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February 29, 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

Speaking as the Dean of the Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (MWU/CCOM), I stand in strong support of the COE and CON applications for the restructuring of the Franciscan St. James Health facilities. MWU/CCOM has a long history of training medical students and osteopathic physicians in the Southland in the Franciscan St. James Health system since 1978. The requested restructuring will reduce duplicative and unnecessary costs, improve quality of care and improve access to care. We highly value the patient care and educational mission of St. James Health and see this restructuring as the appropriate step in ensuring the care that the Southland deserves.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI
Professor of Internal Medicine
Dean

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Dear Ms. Avery,

We are writing in support of the COE and CON applications for the restructuring of Franciscan St. James Health. The COE, CON will reduce duplicative and unnecessary costs, improve quality and improve access to care.

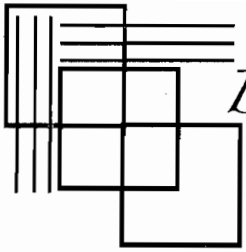
RE: Franciscan St. James Health-Chicago Heights, COE E-08-16
Franciscan St. James Health-Olympia Fields, CON 16-005

Regards,



Mary Kay Sassetti
Vice President of Operations
VITAS Healthcare

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March 1, 2016

Courtney Avery, Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 W. Jefferson Street (2nd floor)

Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms Courtney,

I have enclosed a copy of the letter that I read at the meeting addressing the reconfiguring of the Chicago Heights St. James campus, removing the existing St. James Hospital facility and expansion of the St. James Olympia Fields Campus at a combined cost of \$137.

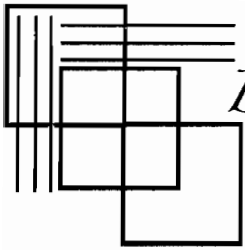
This investment by the Franciscan Alliance will draw top drawer medical professionals and supporting staff to the Chicago Metropolitan Southland and will be a major component of our economic sustainability and an incentive for new real estate developments.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this.

Sincerely yours,

Beverly and Edwin Sokol
enclosure

10 Wysteria Drive
Olympia Fields IL, 60461



Beverly K. Sokol

February 9, 2016

Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Support of Expansion of St. James Hospital Olympia Fields

I am Beverly Sokol and have lived in Olympia Fields with my husband Edwin for 53 years. I have been a positive community activist for 31 of those years. We are here today to advocate for the proposed \$137 million in St. James Hospital Olympia Fields and the planned renovations at the Chicago Heights campus.

After being in the Northwestern Hospital health system for 30 years my husband and I have switched to St. James Hospital Olympia Fields. Between September and October my husband was taken twice to the Olympia Fields Emergency Room and he stayed in the hospital facility for a total of 7 days for treatment of his pneumonia. In August I had a Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement at Northwestern. In a post surgery visit the surgeon suggested that we should consider finding a local cardiologist in a hospital that used the Epic System My Chart Program so the local doctors and the Northwestern team could communicate. ST. James Hospital was the only south suburban hospital that uses My Chart. On line investigations revealed that St. James Heart and Vascular Institute was in the top 10% in the country and with the recommendations of friends and neighbors we have happily become patients of one of the cardiologists and two internists of the Specialty Physicians Network in St. James Olympia Fields plus a pulmonologist who is on the staff.

St. James Health Care prescribed incredible after care for Mr. Sokol at our home. My Northwestern surgeon prescribed cardiac rehabilitation which I did for 3 months at St. James Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation at the Heart and Vascular Institute in Olympia Fields. This program is the highest rated in the southland.

It is important that the Olympia Fields Campus be enhanced to service an aging population and younger families who desire to send their children to our Blue Ribbon Elementary School and our International Baccalaureate High School.

Mr. Sokol and I are living proof that excellent medical care can be local. Your investment in the southland will give us the successful economic sustainability needed for the next 50 years as it

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draws investors to come to our region for the quality of its medical institutions and other amenities that will follow.

We thank the Franciscan Alliance for providing the opportunity to present our thoughts and especially for believing that we are worthy of your support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly and Edwin Sokol". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Beverly and Edwin Sokol