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

Re: Project No. 16-011, Northbrook Behavioral Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

Our client, US HealthVest wanted us to provide you with an update with regards to its project in Northbrook, Illinois, Project #16-011. This update is not intended to act as the annual progress report for Project #16-011, which is not due until July 2017. To the contrary, our interest is in keeping the Board informed as to the status of the project. This seemed particularly prudent taking into consideration US HealthVest's intention of submitting other projects for consideration by the Board.

We have experienced unexpected pushback from Northbrook with regards to obtaining the zoning change necessary to complete the project. We remain in discussions with Northbrook government leadership and have requested an additional in person meeting to further explore available paths to resolving the issue. We have identified and retained a consultant with experience as a city planner in the community and has experience navigating these specific issues. With the assistance of our CON counsel and Foley and Associates, US HealthVest remains diligent in evaluating the circumstances and options available.

Because US HealthVest identified the need for these services within the community and committed to meeting that need, US HealthVest is also evaluating other options. The priority is increasing access to care in a manner that allows US HealthVest to meet the needs of those in this community needing better access to Acute Mental Illness services. We are aware that some of these options would require application for a new CON and will continue to communicate with the CON Board throughout this process. It is the intent of US HealthVest to maintain a valid permit for Project number 16-011 until such time that it has exhausted all avenues to develop this project and therefore, should a better alternative be identified, this project will continue being moved forward both locally, working with the Village of Northbrook, and within the CON's post permit requirements.

Should there be any questions or additional information we can provide, please do not hesitate to let us know. You may contact me or Mark J. Silberman who is CON counsel for US HealthVest.

Sincerely,

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