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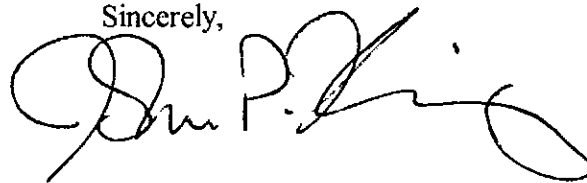
**Re: Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral  
Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letters from Sharon L. Klauser and Ross Shanley-Roberts for the above referenced project.

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

Sincerely,



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December 1, 2017

Courtney Avery, Administrator  
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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.

I have two daughters who suffer from bi-polar disease and major depression. One daughter attempted suicide last January. We live in Lake County, IL, yet we had to travel to McHenry County in order to find an inpatient hospital who would admit her from the hospital. We had to wait over two days for a bed to open up in McHenry County. No bed was ever found in Lake County. At this time our daughter and we as her parents have to travel to McHenry County to obtain therapy services from a behavioral therapist as well as her psychiatrist.

Thank you for approving this application, it is crucial to the health of our community.

Sincerely,

*Sharon L. Klauser*

Concerned parent and tax payer in Lake County IL

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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 clergy spouse who lives in downtown Waukegan I have been witness to many people with mental health/substance abuse problems for whom our congregation is the first and last recourse for dealing with their problems and maneuvering through the law enforcement and health services organizations.

While I'm proud of what we've been able to do, I believe that the faith communities really should be the *last* recourse, not the *only* recourse for people in need. We really need to expand resources for our fellow citizens, so all can be served.

Thank you for approving this application, it is crucial to the health of our community.

Sincerely,



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