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Testimony on behalf of UW SwedishAmerican Hospital
May 23, 2017

I'm a licensed marriage and family therapist and a
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For decades, I've been involved with efforts to improve mental health services here.

I was a member of the League of Women Voters Health Committee for over 10 years
And I've been sitting in on the meetings of the Winnebago County Mental Health
Advisory Committee and am a member of their messaging sub-committee.

I'm acutely aware of a major problem that your approval of UW SwedishAmerican
Health System's application can possibly alleviate.

We need an inpatient psychiatric hospitalization program for small children age 12 and
under. We have none.

My column in the Rockford Register Star from April 14, 2016 tells the story. I am
submitting it for your review and will quote from it in the time I have allotted.

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column*

Sincerely

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Harlan Johnson, MS, LMFT, LCPC

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By Harlan Johnson

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My View: Create a psych unit for children in Rockford

Picture this: Your child has a psychiatric crisis requiring hospitalization. You're desperate. The response: a terrifying experience I wouldn't wish on anyone. You helplessly witness a horror that could scar the child and you. It's happening now in Rockford.

Several months ago I testified at a hearing on MercyRockford's proposed new Women's and Children's hospital. I asked for a psych unit for small children. I've talked with Jack Becherer, MercyRockford board member, about this. He's been supportive, but says there's nothing to report yet.

Right now, MercyRockford and the city have bigger fish to fry: threats (to move to Wisconsin) and incentives essential to keep MercyRockford here. CEO Jason Bea plays hardball. He's threatened to pull out more than once. It's paying off. Rockford cut fees in half. Business is business.

We need a big change — a real commitment that the new Women's and Children's hospital near I-90 will actually include a pediatric psych unit. It won't be a cash cow. But this is a test. Are they serious? Will they really provide new essential services?



Harlan Johnson

Some background: Dick Kunnert, former superintendent of Singer Mental Health Center, told me about psychiatric "care" for children in the Rockford region. My colleague, the late Dr. Britomar Handlon Lathrop, worked with Kunnert, managing the children's unit at Singer many years ago. She loved the work. That was then.

But this is now. We have no inpatient psychiatric unit fit for children in or even near Rockford. Local psych wards don't admit young children. DCFS stopped using the nearest hospital, Streamwood, a division of Universal Health Services, 60 miles from here, due to a scandal — and more. The Department of Justice is investigating. Remember The Mill and Rock River Academy? Whew.

Some children have been kept in hospital emergency rooms for three days waiting for someone to care for them. If sent to a psychiatric unit, it will be far away. Children are sent to Springfield or a hospital in Missouri — strapped down on a gurney for a five- to six-hour trip. Once there, there's no support from family or friends.

Imagine — a 7-year-old child enduring such conditions. If MercyRockford creates a pediatric psych unit here, they'll be meeting a desperate need.

Regarding outpatient treatment, Kunnert said children in crisis can be seen immediately, but may have to wait a month for service. Psychiatric time for children is limited. The two psychiatrists are overbooked. Crusader Clinic, a source for medications, offers spotty service depending on the doctor and comfort level.

Unlike EVERY other metropolitan center in Illinois, we have no 708 Mental Health Board — no local taxing body to fund behavioral health, addiction and developmental disability services. This must change.

Most people with serious mental illness aren't noticed by the general public. Many are homeless; others hidden away. The least visible are the children. They are far more likely to be victim than perpetrator, but once in a great while an Adam Lanza shows up and horrible things happen like the murder of those children and teachers in Newtown, Connecticut. Rockford needs quality mental health services for everyone including children under the age of 12.

We're a community that cares, transforming ourselves. MercyRockford can become a part of that transformation. So can we. Let's invest, say, \$18 a person. Let's do it — pass a referendum for a 708 Board.

Harlan Johnson, MS, LMFT, enjoys helping the community heal and grow by volunteering (including writing this column). He makes his living providing individual, couple and family therapy. He can be reached at 815-494-5666 or harlan@actualizations.net.

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Re: Support for SwedishAmerican's 1) Certificate of Need application to modernize its existing facility and construct a new Women and Children's Tower and 2) Exemption Application to add a Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

As the Vice President of Operations at SwedishAmerican, I want to express my support for the CON (Project No. 17-019) and COE (No. E-O 19-17) applications that are before the Board today. These applications represent SwedishAmerican's commitment to the residents of Rockford and offer an even higher level of excellence in healthcare to the area.

SwedishAmerican's \$130 million proposal to construct a new women's and children's tower center and to modernize our existing facilities is an exciting and much needed investment in Rockford's healthcare. The proposed Level III NICU promises parents and their newborns the most advanced level of care available, offering peace of mind knowing quality healthcare is close to home. Increased private room capacity as well as updated OR and ER facilities will expand our ability to offer comfort, privacy, and high level care to all community members.

Additionally, our project has major and long-term economic impacts in downtown Rockford. Our project will add approximately 600 union labor construction jobs and dozens of new permanent healthcare jobs inside SwedishAmerican.

The residents of Rockford need high level care close to home. The vitality of our entire community depends on advanced perinatal care and inpatient and outpatient services. The staff and leadership of SwedishAmerican look forward to the continued growth of Rockford as a healthcare destination. Please approve the applications submitted by SwedishAmerican.

Respectfully,

Jedediah Cantrell, FACHE, MBA, RHIA
Vice President of Operations
SwedishAmerican Health System

May 23, 2017

I am submitting this statement on behalf of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Illinois, part of the nation's largest, grassroots non-profit mental health organization. I would like you to know that you have our support in building this addition to SwedishAmerican (A Division of UW-Health) because children are very important to us and you have stated that you will add more beds to the mental health unit. I ask that you will add as many of these beds as possible because of the lack of mental health care for everyone in our area, especially children.

It is our responsibility as a community to see that mental health be considered just as important as physical health. Approximately 1 in 5 youth experiences a severe mental disorder at some point during their life and 50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14. Without the proper tools, there has become a delay between onset of symptoms and intervention. The delay is anywhere from eight to ten years. With lack of services and support, only 50.6% of youth 8-15 receive the mental health services that they need.

Mental illness can lead to tragic consequences when left untreated. These consequences include substance abuse, inability to live independently, involvement in the correctional system, failure to complete school, lack of vocational success, physical health problems, and suicide. The facts are that 70% of youth in juvenile justice systems live with a mental health condition- 20% living with a serious mental illness. Over one-third of students with a mental health condition age 14—21 and older who are served by special education drop out—the highest dropout rate of any disability group. Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for people aged 10—24, and the 2nd leading cause of death for people aged 15—24, and more than 90% of children who die by suicide have a mental health condition.

I ask that you think deeply about our children's mental health as well as their future when you decide your floor plan for this wonderful, new addition to your hospital. There are many who would benefit from the assistance. I will always believe that what is done to children they will do to society. Let's support and care for them.

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Barbara Rogers
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23 May 2017

Miss Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
IL Health Facility & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson
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Dear Miss Olson,

I support the addition of new beds on the mental health unit at Swedish American Hospital.

Ten years ago, my son began having mental health problems. Each crisis he experienced ended up with a trip to the Emergency room at Swedish American. Many of those trips ended up with his transport to a Chicago mental health facility because the Rockford hospitals were at full capacity. He currently has had at least twenty admits.

These are some issues we've incurred due to the bed shortages and eventual transfers.

- * Ambulance transfers cost over \$900.00

- * Providing care to the ill in our own community may encourage a sense of trust between the mentally ill patient and the medical staff improving the outcome.
- * My son has "no insight" into his illness and is so delusional that he requires a private room thus taking up 2 beds.

- * Guardianship laws are often misinterpreted by staff from other counties requiring legal involvement to implement long term care or follow-up care.

- * Many caseworkers have no knowledge of our local mental health services while planning follow-up care.

This is why I wholly support the addition of beds at Swedish American Hospital.

Sincerely,
Barbara Rogers 815-234-4716

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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Kathryn J. Olson,

My family has been dealing with mental health issues since 1973 when my aunt, Joy, was diagnosed with schizophrenia at the young age of eighteen. My grandmother stood by her side for over 30 years helping with making all of the decisions for Joy's care until she passed away 13 years ago. At that point, myself and other family members had to step up and care for Joy. There have been many obstacles throughout this journey; if it was not medication issues then it was issues trying to find a safe place for her to live. I have learned firsthand how hard it is to get the help so needed for a family member suffering with a mental illness.

What many people don't understand is even when you are lucky enough to find a long term facility or group home there are times where it just does not work out. Then as a family member you are in a crisis situation; because they are unable to make the decisions of where the next safe place might be. There have been times where Joy has been discharged from a facility and family members have not been notified. She is left to her own devices and found wondering the streets. This situation is dangerous for "the average person" let alone one someone who suffers with schizophrenia whom at the time is scared and hearing voices and seeing things that are not there.

I thank God for the many times we have had utilized Swedish American CFMH during these crisis situations. I honestly don't know where Joy would be without their services. During these times, when we have utilized the services through Swedish American CFMH there is always a fear that she will be transferred to facility in Chicago due to the lack of psychiatric beds in the Rockford Area. This is why I support the addition of 10 psychiatric beds for the CFMH in order to help families similar to mine keep their love ones close and help provide the best care for them.

Thank You for Your Consideration,

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Bree Jones

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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

Every year, approximately 4,500 babies are born in Winnebago County, and in 2016, 2,500 of them delivered at SwedishAmerican Health System. Parents from all over Rockford and the surrounding region rely on Swedes to care for the mothers, newborns and families within our walls. Quality and caring perinatal care is essential for the vitality of every community, and that is why I urge the Board to approve CON (Project No. 17-019) and COE (No. E-O 19-17).

As Director of Women, Children, and Clinical Services, I am reminded daily of the benefits a Level III NICU would have on our patient care. SwedishAmerican would be equipped to care for all babies that are born in our hospital including the most vulnerable. Families would not be forced to separate during scary times. Their newborns would be able to receive the specialized care they require in the same hospital in which they were born. An expansion and modernization of our facility would increase comfort levels for our patients and our staff and better our health outcomes.

The health of our community is dependent on accessible, close-to-home health care. Rockford needs the best level of care we can provide, and the \$130 million investment SwedishAmerican is offering to make is a giant step towards that goal. Please approve the projects before you.

Respectfully,



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Dear Chairwoman Olson:

In its long history here, SwedishAmerican Hospital has shared many successes with the community of Rockford, and the proposed projects before the board represent SwedishAmerican's continued commitment to the health of our community. I want to express my complete support of the CON and COE applications.

As the Vice President of Patient Services at SwedishAmerican, I know firsthand the benefits that this proposed \$130 million investment will have on our patients and our staff. Modernized facilities featuring more private rooms equates to a higher level of personalized care in a more comfortable environment. The state-of-the-art women's and children's tower with a Level III NICU offers our staff the best possible resources to care for our tiniest patients without requiring them to leave our campus in Rockford. The expansion and upgrade of both the emergency, operating, and cath lab facilities will allow our patients to continue to receive convenient and timely quality care.

Our community deserves the highest level of medical care, and SwedishAmerican's continued commitment to the area ensures they receive it. On behalf of the staff of SwedishAmerican Hospital, I urge you to approve these projects and make Rockford an even more thriving healthcare region.

Respectfully,

Ann Gantzer, PhD, RN, NEA-BC
Vice President, Patient Services & CNO

May 23, 2017

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Dear Chairwoman Olson,

When our Emergency Department was constructed sixteen years ago, it was designed to serve 45,000 patients per year – a generous estimate at the time – but the SwedishAmerican ER now regularly cares for 166% of those original sick and injured casualty estimates.

Health care providers in Rockford – like those in every other community across this nation – serve a population that is living longer and is dealing with more chronic illnesses than at any previous time in history. Whereas in years past patients could often wait a few days or a week to visit his primary care physician, the fragility and tenuousness of many of our older or sicker patients demands emergency health care access like never before. It is critically imperative that as emergency health care demands increase, that so does our response to this demand in the form of increased emergency rooms, and new and improved cardiology and surgical suites.

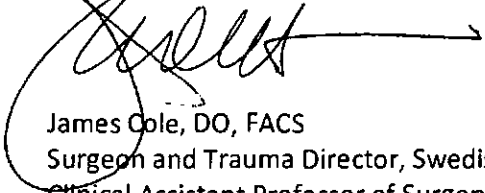
An unfortunate statistic that we must all cope with is the fact that annually there are about 76 victims of violent crime for every 10,000 citizens of Rockford. That exceeds Chicago's rate by an alarming 90%. SwedishAmerican Hospital is a Level II Trauma Center and as such we serve a significant portion of those who often present themselves to our ER doors unannounced and unescorted by paramedic personnel. We must always be ready to receive and appropriately care for those victims.

As a Trauma and General Surgeon, I can attest to you that our increased emergency and surgical volumes are testing the limits of our infrastructure. Simply put, our patients need more ERs, more ORs, and more Cardiac Cath Lab space. Once our proposed Women's and Children's Tower is complete, our follow-on Emergency Room, OR, and Cath Lab expansion project will commence.

I therefore urge you to support the proposed SwedishAmerican Hospital Expansion and Modernization project as it will clearly provide additional, much needed healthcare support to all citizens within the greater Rockford area.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



James Cole, DO, FACS
Surgeon and Trauma Director, SwedishAmerican
Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

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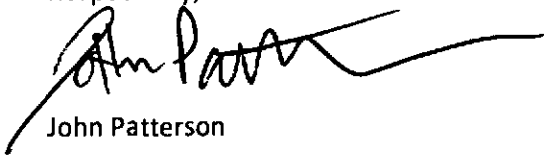
Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I have been employed by SwedishAmerican Hospital for 10 years where I have been a nurse in CCU and have this past year become the manager of Medical Surgical Services on 9th floor. I have always been proud to work for the organization with their philosophy of caring for an entire community. I want to express my complete support of SwedishAmerican's CON and COE applications.

As the manager of the medical surgical department I have seen firsthand the challenges of a dated unit with cohabitation or doubling of patients. I feel the proposed \$130 million investment will benefit our patients by allowing us to modernize our amenities. Often time's staff and patients struggle to maneuver in the tight corridors and roommates will often times come to disagreements which forces staff to intervene. Noise is also a challenge, with roommates often watching TV continuously, using portable devices, having many visitors, and at times using excessive profanity. This leaves the other patient quite exhausted at a time they should be healing.

Our community deserves nothing but the best when it comes to the quality of care that they receive in a setting that is conducive to healing. I support construction that brings in quality services and amenities, because I feel strongly this raises the bar on healthcare throughout the community. I respectfully urge you to approve SwedishAmerican's projects that will benefit the entire community.

Respectfully,

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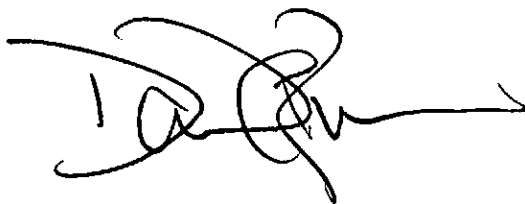
John Patterson
Manager of Medical Surgical Services
SwedishAmerican Health System

Remarks for CON Public Hearing

May 23, 2017

Dan Ross

Good afternoon. My name is Dan Ross, and I am the President of Williams-Manny Insurance Group and Chairman of the Board of SwedishAmerican Health System. That being said, I am here today primarily as a patient of SwedishAmerican. At the risk of violating my own HIPPA rights, I want to share a recent opportunity I had to experience the benefits of the expanding partnership between SwedishAmerican and UW Health. Last fall, a SwedishAmerican endocrinologist found that I had multiple tumors, one of which came back suspicious in biopsy, on my thyroid. I was referred to a UW sub-specialty surgeon for evaluation. This UW surgeon I was referred to, has regular office hours in Rockford, so I was able to get in to see him in a week and did not have to travel. It was determined that removal of my thyroid was the best course of treatment, and within a couple of weeks, I was able to have my surgery performed at SwedishAmerican by a world-class, fellowship trained UW surgeon. My care has been seamlessly coordinated between my doctors in Rockford and my surgeon in Madison without me ever having to travel up north. I want this same kind of experience for all patients in Rockford. As such, I am here this afternoon to fully support the SwedishAmerican CON to build a four-story addition that will allow the Hospital to have all private in-patient rooms, modernize the surgical suites, cath lab, and emergency department, which is the busiest in northern Illinois. In addition, this plan adds behavioral health beds, which are much needed in our community. I urge the Health Facilities and Review Board to approve this Certificate of Need. By doing so, you'll help SwedishAmerican live out its mission...caring for the community. Thank you.

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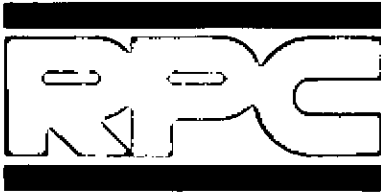
This year, SwedishAmerican is beginning its next exciting chapter in Rockford. As I prepare to fill the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of SwedishAmerican, I am excited to announce my full support of the CON (Project No. 17-019) and COE (No. E-O 19-17) applications that are before the board today.

SwedishAmerican has played a vital role in the health of Rockford residents for decades. Our hospital cares for members of our community in every stage of life, and this \$130 million committal to modernize our existing facilities and construct a state-of-the-art Level III NICU inside a new women's and children's tower allows us to provide an even higher level of excellence in care. As Rockford grows, so does the need for quality and comprehensive healthcare. SwedishAmerican's expansion will ensure mothers and their newborns receive the family saving care they need and all patients have the privacy and comfort they deserve.

Approval of the CON and COE applications SwedishAmerican has submitted will promote the vitality of Rockford and the surrounding region that relies on the healthcare opportunities located here. SwedishAmerican remains committed to our community and the patients and families that rely on us for their care.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Bom, MD, MBA, CPE
Chief Medical Officer and Chief Quality Officer



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May 23, 2017

State of Illinois

Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Public Hearing, E-019-17 SwedishAmerican Hospital

Good afternoon, my name is Pat Derry, President and CEO of Rockford Process Control Inc, a local manufacturing company. I have been a member of the SwedishAmerican Board since 2000 and have served in various officer roles including my present position as Chair of the Quality and Safety Leadership Council of the Board.

I know first-hand the work that goes on, and am proud to have played a role in the quest for high quality care and the achievement of excellent outcomes at SwedishAmerican. This CON project will modernize our facilities and allow for quality healthcare to continue to be provided to all in our community at the SwedishAmerican Hospital campus in downtown Rockford. Our Board has spent months refining this plan. Please help us to continue to meet the needs of our community by approving this Certificate of Need.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Derry', written in a cursive style.

My name is Linn Carter and I am the System Director for Women & Children's Services and Programs at Mercyhealth. I am also a licensed Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist and have worked in this field for 27 years. Our NICU was established 47 years ago in the early 1970's. Due to inconsistent outcomes for babies and research that supported having fewer hospitals with highly specialized resources, in the late 1970's Illinois created our current regionalization program. At the start of this new structured way of ensuring the sickest babies received the best care at specialized centers, we became designated as a Level III NICU and Perinatal Center. We were one of only 10 in the state. Because the numbers of babies needing this specialized care is limited, the state of Illinois controls how many Level III NICU's are in the state. This is done to ensure excellent care and the best outcomes possible. Research, which prompted the development of regionalization, still shows that newborns have the best care and best chance of survival at larger Level III NICU's.

Outside of the Chicago and St. Louis area, the state has named just one hospital in each of 3 regions, Springfield, Peoria, and Rockford to be the Perinatal Center and they are also the only Level III NICU in their region. They do this because even in a region like Rockford's, there are on average 20 additional babies transported to us per month at any given time. This is why the state wants to limit specialty care when dealing with such a small population. It's one of the reasons, for example, that OSF is the regional burn center. There are so few severe burn cases; it makes no sense for more than one hospital in the region to have the ability to specialize in that area.

There are countless miracles that have been experienced by our families over the years. No matter the outcome of the small 10 bed NICU at UW Swedish American, we at Mercyhealth will continue to provide the excellent care our local and regional families have come trust us to provide. For the sake of our most vulnerable babies, please oppose this small NICU as it will only water down resources and skills, and could jeopardize the safe care of our smallest population.

*I support the CON modernization of their Hospital,
I oppose the Level III NICU.*

Hello, my name is Jena Wehmhoefer and I live in Oregon, IL. I'm here today because I stand by Mercyhealth and the wonderful care they provide the region's tiniest babies. My son, Rowen, was born at KSB in Dixon. About 15 hours after birth, we started to notice he was having issues. The transportation team was called from Mercyhealth to come get him. This was one of the scariest times of our life not knowing what was going on. All of the staff was incredible. From the transportation nurse that stayed hours after her shift to make sure we knew where we were going to the doctors and nurses that delivered the news and helped us understand his diagnosis of his two congenital heart defects: pulmonary atresia and complete av canal. We were at Mercyhealth for just a few short hours before being transferred to Chicago for a shunt to be placed within a few days. We were hoping to bring him home from Chicago; however, Rowen had difficulties and we were unsure of his recovery time so we transferred back to Rockford. The same transportation nurse that took him to Chicago requested to pick him up and was wearing her Rowen the warrior bracelet. We immediately felt relief and knew we were heading in the right direction to get Rowen healthy enough to take home. Rowen spent about 3 more weeks in the NICU in Rockford. He was seen every single day by his amazing cardiologist Dr. Kazmouz, along with a neonatologist and other specialist as needed. While our time at Mercyhealth was a roller coaster of ups and downs, we were so happy to be in such a wonderful NICU with such a caring medical team that truly worked together with the best interest of Rowen in mind. I spent every day sitting with Rowen while he was in the NICU. I was always amazed by the skill of all of the staff and how well they all worked as a team when situations arise with their tiniest patients. While pregnant I never thought I would ever need a level III NICU or any of the many pediatric specialist that Rowen has but I did and am so thankful for the wonderful care we received at Mercyhealth. I'm excited for their future partnership with Lurie Children's hospital as some of Rowen's services are moved closer to home and I hope no one has to go through the struggles I did while being so far from home. I support the modernization of their hospital but I oppose their small level 3 Nicu.

Testimony
Gillian Headley, MD

My name is Dr. Gillian Headley and I am the medical director of the Mercyhealth Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Co-Director of the Northwest Illinois Regional Perinatal Center. As a board certified neonatologist for the past 17 years, I have cared for over 6,500 premature and seriously ill babies.

The Level III NICU at Mercyhealth Hospital-Rockton Avenue is staffed by neonatologists, neonatal nurse practitioners and neonatal nurses, all of whom are specially trained in care of critically ill newborns. The care received at Mercyhealth's Level III NICU has resulted in consistently superior outcomes when compared with Level III NICUs across the United States, as evidenced by our national Quality measures in several of the complications of prematurity. Our commitment to the advancement of newborn care is seen in our recent establishment of a Small Baby Unit specifically for the care of infants who are born at less than 27 weeks gestation.

Being a 52-bed Level III NICU gives us a tremendous amount of experience in the care of critically ill babies. Research has shown that outcomes are better in large NICUs when compared with smaller NICUs with fewer than 15 beds. This is especially important with infants who are born at lower gestations and lower birth weights.

At Mercyhealth, we are committed to providing the best care to the infants in our community and throughout the region. There is no need for another level III facility that will not be able to rival the care provided at MercyHealth. Let us focus on what is best for the critically ill newborns who need immediate, highly specialized care in order to survive. Let us not mislead the citizens of the Rockford community into thinking that a 10 bed NICU @ UW/Swedens will provide the same caliber of care as the experienced team at Mercyhealth. Our community deserves the best. Our families deserve the best. Our most fragile residents—newborns fighting for their lives—deserve the best. At Mercyhealth, we are committed to being the best, and our 47-year track record of superior outcomes proves it. There is no room for compromise or second best when babies' lives are at stake.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose this 10-bed Level III NICU project.

Support modernization of the hospital.

My name is Brett Flannery. On August 2, 2011, my wife Angie and I had our twins delivered at Rockford Memorial Hospital after only 23 weeks 5 days gestation. Evan weighed 1 lb 2.5 oz and Faith weighed 1 lb 2.0 oz. Our daughter Faith lived 3 days before passing away, and Evan spent the next 7 months in the NICU fighting to live. Over that time we were blessed to have the hospital only 20 minutes from home and 7 minutes from my work.

During that 7 month stay I was at the hospital every day. In the morning I would wake up early and head in from 20-30 minutes before work to see how his night was, talk to him and just let him know I was there. I would go after work every day, and Angie would join me and we would stay until bedtime.

Because he was born so early he had a lot of complications, he was on a ventilator for months, had several surgeries including one emergency procedure that the surgeon did right at the bedside. And all the surgeries were done at the hospital we never had to be transported anywhere else.

Being close allowed both Angie and I to return to work to save our FMLA time for when he was well enough to come home so we could take care of him. Angie returned to work as soon as she was cleared to drive.

Being close had another critical benefit, on two separate occasions that are burned into our memories, I was at work and got the call that Evan's health was declining he was on 100% oxygen and they were out of more they could do to help. We had to rush to the hospital because we might have to say goodbye. With the grace of God Evan pulled through but I can't imagine if he hadn't and we were an hour and a half away and not able to get there. I don't know if I could have forgiven myself.

We knew families that were there when Evan was there that were in that exact situation. They lived over an hour away and most weeks they were only able to be there on Weekends.

It's a terrible choice if care is far away to choose between work for money to live and being there for your child. It's a choice Angie and I have had to deal with this year as Evan was diagnosed with Liver Cancer in August and we go to Lurie's Children's Hospital in downtown Chicago for his treatment.

Through the grace of God again the cancer is gone, and we are slowly healing from all the treatment. But Angie and I have missed at least 4 of the past 8 months of work, most of that being unpaid. We are blessed that family and friends have been so generous and donated so much money that we still pay our bills and have a home, but not everyone has that support system. Ironically we just got back last night from an unexpected 10 day stay in Chicago due to some bile duct complications.

I am here today in support of Mercyhealth's opposition to the 10- bed NICU for one reason,

to support the specialists and resources to treat the most sick babies locally. The best goal would be to prevent babies from being born this prematurely in the first place, but until that day I want to be sure the next Evan and Faith can get all the care they need close to home. I only ask that whatever decision you make, please keep keeping families close to their babies as the main goal.

Brett Flannery
492 Burling Wood Dr
Poplar Grove IL, 61065

May 23, 2017

My name is Cindy Tuminskas and my grandson, Dylan, was in the NICU at Rockford Memorial Hospital for 3 months in 2004. Born at 26 weeks, Dylan weighed 2 pounds, 2 ounces. His lowest weight was 1 pound, 13 ounces. Because of the care that Rockford Memorial provided, Dylan is now 13 years old, one of the top students in his class, a member of the National Junior Honor Society, and a mentor for fellow students in reading and math.

Dylan's family was by his bedside 24-hours a day. Dylan needed that care as much as we needed to be with Dylan. If we had to travel to Madison every day this would have brought an additional emotional, financial and physical burden on our family. We were able to visit Dylan for several hours a day and travel back and forth to our homes throughout the day and night.

I support the CON modernization of their hospital, but
I oppose SwedishAmerican's bid for a 10-bed NICU in Rockford. Because they don't have the pediatric specialists here in Rockford, they would need to transfer babies to UW in Madison, which is a 90 mile trip. This would create an unnecessary worry for families when they are dealing with so many uncertainties.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Cindy Tuminskas

May 23, 2017

Kathryn J. Olson, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: UW/Swedens Proposal May 23, 2017 Public Hearing Project 17-019

Dear Chairman Olson,

Hello, I am Paul Van Den Heuvel, Vice President of Legal Affairs for Mercyhealth. I am here to express Mercyhealth's opposition to Project 17-019.

Mercyhealth takes no issue with the vast majority of UW/Swedens' \$130 million proposal to modernize their facilities. However, I believe the Health Facilities and Services Review Board should be very concerned with the proposed element of the proposal, in which UW/Swedens is seeking to establish a 10-bed, Level III NICU. If approved, the UW/ Swedens program will result in diminished outcomes for babies cared for in their facility, as well as transfer of those babies and their families to Madison, Wisconsin for care that is not and cannot be provided in a NICU facility encompassing just 10 beds.

Research studies published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*¹ and the *Journal of Pediatrics*² have shown that outcomes for critically-ill newborns (including lower death rates) are better when those newborns are birthed and cared for in a hospital with a large NICU, such as the 52-bed NICU operated by Mercyhealth. Conversely, outcomes for critically-ill newborns are worse when they are cared for in small NICU's, such as the Level III 10-bed NICU proposed by UW/Swedens. This is due in part to the inability of specialists to hone and enhance their skills in a low-census Level III NICU. Would you seek cardiac surgery from a physician who performs a few surgeries per year versus one who performs 50?

In order to truly provide the level of services required of a Level III NICU, a hospital has to be willing to make a significant financial commitment to provide the facilities and locally-based staff physicians necessary to provide critical services. Mercyhealth employs 44 full-time Rockford-based pediatric specialists and subspecialists in 19 different specialties. We also staff and operate our specialized Small Baby Unit, which provides specialized care for babies born at less than 27 weeks gestation or weighing less than 2.2 pounds.

¹"Level and Volume of Neonatal Intensive Care and Mortality in Very-Low-Birth-Weight Infants" *New England Journal of Medicine*, May 24, 2007.

²"Hospital Volume and Neonatal Mortality Among Very Low Birth Weight Infants", *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics*, June 2006 and "Effect of Opening Midlevel Neonatal Intensive Care Units on the Location of Low Birth Weight Births in California", *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics*, December 2006

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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With its 10-bed proposal, I find it hard to believe that UW/Swedens intends to employ the Rockford-based pediatric specialists necessary to timely provide critical care to babies right here in Rockford, and not in Madison. They instead appear to be seeking approval of their application based on the care UW provides in Madison. In order to provide care on the 24/7/365 basis that Mercyhealth does, UW/Swedens would, at minimum, need to commit to locally employ and base physicians in Rockford for the following pediatric specialties:

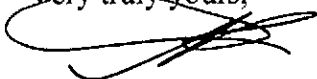
- Obstetrics (Mercyhealth employs 9 Rockford-based OB's)
- Neonatology (Mercyhealth employs 8 Rockford-based neonatologists)
- Gastroenterology (Mercyhealth employs 4 Rockford-based gastroenterologists)
- Ear, Nose, Throat (Mercyhealth employs 1 Rockford-based pediatric ENT)
- Radiology (Mercyhealth employs 1 Rockford-based pediatric radiologist)
- Anesthesiology (Mercyhealth employs 3 Rockford-based pediatric-trained anesthesiologists)
- Neurology (Mercyhealth employs 2 Rockford-based pediatric neurologists)
- Cardiology (Mercyhealth employs 2 Rockford-based pediatric cardiologists)
- General Surgery (Mercyhealth employs 2 Rockford-based pediatric general surgeons)
- Ophthalmology (Mercyhealth employs 1 Rockford-based pediatric ophthalmologist)

Having these kinds of specialists on call from a location 80 miles away (i.e. Madison) would likely result in a lag time of no less than 3 hours to begin a critical procedure and, in many cases, much more than that. The only other alternative would be for UW/Swedens to transfer these babies and their families to their downtown Madison location, which is a 90-minute drive from their campus, on a good day.

Therefore, the only way for UW/Swedens to match the level of care currently provided by Mercyhealth in its Level III NICU is for their facility to act as a transfer unit for referrals to UW's Madison, Wisconsin facilities. Highly at-risk babies, requiring specialty and sub-specialty care not available at UW/Swedens, will be transferred to Madison for that care. It is likely UW/Swedens will also seek to transfer less at-risk babies and their families to UW's Madison facilities when their census nears the capacity of ten. **The impact on families already in crisis will be significant. Imagine the financial and emotional drain if you had to spend months in Madison caring for your fragile newborn child as he or she received care in a NICU. Could you fulfill your duties as a spouse, as a parent to other children under these circumstances, or in your job?**

For these reasons, I request that the Board reject Project 17-019.

Very truly yours,



Paul Van Den Heuvel
Vice President of Legal Affairs & General Counsel

May 23, 2017

I am submitting this statement on behalf of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Illinois, part of the nation's largest, grassroots non-profit mental health organization. I would like you to know that you have our support in building this addition to SwedishAmerican (A Division of UW-Health) because children are very important to us and you have stated that you will add more beds to the mental health unit. I ask that you will add as many of these beds as possible because of the lack of mental health care for everyone in our area, especially children.

It is our responsibility as a community to see that mental health be considered just as important as physical health. Approximately 1 in 5 youth experiences a severe mental disorder at some point during their life and 50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14. Without the proper tools, there has become a delay between onset of symptoms and intervention. The delay is anywhere from eight to ten years. With lack of services and support, only 50.6% of youth 8-15 receive the mental health services that they need.

Mental illness can lead to tragic consequences when left untreated. These consequences include substance abuse, inability to live independently, involvement in the correctional system, failure to complete school, lack of vocational success, physical health problems, and suicide. The facts are that 70% of youth in juvenile justice systems live with a mental health condition- 20% living with a serious mental illness. Over one-third of students with a mental health condition age 14—21 and older who are served by special education drop out—the highest dropout rate of any disability group. Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for people aged 10–24, and the 2nd leading cause of death for people aged 15–24, and more than 90% of children who die by suicide have a mental health condition.

I ask that you think deeply about our children's mental health as well as their future when you decide your floor plan for this wonderful, new addition to your hospital. There are many who would benefit from the assistance. I will always believe that what is done to children they will do to society. Let's support and care for them.

Danielle Angileri

Affiliate Coordinator

NAMI Northern Illinois

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Hello, my name is Jena Wehmhoefer and I live in Oregon, IL. I'm here today because I stand by Mercyhealth and the wonderful care they provide the region's tiniest babies. My son, Rowen, was born at KSB in Dixon. About 15 hours after birth, we started to notice he was having issues. The transportation team was called from Mercyhealth to come get him. This was one of the scariest times of our life not knowing what was going on. All of the staff was incredible. From the transportation nurse that stayed hours after her shift to make sure we knew where we were going to the doctors and nurses that delivered the news and helped us understand his diagnosis of his two congenital heart defects: pulmonary atresia and complete av canal. We were at Mercyhealth for just a few short hours before being transferred to Chicago for a shunt to be placed within a few days. We were hoping to bring him home from Chicago; however, Rowen had difficulties and we were unsure of his recovery time so we transferred back to Rockford. The same transportation nurse that took him to Chicago requested to pick him up and was wearing her Rowen the warrior bracelet. We immediately felt relief and knew we were heading in the right direction to get Rowen healthy enough to take home. Rowen spent about 3 more weeks in the NICU in Rockford. He was seen every single day by his amazing cardiologist Dr. Kazmouz, along with a neonatologist and other specialist as needed. While our time at Mercyhealth was a roller coaster of ups and downs, we were so happy to be in such a wonderful NICU with such a caring medical team that truly worked together with the best interest of Rowen in mind. I spent every day sitting with Rowen while he was in the NICU. I was always amazed by the skill of all of the staff and how well they all worked as a team when situations arise with their tiniest patients. While pregnant I never thought I would ever need a level III NICU or any of the many pediatric specialist that Rowen has but I did and am so thankful for the wonderful care we received at Mercyhealth. I'm excited for their future partnership with Lurie Children's hospital as some of Rowen's services are moved closer to home and I hope no one has to go through the struggles I did while being so far from home.

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II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)
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Mercy Health

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)
Oral Written



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City ROSCOE State IL Zip 61073

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Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

concerned citizen

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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Mercyhealth

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)
Oral Written Level III NICU only



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Mercyhealth

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Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

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Concerned Citizen

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Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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Mercyhealth

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Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

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BARNER & THORNBURG LLP

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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Northwestern Illinois Building
and construction trades council

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
 Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)
 Oral Written



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Advisory Committee

- Myself - LMFT, CACP

- Come Together Rockford

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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In Support of SwedishAmerican Health System COW project

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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The National Alliance on Mental Illness
(NAMI) Northern Illinois

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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Concerned Citizen of Health Care
NAMI

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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Concerned Citizen for HealthCare.

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Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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PATRICK T. DERRY

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ROCKFORD

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Zip

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SWEDISH AMERICAN & DIV of UW HEALTH

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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SwedishAmerica

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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Support

Oppose

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IV. Testimony (please circle)

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Swedish American Health System

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)
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Name (Please Print) James Cole
City Rockford State IL Zip 61104

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)
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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)
Oral Written



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City Rockford State IL Zip 61107

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Here on behalf of Swedish American

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

DANIEL ROSS

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ROCKFORD

State

IL

Zip

61114

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Swedish American Board Chair

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

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City Rockford State Ill Zip _____

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Mercyhealth

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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Swedish American

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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SwedishAmerican Health System

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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SWEDISH AMERICAN HEALTH SYSTEM

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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Swedish American

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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Facility Name: SwedishAmerican Hospital - Rockford

Project Number: 17-019

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Tom Myers
City Rockford State IL Zip 61114

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

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Swedish American

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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SWEDEN

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Support Oppose Neutral



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Rockford Minister's Fellowship

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

modernization

Oppose

NICU

Neutral



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Meryhealth

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Support _____ modernization of hospital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Oppose _____ level III NICU	<input type="radio"/> Neutral
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Support

Oppose

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Swedish American Hospital

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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Oppose

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Support

Oppose

Neutral