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Lori Pacura
President
Holy Cross Hospital
2701 West 68th Street
Chicago, IL 60629

Re: Project 13-076, Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Lori,

Joseph Carney, Director of Emergency Services and yourself submitted a written explanation of the need for approval regarding your project. We would like to provide clarity on a few statements you have made in the letter(s) dated August 5, 2014

As we previously stated, in both letters and oral comments, we would welcome appropriate psychiatric referrals from your facility. In the letter, you have indicated for a variety of reasons patients were not accepted to AMI beds of surrounding hospitals, however the diagnosis, age or final disposition were not listed. Our Psychiatric Licensed Social Worker currently corresponds with representatives in the Holy Cross Emergency Department on a weekly basis encouraging such referrals. Each time the representative is provided with the appropriate contact information. The letter(s) indicated that 507 inquires were made to the 27 listed hospitals from March—May 2014 for the placement of 179 patients. Of these inquires only 5 were made to Saint Anthony Hospital. We have Acute Mental Illness ("AMI") beds that can accommodate 42 patients and would like to solidify a process for admitting appropriate psychiatry patient. We encourage you to call the Saint Anthony Hospital Psychiatric Department with referrals, at (773) 484-4034.

Our mission, like yours, is to provide care to our shared communities. Listed in the Holy Cross application the following zip codes were defined as your primary services area (PSA). Included below are the admissions to our facility to further demonstrate our shared communities.

Holy Cross Primary Service Area	Holy Cross Market Share Percentages	SAH AMI Bed Admissions (8/1/2013-7/31/2014)
60629	28.1%	29
60636	21.0%	44
60632	8.0%	43
60620	9.1%	24
60609	7.5%	34
Total Patient Admissions		174

Psychiatric patients awaiting admission to Madden Mental Health Center ("MMHC") continue to be a recurring challenge in the catchment area. The length of time patients are waiting for placement in this facility is a struggle mentioned in your letter(s). The availability of beds and the number of patients meeting appropriate criteria are misaligned. In addition, the delay in admitting patients to MMHC coupled with the closing of Tinley Park Mental Health Center, impacted surrounding hospitals in the placement of unfunded psychiatric patients. The wait times for unfunded patients are particularly extensive. Attachment B, of the written comments indicates that 28 self pay patients were waiting for placement in a facility; 28 patients were accepted by MMHC. Perhaps the future disposition of unfunded psychiatric patients will be under consideration in future legislation.

The letter also mentions that there is an opportunity for continuity of care through comprehensive, quality outpatient mental healthcare in the community. As a comforting presence in the community, we offer a progressive Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) as well as Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP). Saint Anthony Hospital PHP and IOP can be reached at (773) 484-4031 for outpatient referrals.

Should you have any issues with admitting patients at Saint Anthony Hospital please contact the Scott Logan, Manager of Psychiatry at email slogan@SAHChicago.org or by phone at (773) 484-4261.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter and please feel free to contact me regarding any questions you may have.

Truthfully,



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