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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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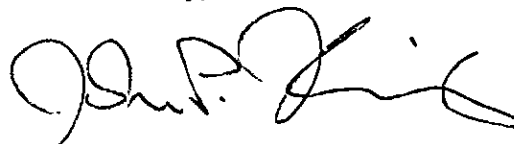
**Re: Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral
Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letters from Tom Gaubatz and Claudia Steinbrecher, LCSW 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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November 20, 2017

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


Dear Ms. Avery,

Based on recent research on the situation, I believe that there is a critical need for additional psychiatric services in Lake County. I support the application to expand the psychiatric services at Vista Medical Center West in Waukegan.

As a PADS volunteer, I have seen first hand the need for more effective treatment of persons with mental illness. I have learned about long wait times for patients needing psychiatric beds in hospital emergency rooms. I've also heard from law enforcement personnel about the need for a center to which persons with mental issues can be taken in order to avoid the unjust and costly experience of incarceration.

I urge you to approve the application; it is essential for the needs of those struggling with mental health issues in Lake County.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Gaubatz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

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November 24, 2017

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

RE: Certificate of Need Application for Vista Medical Center West

Dear Ms. Avery,

There is a critical need for more psychiatric services in Lake County and I support the application to expand the psychiatric services at Vista Medical Center West.

As a former psychiatric social worker, I am very aware of the importance of providing timely and high-quality care to individuals who are experiencing psychiatric difficulties. The proposed expansion of services at Vista Medical Center West will be a significant step forward in ensuring that such individuals receive the treatment they need to function well in their community.

Thank you for approving this application - it is crucial to the health and well-being of the people of Lake County.

Sincerely,

Claudia Steinbrecher, LCSW

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