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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Service Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project 13-034

Enclosed please find letters of community support regarding the Certificate of Need for the expansion of the Behavioral Health Unit at Touchette Regional Hospital.

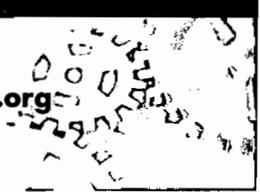
Cordially,



Thomas Mikkelson, M.D.



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Ms. Courtney R. Avery

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson

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RE: Project No. 13-036, Touchette Regional Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Touchette Regional Hospital's certificate of need application to expand its behavioral health unit from 12 to 30 beds, Project No. 13-036. Most of my interaction with the Hospital over the years was as the Vice President-St. Clair County Division of the Urban League.

Touchette Regional Hospital was always an active community partner involved in many Urban League initiatives whether it was homeless services, youth programs or welfare to work activities. Since I have retired from the Urban League I have been collaborating with the hospital to offer workforce development training opportunities for St. Clair County and Madison County residents. They have been helpful in promoting community awareness of our home energy auditor training program, which demonstrates a desire to impact health beyond the traditional hospital based services.

There is a significant need for mental health services in this community and throughout the St. Louis Region. Countless human tragedies result every day from the lack of access to the services being proposed by Touchette Regional Hospital. I am in full support of the Hospital's proposal and ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Doris J. Jones
Consultant

Metropolitan Training Alliance



City of Centreville

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August 15, 2013

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
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RE: Project No. 13-036, Touchette Regional Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am in full support of Touchette Regional Hospital's project that is being considered by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, Project No. 13-036. This is an important project for my city for multiple reasons.

There is a need in this community and throughout the area for inpatient mental health services. Mental health issues continue to be discussed nationally and they are at the heart many problems in our local area. Touchette Regional Hospital is developing a comprehensive approach to compliment inpatient services to care for these individuals. This project will bring jobs to Centreville helping to improve our local economy.

Given the community need and improved access for mental health services that this project will bring, I strongly urge the Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this expansion of mental health services.

Sincerely,

Marius Jackson

Mayor



LESSIE BATES DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761
RE: Project No. 13-036, Touchette Regional Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House wholeheartedly supports your proposal to add 18 beds to your behavioral health unit at Touchette Regional Hospital, Project No. 13-036. The expansion of these services has been needed for quite some time. Touchette Regional Hospital has been an integral part of this community in so many ways. Not only do you provide essential acute care services; but, you are a major employer in this impoverished community. Your institution provides hope to many that we can all work together to improve life here.

Inpatient behavioral health services are an integral part of a complete mental health service. Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House looks forward to working together with you by referring individuals who need these services once your construction project is complete. I would also like to commend Touchette Regional Hospital and its decision to expand region wide services by investing and building in this underserved community. If there is anything more that I can do to support this proposal please let me know.

Sincerely,

William R. Kreeb
President & CEO

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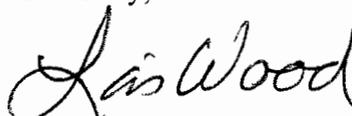
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Dear Ms. Avery:

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. supports Touchette Regional Hospital's proposal to add 18 beds to their behavioral health unit, Project No. 13-036. There is a need for services to address pervasive mental health problems in this community. Touchette Regional Hospital is a part of the community and has been providing inpatient services for years. We support their proposal to expand inpatient capacity.

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. looks forward to working together with Touchette by referring individuals who need these services once the construction project is complete. If there is anything more that I can do to support this proposal, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Lois Wood
Executive Director

LW:JT

Cc: Sue Simone



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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board

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Re: Project 13-036 Touchette Regional Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I understand that Touchette Regional Hospital is expanding its capacity to serve mental health patients. Having lived and worked as a social worker in the Metro St. Louis community for almost 30 years, I can attest to the fact that there is a tremendous need for mental health services in this community. Much of the violence and crime can be traced to mental illness and substance abuse.

Many of the children our Agency serves live in very challenging situations which could benefit from expanded mental health services. Griffin Center provides after school and summer programs for about 500 children who live in six public housing complexes in East St. Louis.

I fully support the application to expand the capacity of mental health services at Touchette Hospital. I also believe the Hospital should be commended for expanding services in our community and not moving essential services elsewhere.

Sincerely,


Sister Julia Hunschka, MSW

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August 15, 2013

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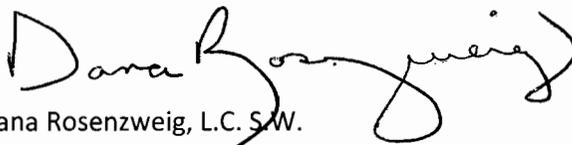
The St. Clair County Mental Health Board strongly supports Touchette Regional Hospital's proposal to add eighteen beds to the hospital's behavioral health unit, Project No. 13-036. There is an ever present need for inpatient services to provide for a full continuum of mental health services in our community.

Touchette Regional Hospital has demonstrated excellence in providing inpatient services. Furthermore, based on changing dynamics the need for expansion of inpatient services at Touchette is increasingly important.

The Mental Health Board looks forward to working together with Touchette Regional Hospital and others to plan for an effective local mental health care delivery system. Access to adequate services is critical and I know the community will enthusiastically support the facility. Consumers, families and medical providers will all benefit by increasing the capacity at Touchette.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this proposal. If there is anything more that I can do, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dana Rosenzweig, L.C.S.W.
Executive Director