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Dear Health Care Leader,

We are writing to invite you to participate in a project to improve access to child psychiatry consultation and mental health supports for the children and youth you serve. The T.L.L. Temple Foundation has funded the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI) to ensure that primary care practices serving children and youth in Deep East Texas have the opportunity to learn about and take advantage of new resources we expect will be available later in 2019.

Several Texas medical schools have already expanded access to consultation and telehealth supports for children and youth with mental health needs, and their families. Now, the Texas Legislature is poised to expand access to these supports statewide through the Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN), which is a focus of Senate Bill 10 (please see below for a brief description of CPAN). Senate Bill 10 has been voted out of the Senate (with all 31 State Senators supporting it) and has the support of the Governor and leaders in the House. Because these needs are so great in East Texas, and because the new supports will be funded in the fall of 2019 (if they become law), we want to start planning now to be sure that Deep East Texas providers are well positioned to benefit from these supports.

CPAN will be a statewide network of behavioral health consultation hubs located at Texas medical schools. Each hub will provide pediatric/family medicine providers with the following services: telephonic clinical consultation during business hours with a child psychiatrist or behavioral health clinician; care coordination for assistance with referrals to community mental health services; and continuing professional education designed for primary care providers.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated. We would like to first identify the right contact at your practice and schedule a brief phone call (approximately 15 minutes) to discuss the project and learn about your preferences for participating in this network. To accommodate your schedule and availability, we are offering several options for participation: keeping you informed about CPAN via email, scheduling time to learn more about your practice (either in person at your site or by phone, whichever is more convenient for you), or inviting you to one of the informational forums we will be hosting throughout Deep East Texas in late May.

If you are interested in learning more, please email Alexa White at awhite@texasstateofmind.org with the following information: (1) name of your practice's contact person and (2) the email and preferred phone number for that person. Or, if you prefer, you can call Alexa and talk with her directly at 717.253.3412.

We hope you will consider this invitation. We look forward to meeting with you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Keller".

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