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January 21, 2013

Mr. Mike Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761-0001

Dear Mr. Constantino:

Please accept these letters of support from Kane County Chairman, Christopher Lauzen, Mayor David Kaptain, Representative Keith Farnham, Senator Michael Noland, and the President of our Medical Staff Dr. Ashok Mehta, as it pertains to the COE C-001-13.

Representative Farnham and Senator Noland represented Sherman Hospital prior to the recent redistricting and have a long history with the hospital's service area.

If you should have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at 224/783-8747.

Sincerely,

Mary Martini
Vice President Professional Services
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Christopher J. Lauzen
Kane County Board Chairman



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January 11, 2013

Mr. Rick Floyd
President and CEO
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Dear Mr. Floyd:

I would like to share my support of Sherman Health's plans to join with Advocate Health Care with the understanding that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board will be asked to approve this merger.

Sherman Health has a strong track record for providing high quality healthcare services at its facilities located throughout the Kane County region. Sherman also provides significant jobs and other economic opportunities for our area.

I believe that becoming part of the Advocate system will provide Sherman access to healthcare innovations and best practices that will benefit our residents. I view this relationship as a positive advancement for healthcare in Kane County.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Lauzen", written in a cursive style.

Christopher J. Lauzen
Kane County Chairman



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January 11, 2013

Mr. Rick Floyd
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Dear Rick:

I would like to convey my support for the joining of Sherman Health and Advocate Health Care. Sherman's potential to join a larger healthcare system has been discussed for some time and the community has been informed of your progress along the way.

Access to high quality, affordable healthcare is critical for residents and visitors of the city of Elgin, and Sherman has provided this for our community and our neighbors for 125 years. Sherman's partnership with Advocate will only strengthen and enhance these services for residents throughout the Fox Valley region.

As one of Elgin's largest employers and visitor destinations, I am also confident that this partnership will bring additional economic development opportunities for our community.

Please share my support on behalf of the city of Elgin with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Sincerely,

David J. Kaptain
Mayor
City of Elgin

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KEITH FARNHAM
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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43RD DISTRICT

January 14, 2013

Mr. Rick Floyd
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Dear Rick:

I would like to share my support of Sherman Health's plans to join with Advocate Health Care. I understand that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board will be asked to approve this merger.

Healthcare systems across the country are required to provide better outcomes at lower costs for the communities they serve. I believe that joining the Advocate system will allow Sherman to adapt to this ever-changing environment while maintaining the patient-centric approach to care it has become known for over its 125 year history serving the Fox Valley.

Sherman provides significant jobs, critical services, community support and many other opportunities within the 43rd District. I feel that joining the Advocate Health Care system will enhance and strengthen these roles for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Farnham".

Keith Farnham
State Representative
43rd District

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January 11, 2013

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Dear Rick:

I am pleased to share with you and the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board my support for Sherman Health's plans to join with Advocate Health Care.

With Sherman joining the largest healthcare system in state of Illinois, residents of the 22nd District will have greater access to quality healthcare options close to home. I believe this merger will also support job growth and economic development opportunities within our region.

I wish you the best in this endeavor, and hope the Review Board sees the positive benefits that this merger would bring to the residents of the 22nd District and our neighbors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Noland".

Michael Noland
State Senator



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Dear Rick:

On behalf of the Medical Staff at Sherman Hospital, I would like to express my support for the joining of Sherman Health and Advocate Health Care. Please share this letter of support with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

The Medical Staff had numerous opportunities to provide input throughout the partner selection process. While many of our physicians wish that Sherman could remain independent, we understand that the changes in the healthcare industry are making it increasingly difficult for hospitals to do so. We feel that this is the right time for Sherman to join a larger system, and Advocate is the preferred choice among the Medical Staff.

I believe Sherman physicians and patients will greatly benefit from the wide variety of clinical and physician integration options for which Advocate has become nationally known.

Sincerely,

Ashok Mehta, MD
President
Medical Executive Committee
Sherman Health