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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
2nd Floor
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Chairman Galassie:

During the October 12, 2011 Open Session of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("Board"), the Board heard presentations from the former Resurrection and Provena health systems regarding the 2011 merger that ultimately resulted in our current system, Presence Health ("Presence" or the "System"). At that session, Sandra Bruce, the Chief Executive Officer of Presence, committed to securing local public health input in connection with the community needs assessments performed by each of Presence's hospitals, and she also indicated that Presence would provide a simple update on our local community planning groups' activities and how our facilities have aligned community needs assessments with the needs assessments of local health departments. To honor Presence's commitment to the Board, I'm writing to update you on our efforts.

Presence's community health needs assessment ("CHNA") process is a highly collaborative, community-focused process for identifying and prioritizing community health needs. As part of the process, the System's Community Health Strategy Department (the "Department") helps facilitate data collection and analysis designed to identify and prioritize key community health issues and needs and intended to develop high-level action plans that address community needs. To assure representative engagement, the System involves individuals, community organizations, and experts dealing with special populations. Since that October 12, 2011 Open Session, Presence has taken steps to continue to engage public health officials and collaborate with them in communities where that collaboration has occurred historically; in communities that have not been previously subject to a legacy CHNA process, the Department has also helped facilitate community health need-focused exchanges between the System's hospitals and the local public health department.

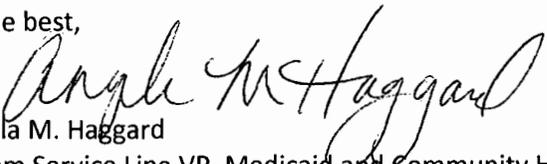
For each community in which one of the System's six legacy Resurrection hospitals is located, a CHNA Steering Committee completed a community health needs assessment to identify community health needs. This process took approximately six months (from July 2012 through December 2012). As a threshold matter, the Department consulted with the local public health officials at the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) during the initial phase of the needs assessments. Then, the CHNA Steering Committees incorporated the information from those exchanges, along with CDPH secondary public health data, into the various assessments and prepared implementation strategies to prioritize and address identified community health needs. The CHNA Steering Committees plan to implement those strategies by 2016.



Unlike the hospitals located in the Greater Chicago area, the Presence hospitals located in our other communities have historically collaborated with competitor hospitals and their local health departments to complete community health needs assessments. These processes were in place for quite some time under the legacy Provena system, and Presence has made reasonable efforts to continue to cooperate with the other stakeholders in our communities to better address the specific and unique needs of these communities as we continue to move forward.

Hopefully, this brief update has effectively reassured you of Presence's commitment to working with local public health officials to identify community health priorities and implement appropriate strategic solutions. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

All the best,


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