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

May 13, 2015

Re: Saint Anthony Medical Center's Modernization Project 15-021

Dear Ms. Courtney Avery:

Winnebago County is very supportive of Saint Anthony Medical Center's Modernization Project. One of the most important things our County does, as a government unit, is to build economic prosperity for the citizens we serve. By supporting OSF's modernization, we are advocating for the economic growth of our region and ensuring the accessibility of the best health care possible for our constituents.

Several hundred construction jobs will be created which will serve as much needed economic catalyst for our area. Additionally, this modernization project will aid in the recruitment of healthcare professionals and support the retention of our current residents seeking quality employment.

OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center is a champion for health and wellness. They are a stable employer of nearly 2,000 people in Winnebago County and have served the Rockford Region for over 100 years. This project is well thought through and is designed to be a comprehensive solution in the most economical way possible.

Thank you for considering Saint Anthony Medical Center's Modernization Project 15-021. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Scott H. Christiansen, Chairman
Winnebago County Board

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It is our mission to provide high quality services and promote a safe community for all people in Winnebago County.



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Dear Ms. Avery:

As the President of the Northwestern Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council, I am writing to you to voice our support for OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center's Modernization Project 15-021.

OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center employs nearly 2,000 area residents and has a history of providing care to every patient, regardless of his or her ability to pay. This project will enable OSF to continue to serve the Rockford region as an employer, a healthcare provider, and a partner to physicians and insurers. In addition, this project will benefit the community by providing several hundred construction jobs for 20-24 months. These local workers are people who have benefited from OSF's services in the past, and will continue to do so in the future thanks to its efforts to modernize.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Brad Long
President, NWIBT

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RE: Project 15-021 Saint Anthony Medical Center ("SAMC")

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter of recommendation by the Rockford Health Council ("RHC") for the above cited project. RHC is a not-for-profit organization which mission is to build and improve community health in our region, through **education, action** and **advocacy**. To learn more about our organization, its activities and its Board of Directors, please visit our web site at www.rockfordhealth.org. SAMC has been a long-term member of RHC, and the hospital system carries a very high profile due to its support of many local Rockford area not-for-profit and charitable organizations.

The Health Council believes this project provides a substantial improvement in the quality of care SAMC will bring to its patients and the Rockford regional as a whole, for a number of reasons:

- Referring physicians and hospital clinical staff prefer their patients to reside in private rooms, not only for privacy reasons, but also for the ability to perform medical services in the room rather than in other, more expensive inpatient locations within the hospital;
- In that same vein, where physicians prefer private rooms for their patients, physician and other clinician recruitment opportunities will be enhanced. Accordingly, given Rockford's difficulty in attracting top-level practitioners, this project will help alleviate some of this problem.
- The opportunity for health care services of a higher level for patients is realized due to OSF's designation as a Level I trauma center;

These are just a few examples of why the Rockford Health Council wholeheartedly supports the expansion of SAMC's physical facilities to offer a modernized and more efficient patient care environment.

Very truly yours,

Rebecca Cook Kendall
Executive Director

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The Rockford Health Council exists to build and improve community health in our region through education, action, and advocacy.