



2/6/2014

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #13-069 Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Carbondale

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am taking this opportunity to share my support for Memorial Hospital of Carbondale's planned expansion. This project proposes to increase the number of Intensive Care beds and Operating Rooms to address the current and future shortage of beds and surgical space needed to care for patients.

Over the years, I have watched Memorial Hospital of Carbondale evolve and transform into the quality, regional healthcare provider that it is today. Gone are the days when friends and family would make the tedious, fretful trek to St. Louis, Springfield or Chicago for the cardiac care that is now available in our own backyard. When the region's only neurosurgeons left nearly a decade ago, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and parent Southern Illinois Healthcare were the first to aggressively recruit and restore a robust neurosciences program. Time and again, our regional community has depended on Memorial Hospital of Carbondale to provide the advanced kinds of care that were otherwise unheard of in one of the most impoverished areas of Illinois. It is the kind of care that keeps us here, when our loved ones need us the most.

This stewardship is also demonstrated in the hospital's policy to provide care to patients, regardless of their ability to pay, through its charity care program. The hospital's commitment to the health and well-being of the communities it serves is well documented.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Memorial Hospital of Carbondale's modernization and expansion endeavor.

Thank you for your time and attention to this project. Please feel free to reach out to me at VNA/TIP Hospice, 8341 Express Drive, Ste. B, Marion, IL 62959.  
E-mail: [jeanette.beckemeyer@vnatip.com](mailto:jeanette.beckemeyer@vnatip.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeanette Beckemeyer'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeanette Beckemeyer, MSW  
VNA/TIP Hospice and Homecare

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February 5, 2014

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Re: Project 13-069, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Carbondale

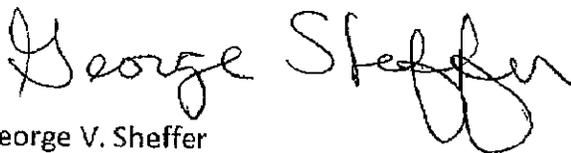
Dear Ms. Avery,

Southern Illinois Healthcare is the backbone of our region serving not just Carbondale, but all of southern Illinois. We have some of the poorest counties in Illinois and finding medical care close by is of the utmost importance to the people in our area.

SIH continues to grow to serve the needs of those battling serious illnesses. We need accessible medical services that would eliminate the need to travel to bigger cities. Receiving treatment near family and friends for support is an important factor in any recovery.

SIH is one of the largest employers in southern Illinois which has a high unemployment rate. When a hospital expands it not only benefits healthcare in our region, but also puts more people to work.

Sincerely,



George V. Sheffer  
President

February 4, 2014



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF CARBONDALE

To: The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
c/o: Cathy Blythe, MBA  
System Manager, Planning & Physician Recruitment  
Southern Illinois Healthcare  
1239 East Main  
Carbondale, IL 62902

Boys & Girls Club  
of Carbondale  
250 N. Springer Street  
PO Box 3092  
Carbondale, IL 62902  
Tel: (618) 457-8877

Re: Project #13-069, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Carbondale.

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale, our Board of Directors, and staff. We feel that the prospect for expansion of Memorial Hospital of Carbondale is a much needed and welcome investment in the well being of the community and its citizens.

Over the years, we have watched Memorial Hospital of Carbondale evolve and transform into the quality, regional healthcare provider that it is today. Gone are the days when friends and family would make the difficult trek to St. Louis, Springfield or Chicago for the cardiac care that is now available in our own backyard. When the region's only neurosurgeons left nearly a decade ago, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and parent Southern Illinois Healthcare were the first to aggressively recruit and restore a robust neurosciences program. Time and again, our regional community has depended on Memorial Hospital of Carbondale to provide the advanced kinds of care that were otherwise unheard of in one of the most impoverished areas of Illinois. It is the kind of care that keeps us here, when our loved ones need us the most. This stewardship is also demonstrated in the hospital's policy to provide care to patients, regardless of their ability to pay, through its charity care program. The hospital's commitment to the health and well-being of the communities it serves is well documented.

In conclusion, we wholeheartedly endorse Memorial Hospital of Carbondale's modernization and expansion endeavor. Thank you for your time and attention to this project. Please feel free to reach out to me at Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale; P.O. Box 3092; Carbondale, IL 62902.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Osborn".

Randy Osborn  
Executive Director  
Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale



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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter of support to enthusiastically endorse Memorial Hospital of Carbondale's planned expansion. The project proposes to increase the number of Intensive Care beds and Operating Rooms to address the current and future shortage of beds and surgical space needed to care for patients.

As a member of the region's business community, I can affirm Memorial Hospital of Carbondale's critical role as not only one of the region's largest employers, but also as a leading provider of quality healthcare as has been demonstrated in national accolades in cardiac and stroke care in recent years. Additionally, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and parent organization Southern Illinois Healthcare have done what they said they were going to do by recruiting a number of new physicians and specialists so patients do not have to leave the region for the medical care they need. Furthermore, many of the communities in the hospital's service area are among the most impoverished in Illinois with a number of uninsured and underinsured patients. I applaud the organization's mission to provide care for their patients regardless of their ability to pay – a figure backed up by the substantial amount of charity care the hospital provides each year.

Memorial Hospital of Carbondale is vital to the economic strength of southern Illinois and to the thousands of patients that depend on the hospital every day.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at 347 S. Williams Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Sincerely,

Fager-McGee Commercial Construction, Inc.

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Bradley E. Fager  
Owner