

St. Clair County Medical Society



May 11, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Letter of Support for Memorial Hospital - East Certificate of Need Application Project #11-017

Dear Ms. Avery:

The St. Clair County Medical Society Board of Directors held its regular monthly meeting on April 28, 2011. At that meeting, the Board voted unanimously to support the Certificate of Need Application for Memorial Hospital – East (project #11-017).

The St. Clair County Medical Society exists to foster the provision of quality healthcare in our communities. We have had an excellent relationship with Memorial Hospital over the past nearly 53 years. Memorial has shared its vision for this new facility openly with its Medical Staff, many of which are members of this Society. We can say they have been thoughtful in their approach and thorough in their evaluation of community needs. The plan supports the local community by keeping its existing facility in place on the Belleville campus and improving it to provide all private beds.

A new facility in the O'Fallon/Shiloh area makes sense since population growth is occurring there and Memorial Hospital already provides care for a significant number of those patients.

We, as a medical society, are also concerned about out-migration of our patient population to Missouri. Improved facilities such as proposed for Memorial-East will help address out-migration issues and keep our patients in Illinois.

Memorial Hospital has a long history of providing exceptional care and compassionate service. They provide care regardless of ability to pay and see a significant volume of Medicare and Medicaid patients.

It is the desire of the St. Clair County Medical Society that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board acts favorably and approves the Certificate of Need for Memorial Hospital - East.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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William R. Casperson, MD, FACS, CPE
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elaine Hoffmann".

Elaine Hoffmann
Executive Director

CC: Mark Turner – President/CEO Memorial Hospital