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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
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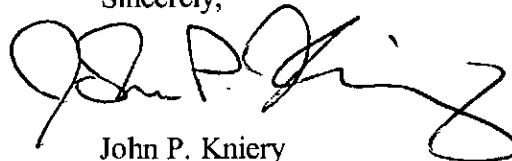
**Re: Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral
Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from the Administrative Office of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Division of Psychological Services for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John P. Kniery
Health Care Consultant

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Enclosures



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



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October 25, 2017

Courtney Avery, Administrator
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RE: Certificate of Need Application for Vista Medical Center West

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of the certificate of need application by US HealthVest to expand Vista Medical Center West to a 100-bed behavioral hospital.

The expansion of services in Lake County will address the shortage of inpatient beds to care for the residents of Waukegan and Lake County. There is an unmet need for specialized psychiatric services US HealthVest has proven they can provide. I am supporting this application because Lake County residents have limited access to psychiatric inpatient treatment that is of reasonable distance for both adult patients and minor children. Minor children are often psychiatrically hospitalized in Cook County hospitals that make it extremely difficult for parents, often of limited means, to adequately participate in their child's treatment. In particular, youth involved in the juvenile justice system who have complicating mental health issues are best served within the Lake County community where they reside. This would enable parents and supportive community professionals to be actively involved in the treatment process. Direct linkage to aftercare services is imperative to reduce the risk of deterioration and continued behavior that result in further delinquency. Adult clients involved in the criminal justice system often have limited familial and financial resources. A mental health hospital that is accessible and that provides linkage to community based supportive services is needed in Lake County. This valuable addition to Lake County's health care system would reduce the burden of chronic relapse resulting in a safer community.

I urge you to support the approval of this certificate of need application for Vista Medical Center West. There is a great need in the area to expand behavioral health services and we would welcome this expanded hospital service in our community.

Thank you for your assistance in providing access to care in Lake County.

Sincerely,

Dena Traylor, Psy.D.
Director of the Division of Psychological Services
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