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July 29, 2014

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

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

Dear Ms. Olson:

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 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. Currently, children and young adults from our service area are being psychiatrically hospitalized in Indiana and Missouri, separated from their family support systems. 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 with a special emphasis on children and adolescents.

I am pleased to learn that US HealthVest has promised to continue the work Maryville began at the hospital of serving children, adolescents, and young adults who are involved with the child welfare system. I know that they have discussed with several SASS agencies their desire to develop specialized programming for those patients who have behavioral issues that are rooted in complex trauma.

I urge you to support the approval of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital 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,

Diane Geraghty  
A. Kathleen Beazley Chair in Children's Law and Policy  
Professor of Law and  
Director, Civitas ChildLaw Center



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National Alliance on Mental Illness

# Cook County North Suburban

The National Alliance on Mental Illness is a grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons and their families affected by mental illness through education, advocacy, support, and research

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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.

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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 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,

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Dear Ms. Olson:

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 inpatient acute care that specializes 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, the unavailability of an inpatient bed results in patients being held in emergency departments or being placed in out-of-state hospitals. This presents significant challenges for the young patients as well as their families. Providing the after care necessary is met with increased challenges because the out of state hospitals are not familiar with the communities and local resources where these patients will be reintegrated to.

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 with a special emphasis on children and adolescents.

US HealthVest has indicated that if given the opportunity to operate the Chicago behavioral Health Hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois; they will continue Maryville's history of serving children, adolescents, and young adults who are involved with the child welfare system. They have a great knowledge clinically of children suffering from complex trauma, and desire to work collaboratively with community partners to provide state of the art inpatient psychiatric care. Should US HealthVest have the opportunity to serve as the Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital, it would be advantageous for the surrounding community and local mental health providers alike.

I urge you to support the approval of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital 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,

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**Re: Application for Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital - Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois**

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing this letter in support of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's Application for a Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership in the Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital.

I recognize the need for inpatient acute care that focuses on children and adolescents who have suffered from acute trauma. A need also exists for young adults, adults and the senior population. Currently, it is a challenge for community mental health providers to find an appropriate bed when a patient is in crisis. Most recently, I have learned that it is not uncommon for children, adolescents and young adults to be held in emergency departments of hospitals and sometimes even placed in out-of-state hospitals. This creates a difficult situation for the patients, their families and the community-based mental health providers who will offer a continuity of care once the patient is discharged.

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 with a special emphasis on children and adolescents.

US HealthVest has indicated that if given the opportunity to operate the Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois, it will continue Maryville's history of serving children, adolescents, and young adults who are involved with the child welfare system. The individuals who make up US HealthVest have a long history of developing specialized programming for patient populations such as children suffering from complex trauma.

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

Sincerely,

Richard A. Devine

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