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To: Virginia A. Caine, MD, Director, Marion County Public Health Department
Kristina Box, MD, Indiana State Health Commissioner

Cc: Michael Butler, Director Ryan White/HIV Services Program, MCPHD - mibutler@marionhealth.org

Re: Concurrence with the Marion County Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plan

Dear Dr. Caine and Dr. Box:

On behalf of the Ryan White Part A Planning Council and the ten county Transitional Grant Area (TGA), which includes Marion County (Indianapolis), thank you for providing the Planning Council with a copy of the final Marion County Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plan, and providing the Planning Council with a presentation of the EHE Plan on October 1, 2020 and an opportunity for review and discussion.

The Ryan White Part A Planning Council notes the robust discussion on October 1, 2020 about the EHE Plan, and appreciates the responsiveness of the EHE Task Force and writers to rapidly respond and incorporate suggestions from the Planning Council about PrEP and PEP, the concept and approach of U=U, the promotion of peer coaching, HIV stigma, racial disparities and structural barriers, and importance of community leadership and community-centered responses.

The Ryan White Part A Planning Council has received the final EHE Plan and affirms that the Marion County EHE Plan aligns with the priorities stated in other state and local plans, including the state integrated HIV plan and other plans related to the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program in the Indianapolis TGA.

The Ryan White Planning Council specifically emphasizes its appreciation for the Marion County EHE Plan in its attention to most disproportionately affected populations and geographical areas that bear the greatest burden of HIV and other health issues, its attention to workforce development, and the approach and opportunity offered by this Plan for a collaborative, coordinated, cohesive HIV effort across multiple organizations and agencies.

On behalf of the Ryan White Part A Planning Council, the co-chairs are therefore pleased to affirm the Council's concurrence with the Marion County EHE Plan and whole-heartedly endorse the IDOH's submission of this EHE Plan to the CDC and to other Federal agencies.

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