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National Alliance on Mental Illness

Cook County North Suburban

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August 1, 2014

Kathryn J. Olson, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Ms. Olson,

RE: Application for Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital – Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois.

This letter is in support of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's Application for Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital.

A great need continues for specialized inpatient acute care for children and adolescents. A need also exists for the adult and seniors population. Currently, it is a challenge to find an appropriate bed when a patient is in crisis resulting in patients being held in emergency departments, traveling long distances, and being separated from their family support systems while in crisis.

NAMI Cook County North Suburban is the NAMI affiliate that services the mental health needs of residents of Des Plaines, Illinois and surrounding communities. Within our 17 community service area, we currently have only four hospitals that provide inpatient psychiatric services. Another hospital offering both psychiatric and substance abuse services is desperately needed.

The parent company of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital, US Health Vest, has substantial experience in operating behavioral health hospitals and will continue serving the behavioral health needs of the community with a special emphasis on children and adolescents.

I urge you to support the approval of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's application for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital and thank you for your assistance in allowing us to continue to provide access to care for children and adolescents who need inpatient psychiatric care.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carstedt
Executive Director
NAMI, Cook County North Suburban



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A great need continues for specialized inpatient acute care for children and adolescents. A need also exists for the adult and seniors population. Currently, it is a challenge for community mental health providers to find an appropriate bed when a patient is in crisis. Often times, this results in patients being held in emergency departments, sometimes for days. As you can imagine, this makes it very difficult not only for the patients, but also for the families and community mental health staff who are trying to work collaboratively for the best possible outcome following the hospitalization.

The parent company of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital, US HealthVest, has substantial experience in operating behavioral health hospitals and will continue serving the behavioral health needs of the community including children and adolescents.

US HealthVest has committed to continue Maryville's history of serving children, adolescents, and young adults who are involved with the child welfare system. They have been in discussions with us about this population of patients, and their desire to address the psychiatric and behavioral issues that come along with complex trauma.

Additionally, US HealthVest has committed to hiring our existing staff for the Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital. Our current staff are in various departments including house keeping, maintenance, dietary services, mental health counseling, clinical therapy, and child & adolescent psychiatry, as well as intake, clerical, and administrative positions. This means that US Health Vest will assume hospital operations with experience and dedicated staff.

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