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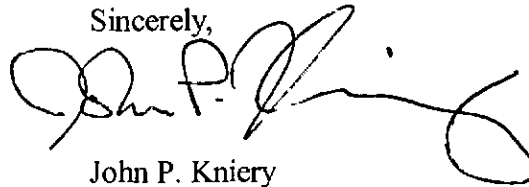
**Re: Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral
Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed three (3) support letters from National Alliance on Mental Illness – Lake County, St. Joseph Catholic Church, and Agata Marcinkowska & Artur Partyka for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John P. Kniery
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Enclosures



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August 25, 2017

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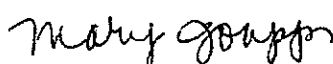
RE: Vista Medical Center West Certificate of Need Application

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the President of the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) in Lake County. Our board voted to support the expansion of psychiatric beds at VISTA Medical Center West. As a nonprofit and a representative of the mental health community, the number of adult beds in Lake County does not provide the care that is needed. NAMI National states that approximately "1 in 25 adults in the U.S. experiences a mental illness in a given year that interferes with or limits one or more major life activities." Lake County currently has a total of 26 adult inpatient psychiatric beds. Many of the family members that we speak to in our support groups and classes, travel to another county to obtain inpatient mental health care and mental health services. This impacts the involvement of the family and those that require hospitalization due to a severe mental illness. To date this year, we have completed more than 20 family support groups and 41 support groups for those with a mental illness, not including participating in multiple community presentations and health and wellness fairs.

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


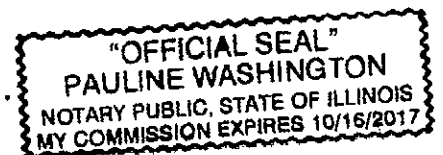
NAMI Lake County thanks you for approving this application.



Mary Jouppi, MS, LPC
President

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Lake County
State of Illinois
County of Lake

This instrument was acknowledged before me on August 25, 2017.


Notary Public



August 25, 2017

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RE: Certificate of Need Application for Vista Medical Center West

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of the certificate of need application by US HealthVest to expand Vista Medical Center West to a 100-bed behavioral hospital.

I am supporting this application because I see critical needs for psychiatric care and substance abuse services. Our community of St Joseph Catholic Church in Libertyville has over 4,000 families and I have personally seen the unmet need for specialized psychiatric services. I see this need when I visit our PADs homeless shelter and even closer to home when I minister to individuals and families within our parish.

Additionally, we have hundreds of parishioners engaged in justice and service ministries in our community and our surrounding community who share my advocacy for an expansion of mental health services and an increase in the number of inpatient beds for the residents of Waukegan and Lake County.

I urge you to support the approval of this certificate of need application for Vista Medical Center West.

Sincerely,

Father John Trout
Pastor

JT/mw

**AGATA MARCINKOWSKA
ARTUR PARTYKA
592 Muskegan Ct. Vernon Hills, IL 60061**

August 21, 2017

Courtney Avery, Administrator
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RE: Certificate of Need Application for Vista Medical Center West

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of the certificate of need application by US HealthVest to expand Vista Medical Center West to a 100-bed behavioral hospital.

The expansion of services in Lake County will address the shortage of inpatient beds to care for the residents of Waukegan and Lake County. There is an unmet need for specialized psychiatric services US HealthVest has proven they can provide. I am supporting this application because last year we personally experience problems with finding a right medical facility close home for our son who was diagnosed with a bi-polar disorder.

Condell Hospital in Libertyville could not find any psychiatric hospital for him in Lake County. He had to be placed in Elk Grove Village for the remaining treatment. We, the parents, had big problems to travel such a great distance from Vernon Hills to be involved in his therapy and for visitations.

With his driving restrictions, due to his illness, he was very reluctant to seek any psychiatric help after his release from Elk Grove Village, because there was no good place to turn into in Lake County.

We all are really looking forward to having a good professional behavioral health facility in our county.

I urge you to support the approval of this certificate of need application for Vista Medical Center West. There is a great need in the area to expand behavioral health services.

Thank you for your assistance in providing access to care in Lake County.

Sincerely,

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