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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL. 62761

October 10, 2013

RE: Project No. E 22-13, Affiliation between Methodist Health Services Corp. and Proctor Health Care Inc. (Proctor Hospital)

Ms. Avery,

As Mayor of Peoria, Illinois I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affiliation between Methodist Health Services Corporation and Proctor health Care Incorporation. It is my belief that the affiliation will:

- 1) result in measurable benefits to consumers and payers through quality improvements, development of new services, efficiency enhancements and other potential cost saving,
- 2) expand access to affordable healthcare services in the community,
- 3) allow Methodist and Proctor to work together to develop viable responses to the rapidly changing market impacting health care delivery systems, including federal health care reform legislation, reductions in reimbursement and movement toward global and full-risk payment models,
- 4) advance excellence in clinical innovations, access, services, quality, cost, outcomes and medical education for both Methodist and Proctor and
- 5) expand medical education opportunities in the community and assist in the development and training of much needed physicians and other health care professionals.

Words can't adequately express the importance of this affiliation to Peoria but I assure you that our community is very supportive of the proposal. For all these reasons I would respectfully encourage the Review Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the proposed affiliation between Methodist and Proctor.

Sincerely,

Jim Ardis
Mayor

CC: Paul Macek, Proctor
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October 2, 2013

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project No. E 22-13, Affiliation between Methodist Health
Services Corporation & Proctor Health Care Incorporation
(Proctor Hospital)

Dear Courtney,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed affiliation between
Methodist Health Services Corporation ("Methodist") and Proctor Health Care
Incorporation ("Proctor").

It is my belief that the affiliation will: (a) result in measurable benefits to consumers
and payers through quality improvements, development of new services, enhanced
competition, efficiency enhancements and other potential cost savings; (b) expand
access to affordable healthcare services in the community; (c) allow Methodist and
Proctor to work together to develop viable responses to the rapidly changing market
impacting health care delivery systems, including federal health care reform
legislation, reductions in reimbursement and movement toward global and full-risk
payment models; (d) advance excellence in clinical innovations, access, services,
quality, cost, outcomes, and medical education for both Methodist and Proctor; and
(e) expand medical education opportunities in the community and assist in the
development and training of much needed physicians and other health care
professionals.

For all of these reasons, I would respectfully encourage the Review Board to approve
the Certificate of Exemption for the proposed affiliation between Methodist and
Proctor.

Sincerely,

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October 9, 2013

Ms. Courtney Avery
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Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery,

The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) educates 164 medical students and 260 residents each year. Most of these graduates practice in Illinois and 60% of primary care physicians in the Peoria area trained within one of our residencies. UICOMP is proud to be among the top 20 programs in the country in terms of training primary care physicians.

UnityPoint Methodist is the academic affiliate sponsor of UICOMP's Family Medicine and Psychiatry residencies. These two specialties are very much in demand with major physician shortages in Downstate Illinois. The proposed affiliation between Methodist Health Services Corporation and Proctor Health Care Incorporation will provide additional learning opportunities particularly for psychiatry. Proctor has the community's most advanced addictions treatment program and a geriatric psychiatry program which will complement UnityPoint Methodist's existing psychiatry programs to create a truly excellent environment for training residents and caring for patients. UICOMP depends on its academic affiliate hospitals for the clinical education of residents and medical students. Stronger institutions also strengthen the medical school and support its mission.

As Regional Dean, I support this affiliation because it will strengthen the family medicine and psychiatry residencies, two critical programs providing physicians for Downstate Illinois. It will also provide additional learning opportunities for our medical students.

Sincerely,

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