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Dear Ms. Best-Baker and Members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for the Inyo County Behavioral Health Advisory Board. I am interested in serving because I believe consumers and families should have a meaningful voice in the services that affect them and our community.

I bring both lived and professional experience. I am a parent of children who have received mental and behavioral health services, and I also work as an Early Start Resource Specialist with Exceptional Family Center, supporting individuals with disabilities and their families in Inyo County. These roles have given me experience navigating services, connecting families with resources, collaborating with community partners, and seeing firsthand the barriers families can face in a rural community.

I hold an Associate degree in Childhood and Adolescence Development and am currently pursuing my Bachelor's degree in the same field, with plans to continue on to graduate study. My training includes mandated reporting, trauma-informed care, suicide awareness, fentanyl awareness, and person-centered planning. I have also completed the Motherhood and Fatherhood Is Sacred training and the Linking Generations series, a Native American approach to strengthening parenting and relationships across generations.

In addition, I have served as a guest speaker on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) for Social Services through the Bishop Paiute Tribe. These experiences have strengthened my understanding of trauma, prevention, family systems, culturally responsive support, disability services, and the importance of meeting individuals and families where they are.

If selected, I would bring a family-centered, trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and disability-informed perspective to the Board. I would approach the role with an open mind, a willingness to listen and collaborate, and a commitment to helping strengthen access, outreach, prevention, early intervention, and support for individuals and families throughout Inyo County.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be honored to contribute my experience, education, and commitment to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and to the community it serves.

Sincerely,

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