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**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTH FACILITIES and SERVICES REVIEW BOARD
BEFORE HEARING OFFICER KAREN HALL**

In Re:)
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Public Comments Regarding)
Application for Permit) Project No. 10-005
Modification Regarding a)
Proposed Project, Smith)
Crossing, Orland Park.)

**REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had and testimony
taken in accordance with the requirements of the
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act on an
application for permit modification regarding a
proposed project, Smith Crossing, Orland Park,
taken at the Orland Park Civic Center, Jane Barnes
Annex, 14750 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park,
Illinois, on June 21, 2010, at 10:08 a.m.**

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PRESENT:

**ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES and SERVICES REVIEW
BOARD, by**

MS. KAREN HALL,

Second Floor

525 West Jefferson Street

Springfield, Illinois 62761

(217) 782-3516

appeared as Public Hearing Officer.

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1 HEARING OFFICER HALL: Good morning.
2 My name is Karen Hall. I'm with the Illinois
3 Department of Public Health.

4 I'm here today to conduct a public hearing
5 on the proposed project known as 10-005, Smith
6 Crossing, Orland Park, Illinois.

7 As per the rules of the Illinois Health
8 Facilities and Services Review Board, I would like
9 to read the legal notice into the record: "In
10 accordance with the requirements of the Illinois
11 Health Facilities Planning Act, notice is given of
12 receipt of an application for a permit
13 modification regarding the proposed Project
14 10-005, Smith Crossing, Orland Park, Illinois.

15 "The Applicants propose to increase the
16 total cost of their original permit application.
17 No. 1, the Applicants are proposing to increase
18 the total estimated project cost from \$240,000 to
19 \$5,846,587.

20 "The Applicants propose to extend the
21 project completion date six months from December
22 31st, 2010, to June 30th, 2011."

23 Consideration by the State Board has been
24 tentatively scheduled for the July 27th, 2010,

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1 State Board meeting.

2 A public hearing is to be held by the
3 Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to
4 the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The
5 hearing is open to the public and will afford an
6 opportunity for parties at interest to present
7 written and/or verbal comment relevant to the
8 project.

9 All allegations or assertions should be
10 relevant to the need of the proposed project and
11 be supported with two copies of documentation or
12 materials that are printed or typed on paper size
13 8 1/2 by 11.

14 A copy of the application may be viewed at
15 the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review
16 Board office at 525 West Jefferson Street, Second
17 Floor, Springfield 62761.

18 To obtain a copy of the application, that
19 address you can use, and the phone number for that
20 office is 217-782-3516.

21 Any person wanting a public hearing on the
22 proposed project must submit a written request for
23 such hearing to the address that I just mentioned.

24 If you have not done so -- which I know you

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1 have -- please sign in using the appropriate
2 registration forms. One form is for individuals
3 who want to provide testimony in support of the
4 project, another form is for people who want to
5 provide testimony who oppose the project, and the
6 last form is for people who wish to register their
7 attendance who do not wish to testify.

8 To ensure that the Illinois Health
9 Facilities and Services Review Board's public
10 hearings protect the privacy and maintain the
11 confidentiality of individual's health
12 information, covered entities, as defined by the
13 Health Insurance Portability Act of 1996 -- such
14 as facilities, hospital providers, health plans,
15 and health care clearinghouses -- submitting oral
16 or written testimony that discloses protected
17 health information of individuals shall have a
18 valid written authorization from that individual.
19 The authorization shall allow the covered entity
20 to share the individual's protected health
21 information at this hearing.

22 Those of you who came prepared with written
23 text for your presentation may choose to submit
24 that text without giving testimony. However, if

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1 you are giving oral testimony, you do not have to
2 be brief because there are not that many people
3 here.

4 As per legal notice, I would appreciate two
5 copies of your testimony. When you make your
6 presentation, please give the court reporter the
7 spelling of your complete name.

8 If there's a chief spokesperson for the
9 Applicant, we would like for that individual to
10 make the first presentation. The remaining
11 testimony will be taken in the order of the names
12 on the register. Please hold all of your
13 questions until all of the testimony has been
14 presented.

15 The Applicant is Frank --

16 MR. GUAJARDO: Guajardo.

17 HEARING OFFICER HALL: -- Guajardo.

18 MR. GUAJARDO: Good morning. Again,
19 my name is Frank Guajardo. I'm the executive
20 director of Smith Crossing.

21 I'm here on behalf of Smith Crossing and its
22 residents to remove the continuing care retirement
23 community variance that is in place for our
24 existing 35-bed skilled unit.

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1 In addition, we'd like to request 16 beds,
2 skilled beds to add to our skilled unit as well.

3 Since November of 2009, we have been
4 occupied at over 90 percent in our skilled unit,
5 at times reaching 100 percent, and what this has
6 done is forced us to place some of our residents
7 that are in need of skilled care in two other
8 facilities. At times, they have been couples that
9 have been separated. So what we'd like to do is
10 continue our mission of keeping individuals
11 together with their loved ones and their friends.

12 By opening up our skilled unit to the
13 greater Orland Park area, we feel it will
14 accomplish two things. One is, we'll be allowed
15 to provide the quality of care that we are so
16 confident in to other members of our community as
17 well as allow Smith Crossing to offer more of a
18 balanced and efficient budget for our skilled care
19 center and offer more to our residents.

20 That's all I have. Short and sweet.

21 HEARING OFFICER HALL: Okay. I would
22 like to thank the Orland Park Civic Center for the
23 use of their facility today. As we can see, there
24 is no one else who would like to speak.

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1 I would remind everybody to submit your
2 written comments to me, if you have some later, so
3 that we may have this information for the record.

4 This project is scheduled for consideration
5 by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services
6 Review Board at its July 27th, 2010, meeting. A
7 location for this meeting is still being
8 determined.

9 The public has until July 7th of 2010 to
10 submit written comments. These comments can be
11 sent to my attention at the Illinois Department of
12 Public Health, 525 West Jefferson Street, Second
13 Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62761-0001.

14 If you prefer, you may fax your comments.
15 Our fax number is 217-785-4111.

16 Are there any questions?

17 MR. DAKES: May I make a small speech?

18 HEARING OFFICER HALL: Sure.

19 MR. DAKES: It's pretty hard for a
20 Greek to make a small speech, but I'll try.

21 HEARING OFFICER HALL: We've got all
22 the time in the world.

23 MR. DAKES: My wife and I moved into
24 the Smith Crossing facility about four-and-a-half

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1 years ago, and -- I'll get the date here. On
2 September 9th of 2005, that's when we moved in,
3 but we had to move my wife into the memory support
4 section over there on the 5th of July of 2007.

5 She received exceptionally good care, and we
6 were very, very grateful for that. The staff in
7 our facility is excellent. In all the time we've
8 been there, I have never had a complaint about one
9 of the staff people, and that includes the
10 maintenance people and everybody like that. It's
11 a fantastic facility.

12 On the 30th of September of -- or excuse me,
13 October of 2008, we had to move my wife over to
14 the skilled nursing care. Her problem was
15 Alzheimer's. She was there for about three
16 months, and the staff there was fantastic. The
17 nurses were all exceptionally nice.

18 The other very nice thing for me was that I
19 could walk over there, as I did every day, and be
20 there in about three minutes. I'd spend the day
21 with her and move back and forth to get my meals
22 on the other side, but it was very convenient to
23 be able to do that.

24 She passed away quietly on the 7th of

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1 February, and, again, I just want to express my
2 sincere appreciation for the way that that
3 facility treated us, and I've never heard any
4 complaints from any of the other residents there
5 who would have had the opportunity to stay in one
6 of those facilities.

7 So that's my little speech. Thank you.

8 HEARING OFFICER HALL: Anybody else?

9 I see you shaking your head back there. Do
10 you want to speak? Okay.

11 THE REPORTER: What was your name?

12 MR. DAKES: John Dakes, D, as in
13 "David," -a-k-e-s.

14 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER HALL: Seeing that
16 there are no additional questions or comments, I
17 deem this public hearing adjourned.

18 Thank you guys for coming out.

19 (Which were all of the
20 proceedings had in the
21 above-entitled matter ending at
22 10:19 p.m.)

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