

June 27, 2018

Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for Geneva Crossing Dialysis in Carol Stream Project No. 17-013

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the Executive Director of the Outreach Community Center (OCC) in Carol Stream, one of several Outreach Community Ministries sites. The OCC is a multi-purpose, neighborhood resource center and we have been serving residents in southeast Carol Stream since 1986. We offer services for youth development, academic assistance, college preparation, family stabilization, counseling, transitional housing, employment training, older adult development and community development. The OCC's goal is to help neighborhood residents to work together to build a stronger community, and we serve all residents of the Carol Stream community without regard for their race, ethnicity, creed, gender, orientation or income.

In furtherance of our mission to strengthen our community, we are committed to ensuring everyone has access to the medical services they need. As you are aware, there is documented shortage of dialysis clinics in Carol Stream and North DuPage County. Our community needs Geneva Crossing Dialysis. This clinic will allow those suffering in our community the opportunity to receive this life saving treatment in Carol Stream and will help address the scheduling and transportation difficulties posed by area clinics that are nearing capacity and located outside elsewhere in DuPage County.

Please accept our full support for DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to improve access to dialysis services in Carol Stream and our request to approve Geneva Crossing Dialysis.

Sincerely.

Dina Hilliard

Executive Director

Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream

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