



December 31, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This memo is intended to describe the long-standing and community benefiting relationship between Kadlec Regional Medical Center and the principals of Ideal Option. Drs. Jeff Allgaier and Ken Egli both worked in the Emergency Department of Kadlec for a number of years during which time I came to know them and respect them both for their professional expertise as well as for their leadership acumen. I was disappointed when I learned they were going to leave the department and start their own drug treatment program, as it appeared at that time to be a significant loss for the hospital.

However, as they were able to explain, during their time in the ED they experienced the professional frustration of treating patients with opioid overdoses and other drug use disorders only to discharge them back onto the street as there were no treatment programs available to treat except a very limited proportion of those in need. Jeff and Ken were determined to develop a program providing evidence-based protocols and comprehensive treatment to assist all patients with OUD an opportunity to turn their lives around.

In a matter of a few years the demand for the well-developed services of Ideal Option grew significantly as their reputation spread quickly within the patient population as well as with their ED colleagues. When the State of Washington began offering grant funding to assure a warm and secure handoff between patients being treated in the ED and outpatient treatment for OUD, Ideal Option and Kadlec were quick to respond. We have worked closely together to create a teamwork between the ED staff, grant supported personnel and the Ideal Option professionals to assure that those who are most in need, and at a time when they are most likely to take advantage of this opportunity, are supported into a long term treatment program.

We knew anecdotally that Ideal Option has been extremely successful in helping many individuals in our community back to health and hope. We are very confident that as we begin our data collection associated with this grant that we will also be able to document the dramatic reduction in use of healthcare resources when patients are connected to treatment resources. I am happy at any time to speak regarding our outstanding experience with Jeff and Ken, and to share the difference they are making in this community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lane Savitch". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lane Savitch  
Chief Executive