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Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
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Re: reference Project # 12-081 Vista Lindenhurst Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

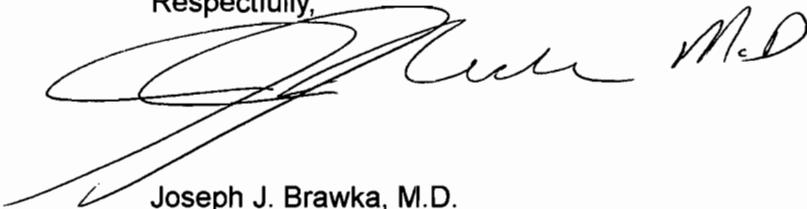
This letter is to voice my enthusiastic and full support for the realization of a Vista Lindenhurst Hospital in Northwest Lake County. My unique position in providing thousands of patients emergency care in the Vista Lindenhurst Freestanding Emergency Center has given me one overwhelming impression: this community needs and requires local hospital care.

I have been approached by countless patients who have expressed their desire and concern that they are required to travel long distances from their home to receive quality medical care. "We need a hospital here" has been echoed over and over by my patients.

While detractors state that there is no medical necessity for more hospital beds in the area, I take strong issue with this position. First, a 30 to 40-minute travel time to a full service hospital in one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country is not within acceptable standards of care. Second, and more importantly, I have firsthand experience of bed shortages, long ED transfer and wait times, and have had multiple patients spend hours if not days as boarders in the ER waiting for beds.

The time has come to put economics, competition and politics aside. It is time to provide the growing community of Northwest Lake County with accessible, quality hospital care. I applaud Vista Health System's commitment to build this new hospital, and request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board rule favorably on this proposal.

Respectfully,



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RE: Project # 12-081, In **Support** of Vista Medical Center - Lindenhurst

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Gerald Frank. I have been practicing geriatrics and Internal Medicine in the Lake County area for over 41 years. I am currently on the active staff of the following area hospitals: Vista in Waukegan, advocate Condell in Libertyville, Northwestern Lake forest in Lake Forest, and Northshore Highland Park in Highland Park. I am an associate professor at the Rosalyn Franklin Medical school and I am a member of the executive committee of the Lake County Medical Society. I cite these affiliations only to indicate that I have a deep and abiding interest in the well-being of my patients, all patients, and the delivery of medical care in Lake County and that I have a broad view of county needs.

With that, I am writing to indicate that I support and endorse, without reservation, the application of the Vista Health System Lindenhurst hospital project because in my opinion it will serve a critical and currently unmet need in Northwestern and North Central Lake County.

We live in a world where time to treatment is a critical factor in determining the outcome of patient acute illness. When this hospital is built, it will have the capacity to provide rapid and comprehensive medical care to northwest Lake County patients. In my opinion, demographics, population expansion, and the advances in medicine have enhanced the need for this hospital even more than when the idea was first proposed more than ten years ago.

Patient care is greatly advantaged when patients are able to receive their care locally in the community. When this hospital is built, a medical center will quickly establish in the area as it has already begun with the Vista's Lindenhurst center. The community realizes that and is highly supportive of the endeavor.

The review board has the opportunity to have a strongly positive impact on the medical care for this heretofore underserved community. The time is now and I am very hopeful that you will approve this proposal for a new hospital in Lindenhurst.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald A. Frank MD". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Gerald Frank, MD

January 02, 2013

Mr. Dale Galassie
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am writing this letter to tell you that I absolutely support the proposed new hospital in Lindenhurst/Lake Villa. As a resident of Lake Villa for over 30 years I have had to use a few of the area hospitals for inpatient and emergency care of my elderly parents and others in my family. None of the hospitals are quickly or easily reached.

I am a nurse who has worked in several of the area hospitals (Lake Forest, Highland Park, St. Therese, Victory for example) over the past 40 years. As a current employee of Vista, I can tell you that Vista is completely dedicated to the communities it serves. The improvements that have been made to the Waukegan facility are impressive and a testament to that commitment. The new hospital is long overdue and will greatly improve access to quality healthcare for many in Lake County. I urge you to approve the new Vista hospital.

Sincerely,


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