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October 18, 2013

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the surrounding community as it will enhance health care and other services provided to our community both through collaboration and access to greater resources; provide greater access to health care services in the community including access to specialists; and further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darin LaHood".

Senator Darin LaHood
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the constituents of my district as it will enhance health care and other services provided to our community both through collaboration and access to greater resources; provide greater access to health care services in the community including access to specialists; and further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald L. Moffitt".

Donald L. Moffitt
State Representative
74th District

KEWANEE MEDICAL CLINIC

JAMES S. LINDBOM, MD
BOARD CERTIFIED INTERNAL MEDICINE

November 4, 2013

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Re: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the Affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare system. I have worked as a primary care physician in our community since 1998, and have seen many benefits for my patients in working with the OSF physicians and the services their organization offers during this period of time. I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the surrounding community as it will enhance health care and other services provided for my patients here locally.

Given the healthcare reform changes this new partnership will strengthen the long term stability of our organization and enhance opportunities for collaboration. This enhanced collaboration will provide greater access to many resources for my patients, including access to specialists and further provide the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

Because of the reasons stated above, I am submitting this letter of support for proposed affiliation and encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Kewanee Hospital.

Sincerely,



James S. Lindbom M.D.



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Rita G. Hungate, M.D.
5125 N. Goldenrod Court
Peoria, Illinois 61615

October 28, 2013

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the Kewanee Hospital and OSF Healthcare System affiliation.

As the Radiology Medical Director at Kewanee Hospital for the past 6 years and Kewanee Hospital Board of Trustees member for 3 years, I have observed Kewanee Hospital's administrative team expand the Hospital's capabilities to serve patients at the hospital and extend their preventative care outreach to community schools and other organizations and individuals in the community.

Kewanee Hospital, a Critical Access Hospital, is vital to all Kewanee residents as well as neighboring communities. The affiliation between Kewanee Hospital and OSF Healthcare System will support and enhance Kewanee Hospital's current work and provide access to medical and surgical specialists locally, thereby decreasing patients' need to drive long distances for their health care.

The Kewanee Hospital affiliation with the OSF Healthcare System is crucial to the continuation of high caliber medical care for the community.

I urge your favorable consideration of this affiliation.

Sincerely,

Rita G. Hungate, M.D.



October 23, 2013

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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the surrounding community as it will enhance health care and other services provided to that local community both through collaboration and access to greater resources in association with the OSF Healthcare System. I have had the opportunity to work closely with Kewanee through its conversion to critical access hospital status and building of a new facility – all done in the best interest of its community. Now with delivery of healthcare changing once again, small hospitals must do what is best for their communities to maintain local access to health care services. This affiliation will strengthen Kewanee's resources and preserve access as well as strengthen primary care and better coordinate specialty services. Both organizations have a similar missions and culture which are important to the community and for Kewanee hospital and medical staff transition. It is very competitive in the regional area around Kewanee and the affiliation will provide a sustainable option for the hospital and community into the future. Over the last five years, several other Illinois critical access hospitals have evaluated formal affiliations and found affiliation to be the best avenue for their survival and are doing well today.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Schou".

Pat Schou, Executive Director

Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network



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I l l i n o i s

October 21, 2013

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

As the Mayor of Kewanee, I am in full support of the affiliation between Kewanee Hospital and OSF Healthcare System. The community relies on the hospital to support the health care needs of our citizens. Many in our community find it difficult if not impossible to travel out of town for care. Like many rural communities; we have a high percentage of individuals over the age of 65 and at or below the federal poverty guidelines. A local hospital insures they have access to care. OSF Healthcare System will further strengthen our local hospital by providing greater resources including expanded services.

In addition, the hospital is one of the largest employers in our community. The positive economic impact is critical for our community's survival. The affiliation with OSF Healthcare System will bring greater access to capital to insure our hospital remains in the Kewanee community for many years to come.

In summary, our community is dependent on our local hospital. The affiliation with OSF will give us continued and expanded health care services and insure long term access to quality health care services. I encourage the Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Tossell
Mayor of Kewanee

CC: City Council



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October 21, 2013

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support of the pending affiliation of Kewanee Hospital and OSF Healthcare System. This affiliation will benefit Kewanee and the surrounding area by providing increased healthcare services with increased access to specialists and services. This affiliation will also help in our economic development endeavors as employers look for communities with outstanding health care facilities for its employees.

Because of these reasons and others, I am submitting this letter and encourage you and the board to approve the request for change of ownership of Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Mikenas', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark Mikenas
Executive Director



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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of the Kewanee Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) and its board of directors, please consider this letter as indicative of our enthusiastic support for Kewanee Hospital's affiliation with OSF Healthcare System. Our organization believes the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the surrounding community as it will enhance health care and other services provided to our community both through collaboration and access to greater resources; provide greater access to health care services in the community including access to specialists; and further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

As the primary economic development organization in Kewanee, KEDC has further reasons to support this affiliation agreement. Most importantly, Kewanee Hospital is one of the largest employers in Kewanee and has a significant economic impact on our economy. With nearly 300 employees, Kewanee Hospital supports another 200 jobs in the community and generates a total impact of over \$60 million in the local economy. Increasingly, the hospital and healthcare sector is a mainstay for rural communities and a primary generator of employment, eclipsing manufacturing.

Additionally, the presence of Kewanee Hospital is an important selling point for our community. Not just for residents in the community, but also for businesses, especially manufacturers, who need to be located within a short distance to a fully equipped healthcare facility. Without the hospital's presence, and the strengthened affiliation with OSF Healthcare System, our community's manufacturing sector would necessarily look elsewhere for location and expansion opportunities.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Russell Medley'.

Russell Medley
Executive Director
Kewanee Economic Development Corporation



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October 24, 2013

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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. As a long-time resident of the community, I cannot stress enough how vitally important it is to have access to a local hospital. An affiliation between Kewanee Hospital and OSF would ensure the continued availability of local hospital services. The affiliation would also broaden the scope of services available at the local level.

With the changes in the healthcare system that all providers are facing, collaborations and partnerships will do a great deal to sustain affordable and accessible health care.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gail Ripka, MHA
Public Health Administrator

November 5, 2013

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

We are writing to express our full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. Our family has experienced two health-related life changing events in which Kewanee Hospital and St. Francis in Peoria have been the institutions which saved the lives of our three month premature twin daughters in 1992, as well as the life of my husband, who suffered a severe stroke in 2008. We know first-hand what it is like going back and forth from Kewanee Hospital to St. Francis for an extended period of time. Our family has a good understanding of the need for excellent local care, yet easy access to specialists and higher levels of care.

We view the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF as a positive step which will help implement the goal of excellent healthcare provided to the families not only in our town, but surrounding communities as well. The unity and diversification created with this move would greatly benefit the progress of healthcare and other services provided to our community with foreseeable excellent end-results.

Our family strongly supports the affiliation and encourages approval for the change of ownership of Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Wesley Ball and Nancy Ball. Wesley's signature is in a cursive script, and Nancy's signature is also in cursive, appearing below Wesley's.

Wesley and Nancy Ball
319 South Grove Street
Kewanee, IL 61443

Courtney R. Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KEWANEE HOSPITAL'S AFFILIATION WITH OSF HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Dear Ms Avery,

I am writing to express my full support for Kewanee Hospital's affiliation with OSF Healthcare System. I have lived in Kewanee and the surrounding area my entire life. Throughout my lifetime Kewanee Hospital has always been there for me and my immediate family. I have experienced many life changing events at Kewanee Hospital from the birth of my children, the death of a loved one, or the unexpected trip to the Emergency Room. No matter the situation we have always received highest quality of care and compassion. Most recent in my mind is my teenage daughter's ankle injury. The injury occurred in July. After 3 months of Dr appointments, x-rays, cat scans, orthopedic appointments, and six weeks of physical therapy. I felt compelled to write this letter because I strongly believe that Kewanee Hospital is such an important part of our community, and should be affiliated with OSF Healthcare System. Kewanee Hospital is an excellent health care facility. All of the staff at Kewanee Hospital is friendly and knowledgeable in their department. The familiar faces create a comforting and safe atmosphere while educating my daughter about her injury and her progression. Our appointments were on time, flexible and thorough I left every appointment feeling confident that their patient's needs are a top priority. Most important we were given options that worked around my schedule as I am employed full-time. The excellent service and care at Kewanee Hospital allowed me to be active in my daughter's recovery without us missing a day of work, and school. Because of the reasons stated above please consider my letter of support for the proposed affiliation and encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Kewanee Hospital.

Kind Regards,

Carrie Gustafson
316 Swank St.
Galva, IL 61434

November 4, 2013

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Majeske

414 Ross St.

Kewanee, IL 61443

Dear Ms. Courtney Avery,

My husband and I are in full support and very enthusiastic about the Kewanee Hospital being affiliated with OSF of Peoria.

We feel only great opportunities will come with Kewanee Hospital and OSF. It will offer our community a yet, greater care of all our health needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our appreciation of both Kewanee Hospital and OSF.

Michael and Lene Majeske

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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

We are writing to express our full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. We feel that this is a positive step in continuing excellent care to our family, friends, and neighbors. We have a combined 42 years experience here at Kewanee Hospital and feel that this is our extended family. This affiliation would ensure growth and security for our community.

Because of the reasons stated above, we are 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Mary Wyll RT(R)(CT)
Shelly L Smith RRM

Registered Radiologic Technologists, Kewanee Hospital

October 25, 2013

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. As a young professional who returned to this community to serve my friends and neighbors at Kewanee Hospital, I firmly believe that this affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and our surrounding communities. This affiliation will enhance the health care services in our community through collaboration, access to greater resources, and further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

I feel fortunate that my family will continue to have access to a hospital that is committed to providing the best care and expanding the scope of services locally available. Therefore, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Breanne Christiansen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Breanne Christiansen
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Kewanee Hospital

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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

The purpose of this letter is to convey my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I am confident that the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the neighboring communities as it will add to health care and other services offered to our community both through association with and access to greater resources.

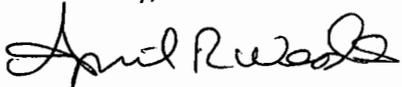
This affiliation will present the community with greater access to health care services including access to specialists. Living in a rural community with a large elderly population this will be particularly beneficial as this will alleviate some of the burden they have in finding transportation to out of town appointments; in turn it is my feeling this will also reduce hospital readmission rates.

And finally, it is my belief that the affiliation will further foster the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital. Working in healthcare for the past 20 years, 11 with Kewanee Hospital, I have personally witnessed numerous accounts where patients were afforded excellent care through the generous hands of Kewanee Hospital.

For the reasons aforementioned, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for you time and consideration.

Sincerely,



April R. Woods

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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and our surrounding communities. As an affiliate of the OSF Healthcare System, our patients will have greater access to specialists and other resources which will enhance their health care.

I have been employed by Kewanee Hospital for the past 17 years. In my experience, patients who require transferring to a specialist or a higher level of care request OSF in most cases. Our patients will have continuum of care if affiliated with OSF.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne R. Frank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" and "F".

Anne R. Frank

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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

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Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "S" and "M".

Susan Moore



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October 30, 2013

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for Kewanee Hospital's affiliation with OSF HealthCare. I serve as Kewanee Hospital's CEO but I am also a community member with a family and young children. My family, as well as my friends and neighbors in Kewanee and the surrounding community, rely on Kewanee Hospital's services.

Kewanee Hospital has served the community well for nearly 95 years, but health care is changing. There is increased demand for clinical providers, greater regulatory requirements for hospitals and physicians, and a shift in the focus from episodic care to managing population health. I believe I speak for our hospital team when I say we are hopeful for the future and believe it will mean better care for patients. However; in order to do the best job possible in the hospital of tomorrow, Kewanee Hospital needs a partner. In all areas, OSF HealthCare is the best option for our hospital, our patients and the community.

Kewanee Hospital's affiliation with OSF HealthCare will provide greater access to health care services for our community. Through this affiliation we will be able to improve access to specialists, strengthen our current service line and improve our access to capital. Kewanee Hospital will be better able to recruit physicians, allied health professionals, and other in-demand providers to our community. We believe that our respective organizations will be able to better serve our community together as one team. I am excited about the future of health care for our community as part of the OSF Healthcare System and what it means for our patients.

Kewanee Hospital announced the Letter of Intent to join the OSF Healthcare System on November 6, 2012 and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Our employees at Kewanee Hospital as well as our community have been supportive and looking forward to joining the OSF Healthcare System.

Thank you for your consideration.

In appreciation,

Lynn A. Fulton
Chief Executive Officer

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

It is with great pleasure that I write to tell you how fully I support the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. The proposed affiliation is definitely the best thing for Kewanee and the surrounding communities. The two organizations share a strong charitable mission and a commitment to improving health. The affiliation will provide access for the community to greater resources including specialty physicians and services. As the Chief Nursing Officer of Kewanee Hospital I have seen firsthand the hardship many of our patients have experienced seeking specialty care locally. Through collaboration and access to greater resources Kewanee Hospital will be able to continue to meet and enhance the health care needs of the community.

As a Registered Nurse for over 19 years and a Chief Nursing Officer for over 6 years I am a dedicated patient and staff advocate. I fully believe the affiliation between Kewanee Hospital and OSF Healthcare System is the right thing to do. One of the challenges we face in health care is the constant change in the delivery of care to patients. To provide continuous education and training to Kewanee Hospital clinicians is a challenge. Having access to the world class education and training resources of the OSF Healthcare System will help continue Kewanee Hospital's vision of clinical excellence for its team of dedicated professionals.

Because of the strong reasons I have stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Junis RN, MSN". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "RN, MSN" written in a slightly different style at the end.

Jennifer Junis RN, MSN

Chief Nursing Officer

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I have great enthusiasm for what this will bring for our community of patients. We already provide excellent care and have made great strides in the last several years with our new facility and all our new equipment. This affiliation will be the 'icing on the cake' for our patients and staff when it comes to the resources and stability, which will be available to everyone. I'm not from Kewanee, I have lived in big and small towns and have chosen Kewanee, IL to settle with my family. I can not be more proud to be affiliated with such a progressive and knowledgeable group of individuals at Kewanee Hospital in Administration and at the staff level. This is our future, for our families and community.

With an enormous amount of support, I encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

*Sincerely,
Emily R. Ostenson*

Director of Radiology

Kewanee Hospital



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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I believe the affiliation is extremely important to the patients of Kewanee and the surrounding community as it will provide long-term stability and enhance health care and other services provided to our community both through collaboration and access to greater resources; provide greater access to health care services in the community including access to specialists; and further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Renee Salisbury'.

Renee Salisbury

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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I am a long time community member and have the privilege of serving my community through my work at Kewanee Hospital. I have worked at Kewanee Hospital for 16 years now and I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the surrounding community as it will enhance health care and other services provided to our community both through collaboration and access to greater resources.

I have cared for many patients in the hospital that speak highly of OSF and their services. The patients requiring a higher level of care or specialty services request OSF as their choice for continuum of care in almost all circumstances.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Holly L. Gustafson-Hicks

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

Two years ago I interviewed for the position of Director of Patient Financial Services at Kewanee Hospital. I came here from the state of Oregon and was impressed by the integral nature that the hospital played in the community. I accepted that position, feeling that I could have a profound effect on the health and well-being of the community due to my association with the facility like Kewanee Hospital. As I have integrated myself within the community of Kewanee, I have found that the hospital does have great positive impact on the health and wellness of the patients we serve, and the community as a whole.

I have found, however, that the impact has been limited by the resources necessary to provide specialty care within the community. Every day myself, or my staff, hear from individuals in the community of the need for expanded care outside the hospital's current ability. As the hospital has increased services, such as orthopedics, I have seen the general health of the population increase. Individuals frequently approach me and tell me how grateful they are for these new services. I believe the partnership between the OSF Healthcare System and Kewanee Hospital will help serve the needs of the members of our community in providing services that cannot be obtained in Kewanee any other way.

For the reason stated above, I wish to express my support for the affiliation of these two organizations. I believe that this affiliation will lead to better healthcare for my neighbors and friends in the Kewanee area. I encourage the planning board to ratify the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership, allowing this affiliation to move forward.

Thank you for your attention to the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Bennett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy Bennett



Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Steve Looney, lifelong citizen of Kewanee and Director of Environmental Services at Kewanee Hospital. I am writing this letter to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the surrounding communities, as it will enhance healthcare and other services provided through collaboration and access to greater resources; provide greater access to healthcare services in the community including access to specialists; and further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Steve Looney

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. As the Director of the Medical-Surgical Unit, CCU and Surgical Services, I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the surrounding community. It will allow our hospital to provide care to our community without having to leave home. It will give our patients an increased access to specialists and resources that they would otherwise have to travel an hour to get. Our community and patients deserve the very best and this affiliation will allow us the resources to give it to them. The affiliation will also provide the nursing staff with greater resources and experience needed to ignite passion in our profession that we have devoted our lives to.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jackie Kernan R.N., BSN

Director Med-Surg/CCU/Surgical Services

Kewanee Hospital

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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I would like to let you know that I fully support the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community. Kewanee Hospital has always been committed to providing the best care for Kewanee and the surrounding area and OSF has the resources that will allow us to do so. We will be able to provide greater access to health care services and specialists which will further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Zipp
Nutrition Services Director
Kewanee Hospital

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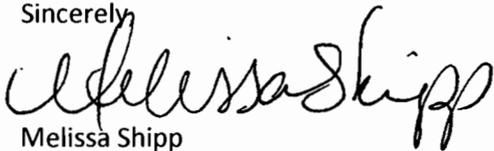
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I have lived in the surrounding area nearly all of my life and have worked at Kewanee Hospital for just over four (4) years now. As a Critical Access Hospital, we have struggled with recruiting providers to our area. This affiliation will bring greater access to needed specialists to our area so that members of our community do not have to travel the distance it currently requires. OSF Healthcare System has partnered with Kewanee Hospital for many years and being able to formally partner with them is in the best interest of our community to enhance the healthcare and service we provide for a long time to come.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Shipp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M".

Melissa Shipp



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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the Director of the Laboratory for Kewanee Hospital and have worked for the hospital my entire career of 36 years. I am completely in support of the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. This affiliation supports the hospital's mission to enhance health care and other services provided to our community. The affiliation will support the hospital in our continuing efforts to maintain the most up-to-date technology in our clinical departments.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christina Downs'.

Christina Downs, MT, ASCP
Director of Laboratory



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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I was raised and continue to reside in the Kewanee area, and have worked at Kewanee Hospital for nearly 13 years. During this time, I have seen the tremendous benefit and necessity of having access to quality healthcare in our rural community.

This affiliation will enhance healthcare and other services provided to our community; provide collaboration and access to greater resources; allow greater access to healthcare services in the community including access to specialty care; and further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

Kewanee Hospital is committed to providing the best care and expanding our scope of services. For this reason and those stated above, I submit 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kristin Keane'.

Kristin Keane
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. Kewanee Hospital has a small Information Technology department attempting to keep up with the demand for new and existing systems. Patient care depends on IT more every day to ensure better quality. With the changes in requirements from government regulations surrounding information technology, joining OSF Healthcare System will provide the support needed to successfully implement and support the technology.

I believe the affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and the surrounding community as it will enhance health care and other services provided to our community both through collaboration and access to greater resources; provide greater access to health care services in the community including access to specialists; and further promote the charitable mission of Kewanee Hospital.

Because of the reasons stated above, 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 Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Johnson
Director of Information Technology
Kewanee Hospital

October 25, 2013

Lori Christiansen
One Edgewood Drive
Kewanee, IL 61443

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. As a lifelong resident of this community and a Kewanee Hospital employee for over 20 years, I feel strongly that this affiliation is in the best interest of Kewanee and our surrounding communities. My family, my friends, and my neighbors depend upon Kewanee Hospital for routine, acute, and emergency medical care. Although the hospital is financially sound and provides crucial care to our local residents, in these times of continuous health care reform with a rapidly changing regulatory and reimbursement climate, it is essential that hospitals look for opportunities to ensure long-term stability. Kewanee Hospital's affiliation with the OSF Healthcare System will provide additional resources, increased access to specialty care, and other enhanced health care services that will safeguard our ability to continue to provide excellent care to those we serve.

Kewanee Hospital is absolutely vital to this community and I am appreciative of the fact that our Leadership has had the foresight and fortitude to explore options and develop an affiliation agreement with OSF Healthcare that will greatly benefit both organizations. Therefore, I am submitting this letter in full support of the proposed affiliation and encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lori Christiansen
Director of Rehabilitation Services
Kewanee Hospital

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RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the affiliation of Kewanee Hospital with OSF Healthcare System. I believe this affiliation will benefit Kewanee and the entire area as it will enrich health care services provided to our region by increasing collaboration. As the Director of the Emergency Department, I feel that this will bolster our access to specialty care, and even bring more opportunities to care for area residents in our Emergency Department as well as decrease the amount of patients who may need to be transferred from Kewanee Hospital.

Due to the several positive points above, I am submitting this letter of support for the proposed affiliation and urge the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason L. Bitner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jason L. Bitner, RN

