Dear Drs. Ford and Wenthur,

As President of the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association, it is my pleasure to write a letter of commitment to offer support and collaboration for your efforts to create the **Wisconsin Opioid Overdose Response Center and Pharmacy Resource Network** with funding support from a congressional appropriation through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The **Wisconsin Opioid Overdose Response Center** will focus on a systematic effort to build a sustainable and resilient community pharmacy-centric infrastructure that can change the trajectory of the opioid epidemic in communities across Wisconsin. This project builds on our prior collaboration with your team to develop materials and share information with our members about community pharmacist-provided naltrexone injections. Through the **Wisconsin Opioid Overdose Pharmacy Resource Network** and in partnership with patients, prescribers, veterans, and community leaders from across the state, we seek to increase patient access to evidence-based treatments for opioid use disorder and opioid overdose through expansion of community pharmacy-based services in Wisconsin and the capacity of pharmacies and pharmacists in Wisconsin to access and deploy evidence-based educational materials and programs focused on opioid misuse and overdose risk mitigation strategies.

We are aware that the purpose of the Center is to leverage our expertise to optimize use of existing tools and develop the next generation of approaches used to combat fentanyl and synthetic opioid overdoses, and to deliver these interventions to citizens across the state through community pharmacies. As part of these efforts, WPA is committed to collaborating with your team through member participation in focus groups and community engagement activities to engage in collaborative efforts to develop a collaborative practice agreement related to MOUD which might also include education about services that community pharmacists provide to help address the ongoing opioid epidemic. We are also committed to disseminating information developed through the Center to our members.

Our mission at the WPA is to have accessible, high quality mental healthcare for the people of Wisconsin, and it is our goal to improve the treatment, rehabilitation, and care of patients needing mental healthcare, including individuals with opioid use disorder. We feel the goals of the **Wisconsin Opioid Overdose Response Center and Pharmacy Resource Network** closely align with our mission at the WPA.
We are looking forward to working with you over the next 12 months to inform this unique evidence-based intervention designed specifically to improve clinical and programmatic outcomes for those in the community who are suffering from an opioid use disorder.

Sincerely,

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