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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator, Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 West Jefferson Street
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

14-021

RE: Northwest Community Hospital
Proposed Inpatient Rehab Unit
Public Hearing – July 22, 2014

Dear Ms. Avery,

As an employee of Northwest Community Hospital and an area resident (using this facility) I would like to express my support for the proposed Inpatient Rehab Unit.

I am unable to attend the public hearing but wanted to be sure that my support was known. Prior to my father's passing he was in the former Continuing Care Center here at NCH. It gave my mother and me peace of mind knowing he was cared for until we could decide what we would do as he no longer needed to be hospitalized but could not bring him home. Since the CCC was closed which was a loss for the community, I know we have had patients who needed just that little extra care/time before going home or going to an extended care facility. It is a hard decision to place a loved one and sometimes you don't have the time needed to find a facility everyone is comfortable with or to prepare to bring them home. Keeping in mind all the changes happening in healthcare - this unit would give that time our patients and their families need.

I feel this unit will be a benefit for the organization to help family members care their loved one and foremost a benefit to our patients.

Please allow the request to proceed with the Inpatient Rehab Unit.

Best Regards,



Heidi Thelen
Mt Prospect, IL

CC: Brad Buxton, VP, STRATEGY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT NCH