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November 10, 2017

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

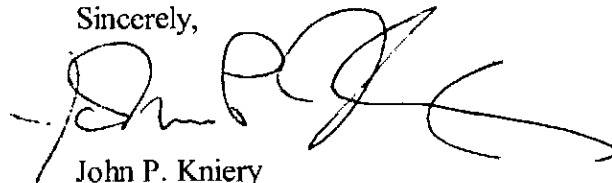
**Re: Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral
Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center for the above referenced project.

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

Sincerely,



John P. Kniery
Health Care Consultant

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Enclosure





Health Department and
Community Health Center

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Executive Director

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October 26, 2017

Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
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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 146-bed behavioral health 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 in Lake County and US HealthVest has been one of our partners that we refer our patients to for care.

On September 26, 2017, the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center Governing Council voted unanimously to support this application and our staff, in a separate letter to you dated September 12, 2017, provided specific psychiatric hospitalization data to support the need.

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 Lake County area to expand behavioral health services and by approving this application it will directly benefit our patients and their families as well as the residents of Waukegan and Lake County.

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

Sincerely,

Mallory Bejster
Chair
Governing Council