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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

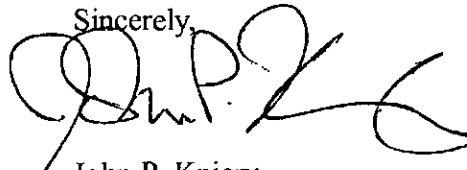
**Re: Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral
Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from IKOR 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





November 5, 2017

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

RE: Certificate of Need Application for Vista Medical Center West

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in support of US HealthVest's Certificate of Need to expand and enhance behavioral health services on the Vista Medical Center West campus.

There is an unmet need 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 Waukegan, Lake County and beyond. According to the latest Lake County Community Health Assessment Report, mental health issues affect 23% of adults in Lake County with suicide being the 10th leading cause of death in Lake County. Mental health was the highest priority when identifying and building system capacity.

I am supporting this application because in my company, our RN's not only support people with mental illnesses but also help to place them as needs arise. Presently, it is very difficult to find adequate locations that can appropriately assist my clients. My company, IKOR (www.ikorglobal.com), specializes with seniors and individuals with disabilities. We are located in Northern Lake County and the need for a behavioral health center is imperative.

If there is anything I can do to help move this initiative forward, please let me know.

(Ironically, my father was a physician at Saint Therese back in 60's & 70's prior to moving and becoming Chief of Staff at Good Shepherd in Barrington. He passed away in 2000).

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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Steiner".

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