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February 13, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and  
Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: PROJECT: 14-066  
APPLICANT(S)

MacNeal Hospital, Berwyn  
VHS of Illinois d/b/a MacNeal Hospital  
Tenet Healthcare Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed are three letters of support for Project 14-066.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Re: Project #14-066 Reallocation of beds to establish a 12-bed comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit at MacNeal Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

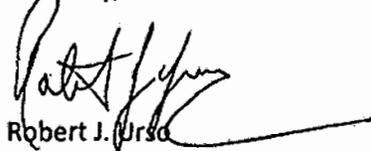
Please convey my support to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for MacNeal Hospital's request for a Certificate of Need to establish a comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit at MacNeal Hospital.

The mission of PCC Community Wellness Center is to improve health outcomes for the medically underserved community through the provision of high quality, affordable, and accessible primary health care and support services. Anchored with family medicine, we are committed to serving the needs of all people in all stages of life.

Gaining access to high quality suburban inpatient rehabilitation services is limiting enough, but even more so for underserved low income populations living in the western suburbs and surrounding area. The additional barrier to access is caused by limited transportation options of the patient and supportive friend/family advocate who must rely on public transportation to get to a healthcare facility. MacNeal is definitely one of the most easily accessible options for individuals who depend on the bus or train, both of which have stops that are just steps away from MacNeal. Approving the CON application would be a significant benefit to the communities we serve and would provide access to rehabilitation services that are not only convenient but also rooted in providing quality care delivered with compassion.

We at PCC Community Wellness Center value our partnership with MacNeal Hospital. We believe that this project will bring great benefit to our community and the families we serve, and we encourage the Board to approve this application.

Sincerely,

  
 Robert J. Orso  
 President & CEO

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Re: Project #14-066 Reallocation of beds to establish a 12-bed  
Comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit at MacNeal Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my support for MacNeal Hospital's request for a Certificate of Need to establish a comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit at MacNeal Hospital.

The National Latino Education Institute (NLEI) exists to enhance the quality of life for Latinos through educational, vocational, and employment services, and through advocacy to enable the achievement of economic independence.

MacNeal is a long-standing community partner of NLEI. In the late 1990's, the hospital saw a growing Latino population with a need for bilingual medical assistants. MacNeal took a leading role in assisting NLEI in developing the program and curriculum that launched the Bilingual Certified Medical Assistant program. This is just one example that demonstrates MacNeal's commitment to improving the Latino patient/provider experience. Adding a physical rehabilitation unit on site will help fulfill a need for rehabilitation services that can be delivered without language barriers and in a way that is sensitive to the Latino culture of care.

NLEI values its partnership with MacNeal Hospital and believes that this project will bring great benefit to our community and the families we serve. We encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this application.

Sincerely,

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Elba Aranda-Suh  
Executive Director

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Re: Project #14-066 Reallocation of beds to establish a 12-bed comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit at MacNeal Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please convey my wholehearted support to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for MacNeal Hospital's request for a Certificate of Need to establish a comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit at MacNeal Hospital.

We have served the same community as Mac Neal for over forty years. Solutions for Care serves the older adult and disabled community and the people who care for them. We are committed to finding resources that preserve independence and dignity, that lead to greater self-sufficiency and a higher quality of life.

Adding an inpatient rehabilitation unit at MacNeal will help improve continuity of care and communication for patients requiring care from a Physiatrist (a physician who specializes rehabilitation). Often patients in rehabilitation need care from multiple specialists. The physicians will work as one team under the same roof to coordinate care and maximize the patient's independence. Additionally, receiving rehabilitation often eliminates or improves the patient's disability, which helps reduce the burden of care on friends and family who assist with the patients post discharge follow up needs. MacNeal's convenient access to multiple expressways and public transportation makes it easier for friends and families to visit. This is an added patient satisfier as friend & family participation is a very important component of the rehabilitation process.

We at Solutions for Care value our partnership with MacNeal Hospital. We believe that this project will bring great benefit to our community and the families we serve, and we encourage the Board to approve this application.

Sincerely,



Deborah C. Sitz RN, MS  
Executive Director  
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