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Mr. Michael Constantino
Supervisor, Project Review
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Washington
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project 10-008
Skokie Hospital

Dear Mike,

Enclosed please find a letter from Methodist Hospital of Chicago, indicating that they have the capacity to accommodate acute mental illness patients currently being admitted to Skokie Hospital, and that they do not discriminate with their admissions practices. Of particular note is the comment from Mr. Haffner related to Methodist's mission of admitting "needy individuals without discrimination and without consideration of financial resources".

Please be aware that when demonstrating in the application that sufficient capacity to address the Skokie Hospital AMI patient census exists at other area hospitals, this hospital was not included in that assessment.

Methodist Hospital of Chicago is located 8.3 miles to the south of Skokie Hospital.

Sincerely,


Jacob M. Axel

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March 5, 2010

Mail and Facsimile

Ms. Kristen Murtos
President, Skokie Hospital
9600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, IL 60076

RE: Proposed "Discontinuation" of Acute Mental Illness Inpatient Services at Skokie Hospital

Dear Ms. Murtos:

On behalf of Reverend Steven Dahl, I am responding to the questions presented in your 2-1-10 correspondence:

1. Methodist Hospital of Chicago, a reputable non-for-profit facility with 62 certified psychiatric beds, could be highly instrumental in placement of your present and future patients suffering from mental illness.
2. As indicated under point #1, Methodist Hospital not only has the patient capacity but the appropriate sub-specialties (developmentally disabled, geropsych, young adult, and an intensive outpatient program) to facilitate specialized community mental health needs.
3. It is Methodist Hospital's mission for the past 120 years to admit needy individuals without discrimination and without consideration of financial resources. Patient safety would be the only criteria to limit admission of individuals with severe behavior problems.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call at 773-989-1533 or email: bhaffner@bethanymethodist.org. I look forward to further discussion on this matter.

With best regards,

Bill Haffner
Assistant Administrator
Methodist Hospital of Chicago

cc: Reverend Stephen Dahl, President & CEO