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June 1, 2013

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

Re: Support for Advocate Good Shepard Hospital Modernization CON, #13-016

Dear Ms. Avery,

On behalf of my residents in Lake County, Illinois, I am writing to demonstrate support for the Good Shepard Hospital Facility Modernization Project. The facility, located in Lake County, has a history of providing quality care for residents and individuals throughout our region. Most, if not all, of my constituents are cared for and served by Good Shepard Hospital.

Hospitals are vital to the health and well-being of our residents and I applaud the vision that Good Shepard's team has employed in order to address the growing patient care needs we have in Lake County.

The hospital's plans to provide updated medical technology, expand the ICU unit and surgical suite, and offer all private, single occupancy patient rooms, will allow Good Shepard to continue its tradition of high quality care for our communities.

I strongly support this innovative moderation plan and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to give this important project every consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Nicholas A. Sauer - Lake County Commissioner, Dist. 17



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June 3, 2013

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Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Mark Gross and I am an independent orthopedic surgeon practicing at Advocate Good Shepherd. I'm writing to express my support of the Good Shepherd modernization project (13-006). Along with my group, all practicing surgeons will reap the benefits of this project. *oib*

Two of the things we're most excited about are the move to 100% private rooms and the addition of larger operating rooms. Currently, most of the medical surgical beds at Good Shepherd are semi private. I'm not joking when I say that with all the orthopedic equipment needed for joint replacement patients, the beds are so close that patients could hold hands. Having a roommate is not the ideal healing situation, especially when a patient after undergoing orthopedic surgery can be in a lot of pain. Orthopedic surgery is also very equipment and supply intensive. This limits the extra room that can be had in an operating room. The project will correct this and ensure that OR sizes are brought up to current industry standards.

In addition, the project will also include an inpatient gym. Currently, patients have to ambulate in the hall, which is not very private for them nor is it the optimal environment in which to conduct physical therapy.

My practice and my patients truly appreciate your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Gross, MD

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Re: Good Shepherd Hospital CON Project #13-006

Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Tom Meyer and I am an independent obstetrician/gynecologist practicing at Advocate Good Shepherd. I am also the current Medical Staff President. Along with me and my practice, members of the medical staff fully support the project in front of you to modernize Good Shepherd Hospital.

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital is a high quality institution and has been recognized nationally a number of times for the clinical care we provide our patients and our community. The clinical excellence provided to the residents of Lake and McHenry counties has been done in a facility built under very different industry standards than those seen today. For example, today's infection control standards demand that patients be given their own inpatient room in which to recover. This limits the chance that patients may pass on diseases to other patients in the hospital.

It also creates a more efficient environment for the operations of the hospital as it eliminates the need for blocked beds. Beds can be blocked for a number of different reasons including infection control, disruptive patients and gender issues. This can create a headache for staff needing to plan patient placement around blocked beds rather than concentrating on the best placement for the patient.

The proposed project will also correct the deficit of intensive care beds at the hospital. My understanding is that the State has also identified the need for more ICU beds in Lake County. There is an industry shift going on throughout health care and that shift is towards more critical care beds and not towards more general medical-surgical beds.

On behalf of more than 700 physicians on staff at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, thank you for the affirming vote of Project #13-006.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Meyer, MD