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Ms. Avery,  
Enclosed please find  
letters of support for  
Project # 14-015.

Please feel free to contact  
me with questions.

Thanks.

Collin Anderson  
217-383-8364

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May 29, 2014

Ms. Kathryn Olson  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Olson:

I want to express my full support of Carle Foundation Hospital's Certificate of Need application to expand the number of patient beds at Carle.

Richland Memorial Hospital (RMH) is pleased to be the provider of choice for healthcare services in southeastern Illinois. RMH is a 135 bed, not-for-profit healthcare facility with a medical staff of primary and specialty care physicians who provide a range of services that appropriately address the educational, prevention, diagnostic and therapeutic needs of the communities we serve. Our dedication to providing the highest quality care and an unmatched commitment to excellence makes RMH a destination for people from an eight county area who need medical attention.

While distant from our hospital, Carle is a critical health care provider in the region. Carle's reach goes well beyond its immediate surrounding areas. Hospitals like ours rely on open beds at Carle to care for those we might not have the specialty expertise to treat. We specifically rely on the advanced cardiovascular, perinatal, and neuroscience care Carle offers. The proposed project will provide an additional 48 beds and further guarantee that care when our patients need more advanced care.

We share Carle's commitment to improving the health of the community, and for that I fully support Carle's CON application to complete the second phase of its bed tower project. Providing additional beds at Carle will help ensure access to residents of the communities we serve when they have tertiary care needs beyond the scope of our services.

Access to Carle physicians and related hospital services is particularly important for our community. The majority of the counties that RMH primarily services are designated as health professional shortage areas (HPSAs). With chronic disease management and access to health providers being two critical needs of the communities we serve, RMH is collaborating with Carle to address these important issues and intends to continue to do so in the future.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Carle's expansion request.

Sincerely,



David B. Allen  
Chief Executive Officer

# KIRBY MEDICAL CENTER

May 28, 2014

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Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to support the proposed expansion of patient care space within Carle Tower at Carle Foundation Hospital.

Kirby Medical Center is an independent, not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation located in Monticello, Illinois. Since 1941, Kirby has been serving the health care needs of families in Piatt County. We are committed and proud to provide quality and compassionate health care services to all people in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Kirby Medical Center is a designated critical access hospital providing basic, primary care through inpatient care, ancillary services and clinics to residents of a rural area. For our community, Kirby Medical Center serves as a window to wellness, health education, preventative screenings and comprehensive outpatient and inpatient medical services.

We can speak first hand to the important role Carle Foundation Hospital has played in the extended central Illinois community for decades. Their reach goes beyond Champaign County, providing care for over 225,000 patients annually including those in Piatt County. Through our collaboration with Carle Foundation Hospital, we have contracted with them for hospitalist and emergency department physicians. These physicians both allow us to keep patients close to home, as well as create a seamless transfer when the patients need a higher level of care. The proposed expansion to include an additional 48 beds will benefit Kirby Medical Center, and the entire region.

Carle Foundation Hospital provides specialty services not otherwise found in our community. The Mills Breast Cancer Institute, Carle Cancer Center, Carle Spine Institute, Carle Heart and Vascular Institute, Carle Neuroscience Institute, Level III Perinatal Services, and more, bring advanced, first-class research and treatment options.

Central Illinois depends on these resources and the level of care made available. As a critical access hospital, we rely on the expertise provided at Carle – allowing our patients to stay close to home, near their loved ones, while receiving top-quality care one would expect only in major metropolitan areas.

We are in strong support of the effort to expand patient care space at Carle Foundation Hospital and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the proposed expansion. It is vital that Carle is able to continue to provide care for those in rural areas such as ours, and accept our patients when specialty services are needed. Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Very truly yours,



Steven D. Tenhouse, FACHE  
Chief Executive Officer





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May 28, 2014

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Carle Foundation Hospital, Project No. 14-015

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing in support of Carle Foundation Hospital's request to add beds to improve access to highly specialized and high quality care in east central Illinois.

Paris Community Hospital is a 25-bed critical access hospital located in Paris, Illinois. We have been serving residents of Edgar County since 1968 through community education, emergency services, and outpatient care. Our community enjoys a steady growth to its industrial base, employing over 2,500 people in these industries. In order to maintain a good climate for economic development, it is essential for our community, in collaboration with Paris Community Hospital, to have access to the tertiary care services that Carle Foundation Hospital offers.

Carle is proposing building out the ninth floor of Carle Tower to provide 48 additional beds. It is critical for Carle to have enough capacity to serve the community and region. Carle is recruiting nursing staff and physicians to meet the region's healthcare needs, and now it needs to expand its facilities to meet that same demand.

Without Carle, patients in the region would have to travel a great distance for the kind of care that can be delivered at a Level I Trauma Center or Level III Perinatal Center. Carle Foundation Hospital is consistently recognized among the best in the country for highly specialized care. Specifically, Carle has a dedicated stroke team standing by 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide critical stroke care and people in my community and the surrounding area rely upon Carle for these lifesaving treatments.

Paris Community Hospital's rich history and strong area support pave the way for the future of healthcare as we serve our community. To complement our local services, it is critical for this area to have access to high quality care, and the Carle proposal to add beds will help ensure that access in the future. I support the Carle request and encourage you to approve this important project.

Sincerely,

Oliver M. Smith, President & CEO  
Paris Community Hospital/Family Medical Center

*Committed to  
Community and  
Family Health*



**HOOPESTON REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER**  
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May 27, 2014

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center supports the Carle Foundation Hospital proposal to complete the second phase of its patient bed tower to meet the region's healthcare needs. Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center is comprised of a 25-bed critical access hospital and medical clinic based in Hoopeston, Illinois with four additional clinics serving surrounding communities. With a focus on our patients, we're committed to bringing healthcare services to the region so residents don't have to leave town for quality care. Our services include cardiology, emergency services, gynecology, surgical services, lab, radiology, therapy services and social services.

When patients require a more advanced level of care, they are able to transfer to our affiliated hospital in Urbana which has been nationally recognized for providing high quality critical care, stroke care and cardiovascular care. Carle Foundation Hospital is a leader in new health technologies and research, and offers advanced therapies such as the life-saving Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement procedure and clinical trials studying potential advances in care. As part of its commitment to expanding access to care, Carle provides this level of care, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Our region benefits from Carle Foundation Hospital's efforts to meet the need.

To address the demand for this level of care Carle has plans that, if approved, would complete the second phase of the Carle Tower. The facility was designed to accommodate additional patients as needed with unfinished space on the building's ninth floor adding 48 medical/surgical beds so more people can benefit from the vital care that Carle provides.

We fully support Carle Foundation Hospital's plan to complete this project in order to meet the exploding demand for health care services across the region.

Sincerely,

Harry Brockus  
Chief Executive Officer

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May 29, 2014

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Carle Foundation Hospital, Project No. 14-015

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to add patient beds at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois.

Crawford Memorial Hospital is a 25-bed not-for-profit critical access acute care facility. We incorporate state-of-the-art equipment and procedures with a compassionate, caring staff to produce outstanding treatment results for our patients. Health maintenance is also a major role of the hospital with numerous community education classes being offered on a regular basis.

We are pleased to partner with Carle, a leading health care provider in our region. Without Carle Foundation Hospital, patients would have to travel a great distance for the care that is delivered at a Level I Trauma Center or Level III Perinatal Center. Those in our area depend on Carle when an additional level of specialty care is needed. In particular, patients rely on the advanced cardiovascular, neonatal, and neuroscience care available at Carle.

I understand that Carle has proposed completion of the ninth floor in its Carle Tower to provide 48 additional licensed beds. The organization continues to recruit nurses and physicians to meet the region's health care needs and now it needs to expand facilities to meet that same demand. I firmly believe the proposed project will further guarantee that when patients at Crawford Memorial Hospital need more advanced care, they will be able to receive it at Carle.

Without a doubt, it is critical for this area to have access to high quality health care and the Carle plan to add beds will help ensure that access in the future.

Crawford Memorial Hospital supports the Carle Foundation Hospital request for additional beds and I respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the Carle project for the benefit of patients throughout the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Annis', is written over a horizontal line.

Don Annis, FACHE  
CEO