

June 22, 2016

Ms. Kathy Olson, Chairperson  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #16-024, Fresenius Kidney Care East Aurora

Dear Chairperson Olson:

Please accept this letter as a resounding endorsement of Fresenius Kidney Care's proposed initiative to establish a 12-station dialysis facility at 810 N. Farnsworth Avenue to better serve their patient population – many of whom are guests of Hesed House.

As the second largest homeless shelter in Illinois, and one which offers comprehensive services aimed at preventing and resolving homelessness, Hesed House is very grateful for the services of Fresenius Kidney Care – services which are in demand now more than ever in our community.

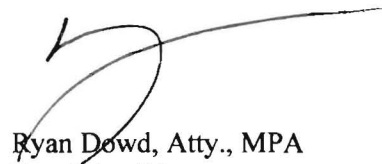
The current Aurora dialysis facility (located at Presence Mercy Medical Center) is operating at capacity and the other dialysis facility in Aurora (Fox Valley Dialysis, near Rush-Copley Medical Center) is also a highly utilized clinic. This leaves little time choices to accommodate new patients who work or have family obligations. It can also lead to patients seeking services outside of Aurora or missing treatment altogether, especially if the patient is homeless. When cultural and economic disadvantages are present, obtaining and getting to treatment can be an overwhelming hurdle for these patients.

Locating a clinic on Aurora's east side – where the population lives that it will serve – makes a tremendous amount of sense. It is also critical to its goal of continuing to provide the highest standard of care to their patients and to treat their patients with respect and dignity, so they experience excellence each and every time they visit – regardless of ability to pay.

We look forward to strengthening our relationship with Fresenius Kidney Care, and I am pleased to support them in their efforts to provide this care to those who need it most in our community.

Thank you very much for your time, and I look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Respectfully yours,



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