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May 25, 2017

Via Email

Mr. Michael Constantino
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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761-0001

Re: Silver Oaks Hospital, Project No. 17-009

Dear Mike:

As you know, we are counsel to Silver Oaks Behavioral LLC d/b/a Silver Oaks Hospital ("Silver Oaks Hospital"), Silver Oaks Behavioral Realty LLC ("Silver Oaks Realty"), New Lenox Behavioral Innovations LLC ("NLBI"), New Lenox Behavioral Innovations Realty LLC ("NLBI Realty"), US Healthvest LLC ("USHV"), and Silver Cross Hospital and Medical Centers ("Silver Cross Hospital," and collectively with Silver Oaks Hospital, Silver Oaks Realty, NLBI, NLBI Realty and USHV, the "Applicants") in regard to the above-referenced Project.

On behalf of the Applicants, I am attaching supplemental/revised referral source affidavits from the following entities: DuPage Medical Group, Alden Estates of New Lenox, Alden Estates of Shorewood, Cornerstone Services, Joliet Public Schools District 86, Associates in Behavioral Science, The Kennedy Center for Counseling, Gateway Foundation, Will-Grundy Medical Clinic, Mokena Fire Protection District, Smith Crossing, Stepping Stones, and the Grundy County Health Department.

Please call or write if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Green

cc: Ms. Ruth Colby, Senior Vice President & CSO, Silver Cross Hospital & Medical Centers
Ms. Martina Sze, Executive Vice President, US Healthvest LLC

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May 23, 2017

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

RE: Certificate of Need Application for Silver Oaks Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of the Certificate of Need application for a 100-bed behavioral hospital in New Lenox, IL through the joint venture between Silver Cross Hospital and US HealthVest.

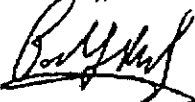
As the President for DuPage Medical Group, we have consistently found our patients have experienced frequent delays in accessing inpatient psychiatric care mainly due to bed shortages and facilities in their community. There have been many times patients have had to wait to access care leading to poor outcomes in their mental healthcare. With more than 600 physicians and in more than 75 locations, DuPage Medical Group is the largest independent, multi-specialty physician group in the Chicago area, providing physician-directed health care focused on quality, efficiency and access.

Over the past twelve months, we have referred over 484 patients within the zip codes around Silver Oaks Hospital who have received care at existing facilities. We would expect this number to increase to over 1200 patients within a 24-month period after the hospital is open and accepting patients.

The information I have included has not been used to support another pending or approved CON application for a behavioral hospital.

I urge you to support the approval of the certificate of need application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,



Paul Merrick, MD
President, DuPage Medical Group



ALDEN ESTATES-COURTS OF NEW LENOX, INC.

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As a new skilled nursing facility which will be built adjacent to Silver Cross Hospital in the Village of New Lenox, Will County; we believe, patients in the area have experienced frequent delays in accessing inpatient psychiatric care mainly due to bed shortages. There have been times patients have had to wait to access care leading to poor outcomes in their mental healthcare.

As the population continues to age and grow in and around the New Lenox area, these services are very much needed. Specifically, there is a shortage of appropriate care for residents in accessing inpatient psychiatric care.

We anticipate being able to refer approximately 10 patients per month for psychiatric care to your facility within a 12 month period after the project is completed and anticipate the referral volume to remain similar or grow for the next two years. Please note as a long term care facility Alden Estates-Courts of New Lenox is their home. Therefore all referrals will be coming from our zip code of 60451.

Please note that these patient referrals have not been used to support any other pending or approved certificate of need application for a behavioral hospital.

I urge you to support the approval of Certificate of Need Application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,

By: 

Dr. Manamar Singh

ALDEN ESTATES-COURTS OF NEW LENOX, INC.

By: 

Randi Schlossberg-Schullo
Vice President

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Alden Estates of Shorewood, Inc.

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As a skilled nursing facility located in Shorewood, Will County; we believe, patients in the area have experienced frequent delays in accessing inpatient psychiatric care mainly due to bed shortages. There have been times patients have had to wait to access care leading to poor outcomes in their mental healthcare.

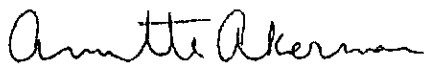
The population will continue to age and grow in our community, these services are very much needed. Specifically, there is a shortage of appropriate care for residents in accessing inpatient psychiatric care.

We anticipate being able to refer approximately 7 patients per month for psychiatric care to Silver Oaks Hospital within a 12 month period after the project is completed and anticipate the referral volume to remain similar or grow with the upcoming years. Please note as a long term care facility Alden Estates of Shorewood is their home. Therefore all referrals will be coming from our zip code of 60404.

Please note that these patient referrals have not been used to support any other pending or approved certificate of need application for a behavioral hospital.

I urge you to support the approval of Certificate of Need Application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,

By: 
Annette Akerman
Administrator

By: 
Dr. Manamar Singh



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Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing this letter in support of the Certificate of Need application for a 100-bed behavioral health hospital in New Lenox, IL through the joint venture between Silver Cross Hospital and US HealthVest.

Cornerstone Services, Inc. is a social services agency that serves individuals with disabilities with programs located primarily in Joliet and Kankakee. We have DHS licensed community mental health services and serve approximately 400 individuals annually, the majority of whom are diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness. In addition, we also have DHS licensed group homes and day treatment programs which serve approximately 600 individuals with developmental disabilities, 35% of whom have a co-occurring mental illness. Our consumers regularly experience difficulty in accessing inpatient psychiatric care, mainly due to bed shortages and a lack of appropriate programming in Will County, particularly lack of services for individuals dually diagnosed with MI/DD. Furthermore, even when our consumers are admitted to a local unit, there have been many times our consumers have had to wait upwards of 24 hours in the emergency room because the local emergency rooms themselves are overwhelmed. We frequently experience that our consumers are deflected from local psychiatric units due to a bed shortage or even more often due to the lack of appropriate programming for our dually diagnosed individuals with MI/DD. Delays in admission, deflection outside the community or even back to Cornerstone as the residential provider leads to poorer outcomes in our consumer's mental health care.

In the past 12 months, our consumers have needed 77 psychiatric hospitalizations and 20 of them were hospitalized outside of Will County due to the lack of local resources. Additionally, we have had 100 consumers receive services in the emergency room for psychiatric needs but were not admitted. Based on estimated growth in consumers served, we anticipate that approximately 90 consumers will need psychiatric hospitalizations in 2019 and 95 in 2020. Our clients come from the following zip codes: 60403, 60404, 60410, 60431, 60432, 60433, 60435, 60436, 60440, 60441, 60442, 60446, 60447, 60450, 60451, 60490, 60491, 60544, 60585, and 60586. We strongly believe that not only is there is a severe shortage of psychiatric beds in Will County, there is little to no appropriate programming to serve our most vulnerable consumers, namely those with co-occurring



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developmental disability/mental illness and those with co-occurring mental illness/substance use disorders. In the past year, we have also had 10 consumers in our MISA substance abuse treatment program who needed inpatient detox services and we anticipate that number would increase to 15-20 people by 2020.

While we would like to have an MD sign this letter, Cornerstone Services does not employ a physician who could sign, but we are a provider of mental health services. We do contract with medical doctors you provide services to our clients. We would like this letter to count toward the CON application for Silver Oaks Hospital.

We strongly urge you to support the approval of certificate of need application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application is critical to increase access to these important services in our area and to meet the needs of the most vulnerable individuals in our community. Underserving individuals with psychiatric needs does not just affect the individual but it has a widespread impact on the community as the burden of support is placed on treatment providers as well as law enforcement, EMS services and even the jails.

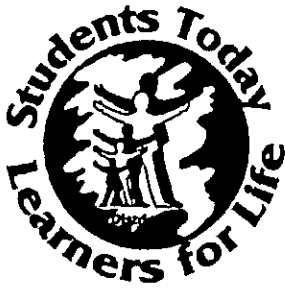
Please note that this information has not been used to support another pending or approved CON application for a behavioral hospital.

We hope this proposal becomes a reality as it would provide a tremendous benefit to our community and the people we provide services to.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Stortz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ben Stortz
President/Chief Executive Officer



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There is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Approval of this application will increase access to these important services in Will & Grundy Counties.

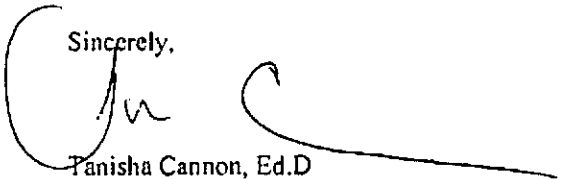
Currently, the district has had to refer approximately 84 patients annually for hospitalization at facilities like Silver Oaks. We anticipate we need to refer at least 84 students per school year by the time Silver Oaks Hospital is open in 2019. These students all reside in the following areas, Joliet-60435 and 60436 and due to the lack of available space in local hospitals to accommodate behavioral health patients, our parents are often left with the choice of having their son or daughter transported to a hospital 45 minutes to an hour away from home. This places a burden on parents who do not have transportation or limits access with their children due to travel time.

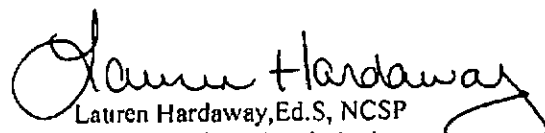
I urge you to support the approval of this certificate of need application for a behavioral hospital in New Lenox. There is a great need in the area to expand behavioral health services.

Thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

This information has not been used for any other CON application now or in the past.

Sincerely,


Tanisha Cannon, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
Joliet Public Schools District 86


Lauren Hardaway, Ed.S, NCSP
Certified School Psychologist
Joliet Public Schools District 86



Associates in Behavioral Science

Quality Behavioral Healthcare

May 24, 2017

Courtney Avery, Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of the Certificate of Need application for a 100-bed behavioral hospital in New Lenox, IL, through the joint venture between Silver Cross Hospital and US HealthVest.

As an interdisciplinary psychiatric practice of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and LCPCs located in Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois, we often receive referrals of patients needing inpatient psychiatry from hospital emergency departments and long term care facilities in Will and Grundy Counties, as well as others areas surrounding and south of them, due to the lack of availability of psychiatric beds in those areas. Patients wait unreasonable amounts of time to be placed because of these bed shortages, and then they are transferred far out of the area so that a practice such as ours can locate an inpatient bed for them in Chicago and its surrounding suburbs. Families often complain about moving their loved ones to treatment so far from them. We are not the only practice or organization being referred patients from that area; this is a large problem. It is unreasonable that individuals should have to travel such a distance to receive care. Waiting long periods of time in an emergency department is not an appropriate level/ type of care for someone needing acute inpatient psychiatry. Since two of our physicians live in the southwest suburbs, when Silver Oaks opens we will be excited to privilege one of our psychiatrists there; no longer needing to treat these patients so far from home.

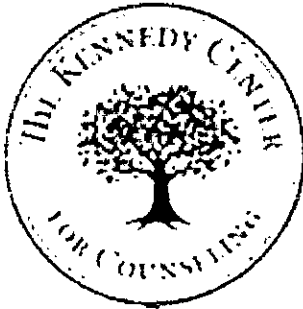
Of the 100-120 patients that we hospitalize in inpatient psychiatry monthly, a significant number are from within Will and Grundy Counties. The patients we hospitalize from this area, that we will send to the Silver Oaks Hospital, come from the 60440, 60450, 60451, 60417 and 60435 zip code. Once this hospital is open, we will refer approximately 21 patients per month, or 252 annually, over the initial 24 month period. I can only imagine that there is potential for this to increase since the Joliet and Grundy County area is growing exponentially.

The information I have included has not been used to support another pending or approved CON application for a behavioral hospital.

I urge you to support the approval of certificate of need application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,

Edgar Ramos, Psy.D.
Licensed Psychologist
Clinical Director



The Kennedy Center For Counseling
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January 25, 2017
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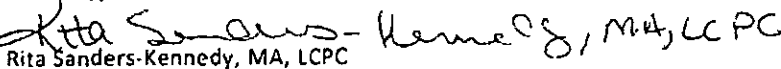
As a mental health professional and owner of The Kennedy Center for Counseling, P.C. located in New Lenox, my patients have experienced frequent delays in accessing inpatient psychiatric care mainly due to bed shortages. There have been many times patients have had to wait to access care leading to poor outcomes in their mental healthcare.

Over the last twelve months our total number of patients at The Kennedy Center for Counseling who have received care at existing facilities located in the area has been approximately 25 (by zip code: 60451-11, 60448, 4, 60423-2, 60586-3).

An estimated number of patients providers at The Kennedy Center for Counseling will refer annually to the facility within a 24 month period after the hospital is open and accepting patients will be 25 or above per year. I urge you to support the approval of certificate of need application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application will increase access to these important services in our area.

The information I have included has not been used to support another pending or approved CON application for a behavioral hospital. At this time The Kennedy Center does not have providers who accept Medicaid IL patients and does not have a MD/DO on staff.

Sincerely,


Rita Sanders-Kennedy, MA, LCPC

Owner- The Kennedy Center for Counseling

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As the Executive Director at Gateway Foundation located in both Aurora and Joliet Illinois, we experience approximately 75 clients a year that require evaluation and assessment for psychiatric and behavioral health needs. Zip codes that clients would be referred from include 60506, and 60435. We know that there is a significant need in the New Lenox and Will county community for additional inpatient psychiatric behavioral health programs.

The information I have included has not been used to support another pending or approved CON application for a behavioral hospital.

I urge you to support the approval of certificate of need application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,

Jim Scarpace, LCPC
Executive Director, Gateway Foundation

Dr. Greg Tierney, PhD, LPC
Psychologist/Program Director, Gateway Foundation

Dr. Melvin Koko, MD
Attending Psychiatrist, Gateway Foundation

Will-Grundy
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January 31, 2017

Re: Silver Cross Hospital

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that Silver Cross Hospital and US HealthVest are partnering to build a mental health facility in Will County. The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic extends our support for the Silver Cross Hospital and US HealthVest. Silver Cross Hospital is a long-time community partner, our clinic is located in close proximity to Silver Cross Hospital and we work together to achieve health objectives for the medically underserved of our area.

The Will-Grundy Medical Clinic is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization that provides free medical and dental care to adults who have no health insurance or are underinsured. The care provided is by physicians, dentists and other professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to the clinic. In a reciprocal manner, we are in operation because of our alliance with other health and community agencies, such as Silver Cross Hospital.

On behalf of the Will Grundy Medical Clinic, I am pleased to support the Silver Cross Hospital. Please see the supporting data below. This data details the zip codes of the patients we serve. Our most recent analysis of patient's mental health status, revealed that 8% of our patients reported symptoms of depression. Approximately 1%-2% of our patients report severe psychiatric symptoms. Patients who present with psychiatric issues are treated by a volunteer internal medicine providers or family physician. We are unable to refer for psychiatric care or secure volunteer psychiatrist. Our patients in need of psychiatric care are treated in house. We manage their medications to the best of our ability. Will Grundy Medical Clinic projects to refer between 15 and 75 patients or more per year to Silver Oaks Hospital upon opening in 2019. The patients reside in and will come from the following zip codes:



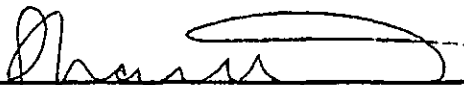
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The patients we treat report symptoms of depression and other mental health disturbances. If this new facility were to be built, the clinic would refer a significant number of patients annually.

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Thank you,

Shawn West, MBA
Executive Director
Will Grundy Medical Clinic



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Executive Director
Will-Grundy Medical Clinic



Dr. J.D. Wright
Will-Grundy Medical Clinic Medical Advisory Committee



Mokena Fire Protection District

January 18, 2017

Emergency 9-1-1

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of the Certificate of Need application for a 100-bed behavioral hospital in New Lenox, IL through the joint venture between Silver Cross Hospital and US HealthVest.

Fire Station #1
19853 S. Wolf Road
Mokena, IL 60448
(708) 479-3781

As a Fire Chief, as well as a Paramedic, representing the Mokena Fire Protection District providing 24-7 emergency 9-1-1 response, medical and mental health care for residents located within the villages of Mokena, Frankfort, Homer Glen and Orland Park, in both Will County and Cook County Illinois; our patients have experienced frequent delays in accessing inpatient psychiatric care mainly due to bed shortages. There have been many times patients have had to wait to access care leading to poor outcomes in their mental healthcare.

Fire Station #2
10000 W. 191st Street
Mokena, IL 60448
(708) 479-3782

The current practice of simply quietly transporting the patient to the hospital for evaluation has proven to be ineffective, as illustrated by patients' repeated suicide attempts; we clearly see more is required to improve their mental health and overwhelming desire to end their lives. The current amount of training for emergency responders in identification and evaluation of patients at risk for suicide has done nothing to address the increased rate of suicides throughout the Mokena community (60448, 60423, 60491 and 60462 zip codes).

Fire Station #3
10855 W. 183rd Street
Orland Park, IL 60467
(708) 479-3785

According to the Will County, Illinois, Coroner reports, suicide was the leading cause of unnatural death in the past few years. The Mokena Fire Protection District has experienced a huge increase in responses to suicides and suicide related events within the community. The Mokena, Illinois community has experienced a 60% increase in the incidence of suicides with no coordinated efforts to reduce the incidence of suicide.

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Over the past five years, the Mokena community has experienced an increased number of suicides and attempted suicides. A 60% increase in completed suicides was noted since 2008. Suicide was the leading cause of unnatural death in the Mokena community, and second only to accidental drug overdoses in Will County, Illinois. The Mokena Fire Protection District has responded to an increasing number of psychological emergencies,



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many of which can ultimately lead to suicide. Based on historical data, the Mokena Fire Protection District estimates that we will continue to transfer at least 125 patients annually (and the number is continually rising) for the purpose of psychiatric care throughout the Mokena community (60448, 60423, 60491 and 60462 zip codes). The Mokena Fire Protection District does not have a physician (MD/DO) or a licensed mental health professional approved to accept Medicaid to provide a signature.

The information I have included has not been used to support another pending or approved CON application for a behavioral hospital.

I urge you to support the approval of Certificate of Need application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,

Howard Stephens
Fire Chief / Administrator



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I am writing this letter in support of the Certificate of Need application for a 100-bed behavioral hospital in New Lenox, IL through the joint venture between Silver Cross Hospital and US HealthVest.

As the Executive Director of Smith Crossing, a Continuing-Care Retirement Community that serves over 300 residents on our campus, we are located in the 60467 zip code. There have been many times that we have experienced delays in accessing inpatient psychiatric care mainly due to bed shortages. There have been many times patients have had to wait to access care leading to poor outcomes in their mental healthcare.

In the last 12 months, we have needed/referred approximately 20 residents to receive support for mental health services.

We estimate that the need for mental health services will grow as our campus continues to mature and our residents age. We anticipate the future caseload needs to grow to 35-40 referrals by 2019.

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I urge you to support the approval of the certificate of need application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of this application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,

Frank Guajardo
Executive Director

Dr. Ming-Yeng Tang
Medical Director

A Smith Senior Living Community

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Stepping Stones is a not for profit community based residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment provider located in Joliet, IL. We serve approximately 700 people a year in our programs. Nearly half of these are individuals with a mental health diagnosis who do not require hospitalization. Those we serve do on occasion require hospitalization for a psychiatric emergency. This is probably 5 or 6 a year. In addition to these instances, we typically have another 4 or 5 individuals who we refer for emergency psychiatric services at the time they are contacting us for help.

I do not have data available on numbers served by zip code. The majority we serve are from Will County. The individuals we refer most often come from zip codes 60423, 60431, 60432, 60433, 60434, 60435, and 60436.

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Stepping Stones supports the application for Silver Oaks Hospital which will increase access to psychiatric hospital services in our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul Lauridsen".

Paul Lauridsen
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Courtney Avery, Administrator
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RE: Certificate of Need Application for Silver Oaks Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of the Certificate of Need application for a 100-bed behavioral hospital in New Lenox, IL through the joint venture between Silver Cross Hospital and US HealthVest.

As an outpatient mental health facility in Grundy County, one division of the Grundy County Health Department, located in Morris Illinois, we serve several hundred low income residents of the county in terms of their mental health and substance abuse needs. As needed, we refer our clients for inpatient hospitalization for stabilization or substance abuse inpatient treatment. Because the majority of our 255 clients have either Medicaid, or are not insured, locating beds for them can be a difficult process and may involve a waiting period, waiting for bed space, especially if it is bed space allocated to those with Medicaid or not insured. We often find that due to inadequate bed space, if the client is willing to return home with plans for follow up outpatient services, they are deflected from admission to hospitals, or are referred to hospitals that are quite a distance from our catchment area. This of course makes it more difficult for this person to have personal contact with family members who are often unable to arrange for transportation to a hospital facility that is perhaps 50 – 100 miles away. Our concern regarding deflection is that this person cannot be adequately treated on an outpatient basis, although we obvious do the best we can. But our resources are extremely limited. We have one psychiatrist who serves this indigent population for all of Grundy County, those without private insurance or Medicare.

While we do not have full current statistics, we do have information received from Morris Hospital regarding psychiatric referrals to other hospitals around the time of the closing of Tinley Park Mental Health Center. (See attachment)

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We are especially hopeful that a good number of the projected beds will be allocated for those with Medicaid or uninsured and urge you to support the approval of certificate of need application for Silver Oaks Hospital. Approval of the application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,



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Demonstration of Need for Psychiatric Beds

2008

Presentations	Patients	Transfers to private	Transfers to State
212	189	?	38

2009

Presentations	Patients	Transfers to private	Transfers to State
176	170	120	23

2010

Presentations	Patients	Transfers to private	Transfers to State
259	176	122	41

2011 (January 1 – June 30th) 2 quarters

Presentations	Transfers to Private Hospitals		Transfers to State Operated Facilities		Outpatient Referrals
234	47		21		166
	From ER	From Medical Floor	From ER	From Medical Floor	
	30	17	10	11	

Statistics and notes from Morris Hospital Social Service Department comparing last two quarters:

Second Quarter 2011

Presentations	Transfers to Private Hospitals		Transfers to State Operated Facilities		Outpatient Referrals
124	32		10		82
	From ER	From Medical Floor	From ER	From Medical Floor	
	17	15	5	5	

Third Quarter 2011

Presentations 172	Transfers to Private Hospitals 53		Transfers to State Operated Facilities 11		Outpatient Referrals 108
	From ER	From Medical Floor*	From ER	From Medical Floor	
	34 - doubled	19	10 - doubled	1	

"*Third Quarter 2011, numbers doubled in the ER and increased everywhere else except medical floor transfers to an SOF which is believed to be due to the longer wait times for transfers to an SOF (State Operated Facilities) from a medical floor and the doctor discharging them prior to transfer.

"This is definitely worth noting in terms of the costs associated with psychiatric transfers, call-in time, money spent for sitters and the Emergency Department rooms and personnel being tied up for countless hours."

Fourth Quarter 2011

Psych Presentations 175	Transfers to Private Hospitals 50		Transfers to State Operated Facilities 2		Outpatient Referrals 123
	From ER	From Medical Floor*	From ER	From Medical Floor	
	34	16	1	1	

The decrease in SOF transfers does not accurately reflect our population, we had 9 SOF referrals 4th quarter but the wait times for a bed at a SOF is so long that our psychiatrist cleared 7 of them after seeing them multiple days in a row for home with outpatient follow-up.

The following is an example from one of our clinicians regarding current hospitalization needs:

I've had five clients hospitalized in the past year, and each one of them would have benefitted from a locally available inpatient resource.

- One (a senior client) was shuffled between three emergency departments before a bed was finally found at Linden Oaks.
- Another (an adolescent) was in the ER for half a day before a bed was located out of town; from there, she then went to inpatient substance abuse treatment, 60+ miles from home.
- Another adult client went through the local ER, then to Ottawa, but then signed out AMA when no local beds were available and she was informed that she would have to wait in the ER until they could find someplace, possibly in Chicago.
- One client went to Elgin.
- One client went to OSF St. Elizabeth in Ottawa.