



Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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May 30, 2017

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Board Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Opposition to Mercy Hospital CON-#17-002
Affluence of the proposed site, Crystal Lake, compared to Illinois and other parts of the County

Dear Ms. Olson:

Mercy, in the statement of purpose section of the CON application, claims the needs of the charity and Medicaid recipients in Crystal Lake as a key rationale to justify the project. This letter is intended to provide information to demonstrate that McHenry County, and in particular Crystal Lake are affluent communities with low rates of Medicaid recipients and that the project will have limited benefit to the medically indigent. In particular, Crystal Lake is much more affluent than Harvard, the community from which Mercy is transferring away beds to the more affluent Crystal Lake.

- As shown in the table below, McHenry County is more affluent than the State of Illinois. McHenry County has a high median household income that is 34% higher than the State. Further, McHenry County has a poverty rate only 60% that of the State, and a rate of inpatients who have Medicaid that is less than 60% that of the State. While McHenry County is more affluent than the State, Crystal Lake is one of the more affluent communities in this affluent county. Crystal Lake appears to have had fewer than 350 inpatients who were charity or Medicaid recipients in 2016 (excluding obstetric patients who will not be served by Mercy).
- In contrast to Crystal Lake, Harvard (the community from which Mercy is transferring beds) is financially challenged. Compared to Crystal Lake, Harvard has about half the median household income, three times the rate of poverty, and twice the rate of inpatients with Medicaid and charity care.
- Mercy's stated concern for the medically indigent is undercut by its record at Harvard. As reported in its annual IDPH questionnaire, Mercy Harvard provided only \$40,790 of total charity care in 2015, which is only 0.2% of total revenue. If this same minimal level of charity care is provided in the proposed project, there will be little benefit to charity care patients.

	Comparative Socio-economic Statistics				Crystal Lake, excluding OB
	Illinois	McHenry	Harvard	Crystal Lake	
Median Household Income	\$ 57,574	\$ 77,222	\$ 45,689	\$ 81,509	
% below poverty	13.6%	8.0%	26.6%	6.6%	
% IP, who are Charity care or Medicaid	21.0%	12.0%	21.8%	11.0%	7.7%

OB, a high use service among Medicaid recipients is not being offered at Mercy-Crystal Lake.

There is a question on why Mercy chose Crystal Lake. Mercy cites meeting the need for access among Medicaid and charity patients. As shown in the table, Crystal Lake has a low rate of these types of patients. While access can be a challenge in some communities, Crystal Lake is within a short drive of four hospitals, all of which provide a transportation service. Good Shepherd Hospital, provides van service at no cost to our patients. Also, there is public transportation as noted in letter from Ken Koehler (member of METRA board and past McHenry County Board Chair). Attached is material on McBride and the free transportation service offered by Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

Thank you for the opportunity to share this information.

Sincerely,



Ilene Steiner

Planning Manager, Advocate Health Care

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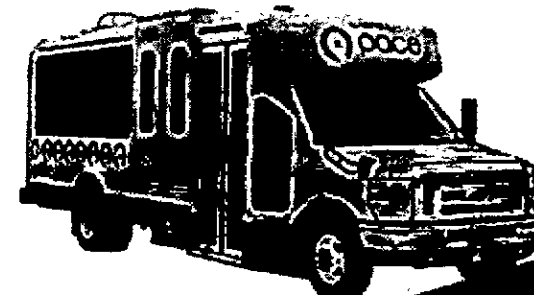
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<i>People</i>				
<i>Income and Poverty</i>				
Median household income (in 2015 dollars), 2011-2015	\$57,574	\$77,222	\$45,689	\$81,509
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2015 dollars), 2011-2015	\$30,494	\$33,735	\$15,710	\$34,673
Persons in poverty, percent	▲ 13.6%	▲ 8.1%	▲ 26.6%	▲ 6.6%
<i>Businesses</i>				
<i>Geography</i>				

1. Includes data not distributed by county.

▲ This geographic level of poverty and health estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels of these estimates

Some estimates presented here come from sample data, and thus have sampling errors that may render some apparent differences between geographies statistically indistinguishable. Click the Quick Info ⓘ icon to the left of each row in TABLE view to learn about sampling error.

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