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February 3, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 Jefferson
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RE: Project No. 11-108, Delnor Comprehensive Cancer Center, Geneva

Dear Ms. Avery,

We have received the letters of support needed for Project No. 11-108, Delnor Comprehensive Cancer Care Center, Geneva, to modernize our freestanding outpatient radiation therapy center on the campus of Delnor Hospital.

The application was declared complete on November 29, 2011. Our CON letters are included with this letter, and we look forward to the Consideration by the State Board on February 28, 2012.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Parker
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Christopher George, MD
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January 25, 2012

Tom Wright
President, Delnor Hospital
Delnor Hospital Administration, 300 Randall Road
Geneva, IL 60134

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing in support of Delnor Hospital's effort to develop and build a comprehensive cancer center on their hospital campus in Geneva. As a medical oncologist in this area, caring for cancer patients for the past decade, I believe such an addition will greatly benefit the community of the Fox Valley.

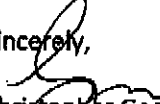
Anyone whose life has been touched by cancer can tell you that these cases demand specialized attention. These patients face individualized challenges. I believe it is vital that hospitals and communities have resources and physicians dedicated to the treatment of cancer. This is difficult when cancer patients are intermixed with other patient populations: pregnant mothers, trauma victims, children, etc. A comprehensive cancer center would bring cancer patients to one location for all their treatment, from diagnosis to cure.

The medical team caring for these patients also faces challenges. Cancer treatment is increasingly a multi-disciplinary endeavor. Treatment planning requires input and expertise from multiple personnel. Optimized care brings these physicians together (the medical oncologist, the radiation oncologist, the oncologic surgeon, etc.) But the team does not consist only of doctors. Chemotherapy nurses, social workers, dieticians, and multiple other staff all play a vital role. The value of having this team in one place, under one roof, cannot be overstated.

Such cancer centers do exist of course, but not currently in the tri-cities (Geneva, Batavia, and St. Charles). At present, cancer patients in these areas travel long distances for comprehensive cancer care. Chicago's academic medical centers are excellent, but they are over 25 miles away, a long car ride even without Chicago traffic. When cancer patients need help, even a *ten* minute ride can be prohibitive. We want our local cancer patients to have all the specialized, dedicated care found in these medical centers, but close to home, close to their family and support system.

On behalf of the medical oncologists of Cadence Physician Group, Delnor Campus, I urge you to help make this cancer center a reality. Our community and our patients deserve it.

Sincerely,


Christopher George, MD (on behalf of Drs. Robert Bayer,
Perry Menini, and Avanthi Ragam)

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**City of Geneva
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January 30, 2012

Mr. Thomas L. Wright, President
Delnor Hospital
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Dear Tom:

As the Mayor of the City of Geneva, I am pleased to submit a letter of support for Delnor's application to develop a comprehensive cancer center on the campus of Delnor Hospital. As a representative of the community and a resident, I am aware of the need for such a facility close-to-home and the enhancement it could bring to the city of Geneva and its surrounding communities.

The development of a comprehensive cancer center would be a tremendous benefit not only to Delnor's oncology patient population, but to the entire Tri-Cities community. While many of the services proposed in the cancer center are currently available within the community, they are fragmented throughout various locations. Having one comprehensive center would meet the needs of the patient, their caregiver and family members. I am confident that a comprehensive cancer center on Delnor's campus could provide improved care to the patient, provide a better patient and family experience, and improve the ability of the caregiver to provide better care.

On behalf of the City of Geneva and the greater Tri-Cities area, I look forward to this enhancement in services to our community and the people we serve. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (630) 232-7494.

My best,


Kevin Burns
Mayor



Gretchen Parker
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February 9, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
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RE: Project No. 11-108, Delnor Comprehensive Cancer Center, Geneva

Dear Ms. Avery,

Attached are two additional letters in support of the project to develop a Comprehensive Cancer Center on the campus of Delnor Hospital. We received these letters from members of our community and are submitting them for consideration in advance of the State Board meeting on February 28, 2012.

Sincerely,

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Mr Tom Wright
President
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Dear Tom:

I am writing to you today in support of the Certificate of Need (CON) application for the Delnor Cancer Center project. As you are aware, I am a general surgeon for a physician private practice in Geneva, Illinois, that is not financially affiliated with Delnor-Community Hospital. I have been on the staff at Delnor for 12 years and have been very involved with the oncology program at Delnor during that time frame. I have served three terms with Delnor's cancer liaison physician to the American College of Surgeons and have participated in two accreditation surveys by the commission on cancer of the Delnor cancer program. I have also led the committee that prepared the Delnor Comprehensive Breast Cancer Center for the Breast Center accreditation. Full NAPBC accreditation through the American College of Surgeons was achieved on the first attempt last fall.

The oncologic service line at Delnor has always stood out as superior in this medical community. I have been fortunate to work with outstanding oncologists, radiation oncologists, radiologists, pathologists, fellow surgeons, magnet nurses, and hospital support staff through the Delnor Oncology Committee. With the support of the hospital, the vision of this Committee has been to develop a Comprehensive Cancer Center. Although services such as an infusion center, lab, pharmacy, and supportive services (financial counseling, nutritional counseling, genetic counseling, etc.) exists, they are currently scattered throughout the Delnor campus. A new Comprehensive Cancer Center will allow for consolidation of these services. I feel that this will help facilitate coordinated patient care by a multispecialty team of caregivers while providing an improved overall experience both for the patients and their families as they navigate through an often very confusing and stressful time. An expanded oncology program on the Delnor campus will likely foster ongoing growth of the program to allow for expansion of services and the recruitment of additional subspecialists to the area.

Again, I strongly support Delnor's application for the CON for Delnor's Cancer Center project. High quality compassionate care offered by a multidisciplinary team working together collaboratively will certainly benefit the Fox Valley Community. I appreciate the willingness of the Delnor Administration to continue to work with physicians to achieve our unified goal of the development of this Comprehensive Cancer Center on campus.

Sincerely,

Dean P. Shoener, MD



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January 25, 2012

Thomas L. Wright
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Re: Delnor Community Hospital comprehensive cancer center

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Dear Mr. Wright:

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My name is Raj Bendre, M.D. and I have been Director of Radiation Oncology at the Raymond G. Scott Cancer Care Center on the Delnor Community Hospital campus since 2002. In the past decade I have seen the cancer treatment activity at Delnor increase dramatically, and have personal experience with this patient population which requires more sophisticated treatment options. I am writing in support of Delnor Community Hospital's Certificate of Need application for developing a comprehensive cancer center.

Having a comprehensive cancer center on campus would bring under one roof the various medical modalities that care for cancer patients. It will be a tremendous convenience for the patients and their families to be able to consult with all of the relevant oncology providers in a single location. It would also enhance the coordination of care between the specialists, thereby improving overall medical service to the patient.

The existing Raymond G. Scott Cancer Care Center was built in 1996, and the oncology activity at Delnor has simply outgrown its present architectural design. The major addition proposed in the comprehensive cancer center proposal would provide patients and providers with a facility whose scale would match the current activity in the community.

I firmly believe the Geneva/Batavia/St. Charles community is in great need of this center, and hope that the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board approves the application for its construction.

Sincerely,

D.D. Raj Bendre, M.D.



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February 14, 2012

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Mr. Tom Wright, President, Delnor Hospital
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January 24, 2012

Dear Tom,

It is with great pleasure that I express my support of Delnor Hospital's application to develop of a comprehensive cancer care center on the Delnor campus.

Throughout the time I have served as the Executive Director of the LivingWell Cancer Resource Center, and during the forty-five years I have lived and worked in this community, I have witnessed first-hand the exceptional care provided by the compassionate, competent, and dedicated staff at Delnor Hospital. In every aspect, Delnor lives its mission, providing excellence in healthcare and promoting lifelong wellness in the communities it serves. However, despite Delnor's state-of-the-art healthcare services and commitment to excellence, this community needs more.

According to the American Cancer Society, half of all men and one-third of all women will receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime. These statistics are daunting, yet they compel us to act. As our local population continues to age, the ability to seek comprehensive cancer care services close to home becomes an increasingly critical need. A comprehensive cancer care center on Delnor's campus would meet this need.

Cancer is a frightening and devastating disease which impacts the entire family. Many cancer patients need to take extensive time off of work for cancer treatment regimens. Many patients rely on caregivers to provide transportation to and from treatment. When that daily or weekly time off of work is compounded by the need to travel long distances to other medical facilities, they suffer an undue burden. These concerns are something I hear repeated over and over by LivingWell participants who worry about their ability to continue to balance their work responsibilities and still provide for families.

A comprehensive cancer care center at Delnor would improve the patient and family experience, eliminate unnecessary stress and anxiety that so many patients now experience and would be immensely beneficial to all those in our community who are now facing and who will eventually face a cancer diagnosis.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Vance
Executive Director