willing to assist in the efforts of this proposal by being a conduit to provider organizations about efforts planned in this proposal. More specifically, OKPCA may (not necessarily exclusively):

- help ensure information sharing to, from, and among OKPCA member providers;
- participate in further planning related to Operational Plan development and, subsequently, grant area implementations as appropriate; and
- facilitate relevant training and technical assistance to OKPCA members and Health Resources and Services Administration grantees related to applicable quality measures, practice management and clinical best practices and health information technology use and exchange functionality.

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve the health care opportunities of Oklahomans. Please contact me if we could be of further assistance at 405-424-2282 extension 101 or gshepherd@okpca.org.

Sincerely,

Greta J. Stewart

Greta J. Stewart, MPH, CAE
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December 29, 2009

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Re: Oklahoma CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant

I am very pleased to write in support of your grant proposal to form an overarching process for improving the quality and the way children receive health care services funded by SoonerCare. As the Oklahoma Family-to-Family Health Information Center, The Oklahoma Family Network focuses on supporting families as they navigate the myriad of health care services more easily and helping to build a medical home environment at the family level as well as the regional and state levels.

OFN will partner with the OK Health Care Authority and other grant partners to assist in activities needed to assure the success of the Demonstration Grant.

Developing an encompassing system of care that will improve the collection and analysis of quality measures, expand the use of health information technology and electronic health records in care transition, and evaluate and improve the quality of children's healthcare through improved efficiency and provider involvement is greatly needed in Oklahoma and OFN is delighted to partner with the OK Health Care Authority as they implement this project.

Sincerely,

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Terrie Fritz, MSW, LCSW
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January 4, 2010

Dear Ms. Fritz:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) we wish to express our support of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) grant application. It is our understanding that this grant seeks to improve the use of electronic health records, primary care coordination with specialists, further development of and evaluation of tools to be used to conduct quality improvement activities within Physician practices and evaluation of the medical home program being implemented by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. OICA is home to the Oklahoma Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition. The mission of OKHMHB is to improve the health and safety of mothers, babies and their families in Oklahoma. This endeavor is aligned with that work.

We are excited and encouraged by the recent work of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority related to the medical home program. We look forward to the expansion and improvement of that model with this funding. We will readily support this grant proposal and our willing to contribute in any way that seems appropriate.

Sincerely,

Linda Terrell, Executive Director
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Mr. Fogarty:

Smart Start Oklahoma is pleased to support the Oklahoma Health Care Authority application for the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality Demonstration Grant. Oklahoma consistently ranks in the lowest quartile of the states on measures of child or adult health and many times in the lowest five among the states. As the state's Early Childhood Advisory Council we clearly recognize that Oklahoma is in need of initiatives such as this to improve the quality of health care delivered to our children so that we can improve the overall health of our state's youngest citizens.

Smart Start Oklahoma leads a coalition of 18 communities covering 51 of 77 counties in Oklahoma as well as serves as the coordinating state level agency whose mission is to increase the number of children entering kindergarten ready to learn. We address four areas of school readiness: health, mental health, family support, and early care and education opportunities. We have partnered with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority in numerous ways, most recently with a SoonerCare Campaign to increase the number of young children enrolled in the state's Medicaid program. Smart Start Oklahoma will continue this partnership and expand it to include the efforts outlined in OHCA's Quality Demonstration Grant.

OHCA will lead a broad-based collaborative effort resulting in an integrated healthcare system providing optimal quality health care to children and families in Oklahoma served by SoonerCare (Medicaid/CHIP). Systemic change will be driven by implementation and evaluation of processes and outcomes associated with use of core performance measures, enhancement of care transition and coordination, use of pediatric electronic health records and establishment of a continuous quality improvement system that will facilitate the dissemination and integration of best practices and lessons learned from grant funded activities to providers participating in the grant initiative. It is our understanding that the University of Oklahoma College of Community Health-Tulsa, Oklahoma State University College of Medicine, the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine Departments of Pediatrics as well as the Department of Family Medicine have committed to a partnership with the OHCA to perform the work delineated in this proposal. We anticipate very strong results from a partnership of this magnitude with these resources.

Quality improvements resulting from the integrated healthcare system described in this proposal can be replicated and expanded statewide and will compliment previous and current OHCA quality initiatives.

We are committed to working with OHCA to improve child health indicators in Oklahoma, and support funding of the OHCA proposal. It is an honor to be their partner.

Respectfully,

Susan Illgen

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December 30, 2009

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Re: CHIPRA Quality Grant Application

Dear Ms. Fritz:

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) supports your concept for a CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grant.

The joint effort you have planned which will build off your Medical Home model will definitely improve the way children receive health care. Your plan is ambitious and worthy and will result in improving the use of electronic health records, primary care coordination with specialists, further development of and evaluation of tools to be used by Primary Care Physicians (PCP's) to conduct quality improvement activities, and evaluation of your medical home program.

It will be a boon to the children of Oklahoma if you receive this grant. If there is anything further we can do to help, we would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Terri White

Terri White, M.S.W.
Commissioner

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January 7, 2010

Mr. Mike Fogarty
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Dear Mr. Fogarty:

The University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine (SCM) is pleased to collaborate with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and other distinguished colleagues from the Oklahoma child healthcare providers in developing and executing the CHIPRA 2010 Quality Demonstration Grant. We are particularly pleased to take the lead in evaluating and implementing the model Pediatric Electronic Health Record.

The medical informatics department led by Dr. David Kendrick has a sophisticated team of three fellowship trained physician informaticists who are leading our practice improvement and technology implementation efforts at OU Physicians. This grant provides an ideal platform for expanding the capacities across Oklahoma child health providers.

We have been very pleased with the warm collaboration that we have experienced with the staff of the OHCA in implementing the Patient Centered Medical Home over the past year. This collaboration has distinguished our faculty as leaders among medical schools in establishing the medical home as a model for both patient care and clinical education. It is now a centerpiece of the new curriculum in the school of community medicine.

The fact that the OU-SCM Tulsa HAN will plan a central role in demonstrating care coordination, facilitation of enhanced primary care and specialty communication for improved access to clinical services is particularly rewarding to us. The Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) grant to demonstrate the effectiveness of the referral management and online consultation program in a virtual care organization will become a central component of the HIT that can be implemented through this grant. We are pleased to contribute our efforts in bringing this new technology into practical use across other HANs in Oklahoma.

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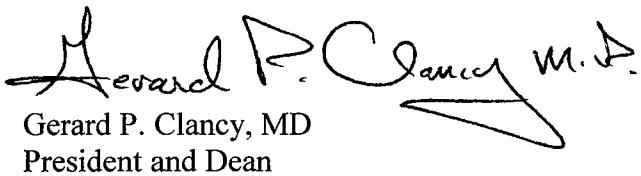
We are definitely on board with this grant proposal and are pleased and eager to continue the fruitful collaboration to improve access and quality of care of the children, particularly the most vulnerable children of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,



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January 6, 2010

Terrie Fritz, MSW, LCSW
Director of Children's Health Services
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
4545 N. Lincoln Blvd, suite 260
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Ms. Fritz;

I am thrilled to participate in the application entitled "Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality Demonstration Grant Program". We at OUHSC and our partners in Canadian County look forward to collaborating with you as the team leads for Category A of this grant application, "Experiment with, and Evaluate the Use of, Newly Developed and Evidence-Based Measures of the Quality of Children's Health Care".

This is a tremendous opportunity to improve the health of Okalhoma's children. We will work with OHCA, OU-Tulsa, OSU, and the three Health Access Networks in implementing the entire project. I am happy to serve on the steering committee and on the quality council at is formulated.

Please contact me for any questions or clarifications. Again, this is a wonderful opportunity and I look forward to working with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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January 5, 2010

Mike Fogarty, Chief Executive Officer
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
4545 North Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 124
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117

Regarding: Letter of Support

Dear Director Fogarty,

Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences is pleased to support the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) in its application for the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Quality Demonstration Grant. Oklahoma consistently ranks in the lower percentile regarding children's health care outcomes and this program will assist us in making significant improvements in this regard.

The Departments of Medical Informatics, Pediatrics, Behavioral Health and the Center for Rural Health on behalf of our university have all worked in support of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's application.

Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences has been a long time supporter of OHCA programs. We currently partner with the OHCA in the provision of medical care to Medicaid recipients under their Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH), and recently, have been approved as a Health Access Network provider in further support of the PCMH model.

OHCA will lead a broad-based collaborative effort resulting in an integrated healthcare system providing optimal quality health care to children and families in Oklahoma served by the SoonerCare (Medicaid/CHIP). Systematic change will be driven by implementation and evaluation processes and outcomes associated with use of core performance measures, enhanced care transition/coordination, use of pediatric electronic health records and continuous quality improvement systems that will facilitate the dissemination and integration of best practices and lessons learned from grant funded activities to providers participating in the grant activities.

The quality improvements resulting from an integrated healthcare system may be replicated and expanded statewide and truly compliment the current OHCA quality initiatives.

We are committed to continue to work with the OHCA to improve child health care indicators in Oklahoma and support funding of the OHCA proposal.

Respectfully,

William J. Pettit, D.O.
Associate Dean for Rural Health
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STATEMENT OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

GRANT TITLE: Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs: Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA): Section 401 (D). CHIPRA Quality Demonstration Grants

PROPOSED PROJECT PERIOD: 7/1/ 2010 – 6/30/2015

This letter is to certify that I have reviewed the above-referenced application. The appropriate programmatic and administrative personnel in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center are prepared to establish the necessary inter-institutional agreements. Researchers and staff within the Department are prepared to carry out the activities delineated in Category E of the grant application.

Funding requested for Category E of this project for the first year is estimated to be $356,079 ($240,594 direct cost). Costs for the total project period are estimated to be $1,332,736 ($900,498 direct cost). The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is in compliance with all requirements for receipt of federal funds.

We look forward to our collaboration with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority on this project.

Sincerely,

James W. Mold, MD, MPH

Director of Research