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February 5, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Springfield, IL 62761

RE:

Franciscan St. James Health-Chicago Heights, COE E-08-16 Franciscan St. James Health-Olympia Fields, CON 16-005

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as an indication of Synergy Healthcare's support for Franciscan St. James Health's plans to reorganize the manner in which it provides services in the Southland Region. Synergy has enjoyed a close working relationship with Franciscan St. James Health, and looks forward to that relationship continuing.

St James and Synergy work together to provide services supporting the behavioral health needs for the local communities that St James serves. Approval of the above referenced requests will not diminish these services but rather has the potential to further expand the behavioral health service offerings within the Southland community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support.

Sincerely

Jeff Bergren



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RE:

Franciscan St. James Health-Chicago Heights

Franciscan St. James Health-Olympia Fields

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter confirms the Archdiocese of Chicago's support for Franciscan Alliance, Inc.'s plans to consolidate its inpatient services at Franciscan St. James Health-Olympia Fields, and to eliminate all inpatient and Emergency Room services from Franciscan St. James Health-Chicago Heights.

The Archdiocese recognizes the critical role that the Chicago Heights hospital has fulfilled for over 100 years in the southern suburbs, and understands the unusual nature of the Archdiocese's endorsement of the elimination of inpatient services of a Catholic hospital. That said, the Archdiocese also understands the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration's unwavering commitment to the region, the fact that alternatives to the hospital's closing have been thoroughly evaluated, and the financial realities of operating two hospitals in such close proximity to one another in a rapidly changing health care environment.

Continued access to care is an important component of Franciscan St. James Health's endeavor. The Archdiocese is confident that those who have traditionally looked to the Chicago Heights hospital for their care will be able to access care through the planned expansion of outpatient and urgent care services in Chicago Heights and at the Olympia Fields hospital, and therefore, the Archdiocese endorses the plans of Franciscan Alliance, Inc. and urges approval of these necessary projects.

Sincerely yours,

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

Olympia Fields, Il. 1646/ Gebruary 11, 2016 Allejois Health Sacilities + Dernieus Review Board 525 sport Jefferson Street (2 mg/ose) Springfield, Ollisieis 62761 atta: Courtney avery, administrator-This letter is written in strong support for the St. James apparaion Phoject in Olympia 1:000. Try name is blaine Stannon, Drey histand Jelds, All. Blener and I have been residents for the past 25 ejears in Olympia Fields. He have hem patients at the hospital during the period patients at the hospital during the period, and have found the services to de electional. Therefore, any expension mould be highly. beneficial to the residents and securinding We ask your consideration and would communities. qually allow the haspital to provide expellent sirvices to lur community. Shank you far your favorable risponce, Claine Shannon - (908) 921-3016 Dincerely).

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