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Dear Ms. Avery:

I want the board to know that I oppose Centegra's plans for a new hospital.

The current area hospitals meet the needs of our communities. I don't think there's a need for a new hospital.

Sincerely,



Jody Hagestedt
3710 Ellen Road
McHenry, IL 60050

Mary Cadavid
3205 Foxview Highland Dr.
McHenry, IL 60050

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Re: Opposition to hospital in Huntley, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

While it is exciting to think about a new hospital in the area, I oppose the application to building a new hospital in Huntley, Illinois. The area is well-served by several hospitals, their physicians and their employees. Another hospital is not needed in the area. I truly believe that a new hospital is inconsistent with the prudent and rationale use of health care resources.

Sherman Hospital, St. Alexius Hospital, Provena Hospital, Good Shepherd Hospital and the Centegra Health System already provide the area with several options for hospital care. If more hospital beds are needed, it would be more cost-effective to serve more patients by expanding on an existing hospital campus rather than building an entire new hospital.

I respectfully urge the board to deny the application to build a hospital in McHenry County.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Cadavid R".

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Opposition to Centegra Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to express my opposition to Centegra's planned hospital in Huntley.

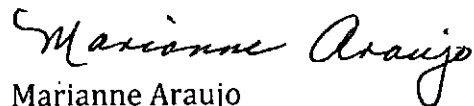
We don't need another hospital in the area because the proposed hospital will reduce patient volume at existing hospitals. The area hospitals provide charity care and community benefit services. There are concerns that the reduction in volumes at the existing hospitals will reduce the financial capabilities of the existing hospitals to continue to provide charity care and community benefit services.

The proposed new hospital duplicates existing services. It will not provide any new services for the service area. In fact, most of the area hospitals offer a broader range of services than what is proposed for the new hospital. Many patients needing these more advanced services will need to be transferred to another area hospital.

This duplication of services won't create permanent jobs. Health care workers would just move from one hospital to another, weakening all the hospitals.

Bottom line, it just plain doesn't make sense to build a new hospital.

Thank you,



Marianne Araujo

Denny Walters
105 Fir
Lake In The Hills, IL 60156

May 26, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Opposition to Centegra Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I'm writing to oppose the Centegra Hospital. I feel there are an adequate number of hospitals now. This would be an over duplication of services and would hurt the existing hospitals. The economy cannot support a new hospital.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denny Walters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denny Walters

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Centegra's proposed hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I strongly oppose Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital in McHenry County.

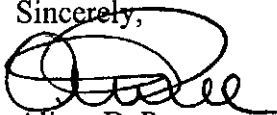
As you are aware, there are already several hospitals within the region. Considering the area's population density, healthcare needs are being met and will continue to be for many years down the line.

Centegra's hospital would only be duplicating services. A new hospital would leave the area's current healthcare facilities with empty beds and fewer patients, lowering their ability to provide quality, comprehensive care to patients.

Through the years, these hospitals have established themselves as the healthcare providers for the surrounding communities. I ask that you please allow them to continue to do so. I hope you'll join me in opposing the application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Alissa DePue
1237 E. Pratt Drive
Palatine, IL 60074

Ms. Courtney Avery

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson

Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a registered nurse, I'm writing to share my opposition to Centegra's plans to build a new hospital.

The proposed new hospital duplicates existing services. The hospital does not propose any new services for the service area. In fact, most of the area hospitals provide a broader range of services than is proposed for the new hospital. Many patients needing these more advanced services will need to be transferred to another area hospital.

I also believe there are multiple health care options available to residents.

Finally, I think that an increase in beds will outstrip the increase in population, resulting in underutilization. The proposed new hospital will increase the number of beds in McHenry County by 50 percent. The population is unlikely to grow that much in the next few years. The result will be low occupancy levels and underused resources at the new hospital and / or the existing hospitals.

Thank you for your consideration,



Joyce Blau

566 Cortland Drive

Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Beth Reele
3 Elmwood Dr.
Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047

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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to oppose the plan for Centegra in Huntley.

I don't think more hospitals are needed in this area. Let's encourage the public to use the resources that are already here instead of adding even more healthcare costs. This is unnecessary.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Reele".

Beth Reele

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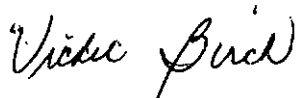
I'm writing to oppose Centegra's plans to build a new hospital.

I have heard much about this proposed hospital and I understand that all of the residents in the service area of the proposed hospital live within 30 minutes of an existing hospital and most live within 15 minutes of an existing hospital.

This travel time seems reasonable to me and I know that it is well within the state planning guidelines. And, considering that half of the McHenry County residents travel 30 minutes or more on a regular basis to work.

Most of the residents of the proposed hospital service area live closer to an existing hospital than to the site of the proposed hospital. Many residents in the proposed hospital service area will actually bypass an existing hospital when traveling from their homes to the site of the proposed hospital.

Thank you for your consideration,



Vickie Birch
1211 Fieldstone Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014