

## **Tyler County Emergency Management**

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Dear Dr. Langabeer,

This letter confirms that Tyler County Emergency Management supports the principles of the Texas Integrated Community Opioid Network (ICON). This letter expresses our intent to support Texas ICON in advancing these principles.

We pledge to participate in and engage with Texas ICON in the following ways:

- 1. Reduce the risk of drug overdose in our community.
- 2. Increase access to treatment for substance use and opioid use disorder.
- 3. Promote integrated and coordinated behavioral health promotion strategies to reduce substance use disorder.
- Provide educational content to raise awareness about opioid use and substance use disorder.
- 5. Share data to reduce substance use disorder and improve health outcomes.
- Will offer my expertise to help ensure the health and success of this partnership.
- Will attend in-person or virtual quarterly meetings held for Texas ICON partner organizations.
- Will actively participate in requests for assistance and response.

In return, we understand that Texas ICON will work to create an improved treatment and recovery landscape for people with substance use disorder. Texas ICON will also assist us in addressing barriers to treatment and provide awareness, prevention, and harm reduction education content. Texas ICON will also provide local and specialized referrals to services for people with substance use disorder and related health concerns.

We look forward to this partnership to better serve Texans at risk for substance use disorder.

Sincerely, John Settlocker Tyler County Emergency Management Coordinator