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Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: COE Permit Application E-009-14 and E-010-14
Affiliation between OSF Healthcare System and St. Anthony's Health System d/b/a St.
Clare's Hospital and St. Anthony's Health System d/b/a St. Anthony's Health Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed are letters of support for the St. Anthony's Health System d/b/a St. Clare's Hospital
and St. Anthony's Health System d/b/a St. Anthony's Health Center COE applications.

Sincerely,

Mark Hohulin, Senior Vice-President
OSF Healthcare System

Enclosure

c: Mr. Michael Constantino



**CITY OF ALTON
ILLINOIS**

OFFICE OF MAYOR
BRANT WALKER

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June 16, 2014

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RE: Letter of Support for Saint Anthony's Health System Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

As Mayor of Alton, I am in full support of the affiliation between Saint Anthony's Health System and OSF Healthcare System.

Like many communities, hospitals are major employers and that is no different here in Alton. The positive economic impact of Saint Anthony's is critical for our community's survival.

As an anchor in our community, Saint Anthony's Health Center provides critical services to area residents -- regardless of their ability to pay. Thousands of individuals utilize the high quality care offered through Saint Anthony's emergency, cancer care, cardiology, stroke, obstetrics, surgery, wound care and rehabilitative departments -- just to name a few.

Our community relies on Saint Anthony's to provide services at the local level -- now and into the future. With OSF Healthcare by its side, Saint Anthony's will continue to be a viable and quality health care resource for our residents. I encourage the Review Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brant Walker

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RE: Letter of Support for Saint Anthony's Health System Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to offer my support of the affiliation between Saint Anthony's Health System and OSF Healthcare System.

As Mayor of the Village of Godfrey, I am concerned about the health and viability of not only my community, but the region. For nearly 90 years, Saint Anthony's has provided critical health care services to the residents of Godfrey and surrounding areas at such a high level of quality.

Saint Anthony's is also a big supporter of "community." If there is a need to assist other community organizations, Saint Anthony's is at the table. With an OSF Healthcare affiliation, we look forward to even a stronger Saint Anthony's.

I submit this letter of support and encourage the Review Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike McCormick
Mayor
Village of Godfrey, Illinois



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Saint Anthony's Health System with OSF Healthcare System.

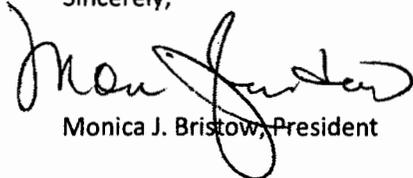
In my role as President of the RiverBend Growth Association (RBGA), I focus on expansion, promotion and retention of businesses in our region. Our goal is to attract, promote and support new and existing enterprise growth in the area. Saint Anthony's is a top employer and major supporter of the RBGA, serving on our Board, Public Affairs/Legislative, Transportation and Ambassador Committees.

An affiliation of Saint Anthony's and OSF Healthcare System would certainly help to strengthen health care services here with increased access to specialists and services. An affiliation would also help our economic development initiatives as employers look for communities with outstanding health care facilities for employees.

Because of these reasons, I am submitting this letter of support and encourage you and the Board to approve the request for change of ownership of Saint Anthony's Health System.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Monica J. Bristow, President

June 18, 2014



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to give my support for the affiliation of Saint Anthony's Health System with OSF Healthcare System.

I recently celebrated my 11th anniversary here at Saint Anthony's as a Radiation Oncologist. Over the years, Saint Anthony's has continued to provide quality health care that is truly exemplary. Physicians from the St. Louis area refer their patients back to Saint Anthony's because of this outstanding care.

But the challenges of today, including the Affordable Care Act, decreasing reimbursements from both governmental and commercial payers and increasing consumerism are forcing smaller hospitals, like Saint Anthony's, to more closely examine how we can best carry out our Mission.

An affiliation with OSF would help further the clinical excellence and enhance the quality and specialty care for patients. Support with telemedicine, collaboration with specialists, helping with preventive care and outreach activities would be more readily available. With additional resources, patients would be able to continue receiving their care here in Alton, at the local level, thereby decreasing the need to drive across the Mississippi River to receive care.

The proposed Saint Anthony's Health System affiliation with OSF Healthcare System is vital to the continuation of high quality health care for this community. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Piephoff', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

James V. Piephoff, M.D., Radiation Oncologist
Chief of Staff
Saint Anthony's Health Center

To serve God is to serve His people.



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*Courtney Avery, Administrator
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RE: Letter of Support for Saint Anthony's Health System Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

Greetings. I am writing to give my full support for the affiliation of Saint Anthony's Health System with OSF Healthcare System.

As an independent primary care physician and member of Saint Anthony's medical staff since 1992, I currently serve as Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Medical Director of Extended Care, and in the past served on the ICU, Cardiology and Hospice committees. Through my involvement on these various teams and my patients treated at the Health Center, I can say the quality of care provided by the Sisters and Mission Partners at Saint Anthony's is exceptional.

Considering the challenges in health care, we are seeing more integrated delivery networks. And those networks include the independent practitioners. An affiliation with OSF Healthcare System would certainly enhance the care offered to patients served by Saint Anthony's with improved access, telemedicine services and physician/specialist collaborations.

I respectfully ask that you approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Saint Anthony's Health System to OSF Healthcare System. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Raj Patel, M.D.
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**Madison County Government
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RE: Letter of Support for Saint Anthony's Health System Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of the Madison County Board of Health, I am writing to convey this department's support for the affiliation of Saint Anthony's Health System with OSF Healthcare System.

Our mission at the Madison County Health Department is to promote, protect and assure conditions for optimal health through leadership, partnership, prevention and response. One of our valued partners in this mission is Saint Anthony's Health Center. Together, we collaborate on many community outreach efforts that include wellness and preventive programs.

Having an affiliation with a strong and forward thinking integrated system such as OSF Healthcare System means stronger community health initiatives. Additional resources would help us to minimize health disparities in our local communities and improve access to health care for area residents.

The proposed Saint Anthony's Health System affiliation with OSF Healthcare System is critical to the health of our community – please approve this important proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Toni M. Corona".

Toni M. Corona, B.S., L.E.H.P.
Public Health Administrator



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Saint Anthony's Health System with OSF Healthcare System.

As a board member, I have worked closely with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George and the Administration of Saint Anthony's since 1978. The Sisters and administrators have weathered many storms, including decreasing reimbursement over the years and the loss of one-third of its medical staff during the medical liability crisis just 10 years ago. Despite the challenges, the Saint Anthony's team perseveres and continues to provide very positive quality outcomes.

With health care reform changes and additional regulatory burden, many stand-alone, private hospitals like Saint Anthony's are looking at partnerships for long-term stability. An affiliation with OSF would help further the clinical excellence and enhance the quality and specialty care for patients.

In response to the requirements of the Affordable Care Act, OSF has been a leader in Illinois in the development of organizational structures and clinical systems, positioning the organization to play an integral part in the future delivery of healthcare services in the region. Under the proposed Saint Anthony's Health System affiliation with OSF we will have access to more sophisticated systems, such as telemedicine, which will allow us to treat more patients here, close to their homes, reducing the need for patients and their families to travel to St. Louis hospitals for care. That results in an improvement in the quality of their lives as well as the quality of care.

For these reasons, I am submitting this letter of support for the proposed affiliation and encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Saint Anthony's Health System.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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RE: Letter of Support for Saint Anthony's Health System Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a local business leader, attorney and community volunteer, I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Saint Anthony's Health System with OSF Healthcare System.

In my role at Alton Steel, Inc., a major industry in the region, I know that having a sound business operation can result in success not only for the company, but the local community. Providing a quality product or service is key. Over the years, I've observed that the strong Mission of the Sisters at Saint Anthony's has resulted in wonderful care and positive experiences for area residents utilizing services at this venerable facility.

An affiliation of Saint Anthony's and OSF Healthcare System is welcome and will ensure continued growth and success by providing stability for one of our area's top employers and enhancing local health care services to patients.

For these reasons, I am submitting this letter of support and encourage you and the Board to approve the request for change of ownership of Saint Anthony's Health System.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

D. Jeannine Kelly
Director of Risk Management
Alton Steel, Inc.

Alton Community Unit School District #11

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Dear Ms. Avery:

As the Superintendent for the Alton School District and a board member of St. Anthony's Health Center, I am writing to give my support for the affiliation of Saint Anthony's Health System with OSF Healthcare System.

The Alton School District has had a very close relationship with Saint Anthony's Health Center over many years. One special collaborative effort is our STEP initiative (*Secondary Transitional Experience Program*) – a hospital work program that started at Saint Anthony's in 1994. The work-training program helps students with disabilities better prepare for transition to employment and community participation. Saint Anthony's received national recognition in 2012 for its support of this valuable program.

Outside of STEP, I know that the Sisters and the highly skilled staff of Saint Anthony's provide excellent care to members of the community. And I am confident that an affiliation with OSF Healthcare System will help Saint Anthony's remain a viable health care provider for years to come, benefiting both patients and the community as a whole.

I respectfully encourage you to approve the proposed Saint Anthony's Health System affiliation with OSF Healthcare System. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kenneth Spells
Superintendent

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Saint Anthony's Health System with OSF Healthcare System.

As a lifelong area resident and business leader, I truly value the Sisters of St. Francis and the local health care services at Saint Anthony's. Through various community volunteer activities, I have worked closely with the Sisters and the Saint Anthony's team and am grateful for their ability to remain a strong system and provide quality services.

I know that with health care reform changes and additional regulatory burden, many independent hospitals like Saint Anthony's are looking at partnerships for long-term stability. An affiliation with OSF would help further the clinical excellence and enhance the quality and specialty care for patients.

For these reasons, I am submitting this letter of support for the proposed affiliation and encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Saint Anthony's Health System.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Keller
Regional President, Carrollton Bank