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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: Certificate of Need Application for Silver Oaks Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of the Certificate of Need application for a 100-bed behavioral health hospital in New Lenox, IL through the joint venture between Silver Cross Hospital and US HealthVest.

As a Social Services professional at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet located in Will County, my clients have experienced frequent delays in accessing inpatient psychiatric care mainly due to bed shortages. There have been many times clients have had to wait to access care leading to poor outcomes in their mental healthcare.

The estimated number of clients Catholic Charities will refer annually to the facility is 25 referrals within a 24-month period after the hospital is open and accepting patients.

The information I am providing has not been used to support another pending or approved CON application for a behavioral health hospital.

I urge you to support the approval of certificate of need application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,

Pam Terrell
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Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet
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We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



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There is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Approval of this application will increase access to these important services in Will & Grundy Counties and help provide relief from the following frequently occurring situations;

- Patients waiting for a psychiatric bed in hospital emergency departments.
- Patients in need of psychiatric or substance abuse services and are unable to find treatment close to their community.
- Health Care Professionals unable to find patients a bed at an existing, local psychiatric or substance abuse facility.
- Recidivism due to lack of aftercare services located near the patient's home.
- Lack of family involvement during inpatient treatment due to distance or travel time.
- Very few aftercare options located near the patient's home.

I urge you to support the approval of this Certificate of Need Application for a behavioral hospital in New Lenox. There is a great need in the area to expand behavioral health services.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wold
Chief of Police