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Dale Galassie
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #11-096, Fresenius Medical Care Cicero

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing this letter to express my support to the Illinois Facilities and Services Review Board for the proposed dialysis facility in Cicero by Fresenius Medical Care.

Vanguard Health Systems owns four hospitals in the Chicago area, MacNeal Hospital, which joined Vanguard in 2000, Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital in 2002 and West Suburban and Westlake Hospitals in 2010. These hospitals have long standing reputations of serving families in urban areas, many of whom are medically underserved, underinsured or uninsured.

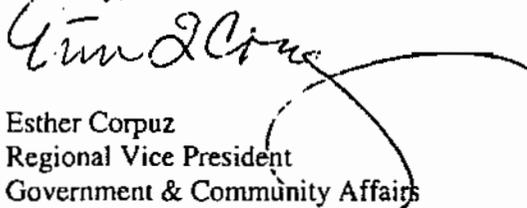
MacNeal Hospital, located in Berwyn, serves a growing Hispanic-Mexican population, many families are monolingual Spanish speakers and some are undocumented and have little access to medical care. The Hispanic population is disproportionately at risk for diabetes and hypertension, the two leading causes of kidney disease. The proposed facility in Cicero, a federally designated medically underserved community, would allow increased access to medical services in a community that is close to their home and would provide greater transportation options, a key barrier to renal care patients.

Also supporting this project is Dr. Lohman, a board certified nephrologist and a dedicated member of MacNeal's medical staff since 1978. Dr. Lohman is also the Medical Director of Fresenius Medical Care in Berwyn and has a long history of serving patients with kidney disease. I have witnessed first-hand Dr. Lohman's dedication, compassion and his willingness to learn and understand the cultural differences experienced by Hispanic patients in order to provide the best care and outcomes.

Fresenius is a leader in high quality renal care and has a proven history of caring for all patients regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status.

I urge you to approve this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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February 7, 2012

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Re: Project #11-096, Fresenius Medical Care Cicero

Dear Mr. Galassie,

On behalf of PCC Community Wellness Center, I am pleased to support Fresenius Medical Care and their proposed kidney dialysis facility in Cicero, IL. Cicero is a Federally Designated Medically Underserved Area with a largely Hispanic demographic. The Hispanic population is disproportionately at -risk for diabetes and hypertension, the two leading causes of kidney disease. Many of Cicero's residents are also low-income and/or undocumented. Due to their cultural and economic status, obtaining proper healthcare is often difficult for them.

The mission of PCC Community Wellness Center is to improve health outcomes for the medically underserved community through the provision of high quality, affordable, and accessible primary health care and support services. PCC is a not-for-profit network of ten community health centers located in Chicago's west side and near west suburbs. PCC is proud to serve the Cicero community and understands the true benefit that a Fresenius Medical Care Kidney Dialysis Center would bring to those in need.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Urso
 President & CEO

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Re: Project #11-096, Fresenius Medical Care Cicero

Dear Mr. Galassie:

My name is Tariq Butt, M.D. and I am the Medical Director for Access Community Health Network (ACCESS) in Cicero. ACCESS is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides high quality, comprehensive community-based health care for the under-served in the greater Chicago area and beyond. I am writing in support of Fresenius Medical Care's proposed Cicero dialysis facility to be established at 3030 S. Cicero. The area where the clinic will be is a medically underserved area. The population that lives here and will be served by the facility there is Hispanic. These patients are often indigent and/or undocumented. Due to their cultural and economic status, obtaining proper healthcare is difficult for them.

The Hispanic population is disproportionately at risk for diabetes and hypertension, the two leading causes of kidney disease. The patients we see here in Cicero are already at a disadvantage and combining that with kidney failure creates an even larger obstacle for them to surmount. Many do not speak English and navigating the healthcare system is overwhelming. Transportation does not come easily for them due to their economic status and language barriers. For these reasons I feel a dialysis center is crucial for Cicero.

Dr. Lohman, Medical Director of Fresenius Medical Care Berwyn, has a long history of serving the Berwyn/Cicero area patients with kidney failure. Dr. Lohman is a well respected nephrologist and has over the years built a rapport with this Hispanic patient population and understands their unique circumstances. He is also a strong supporter of home dialysis and transplant.

Given the fact that this is an underserved area and the fact that the Cicero is 87% Hispanic, I strongly encourage the Board to approve this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tariq Butt, M.D.