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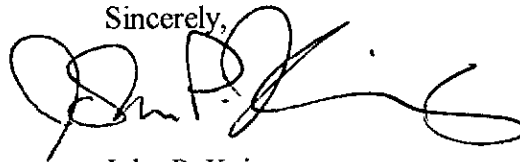
**Re: Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral
Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from Youth & Family Counseling 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





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November 7, 2017

Ms. Courtney Avery
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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 US HealthVest's Certificate of Need to expand and enhance behavioral health services on the Vista Medical Center West campus.

The lack of psychiatric services in this area is cause for significant concern. Families in our community experiencing mental health crises have difficulty getting the help they need. Local treatment is too often deferred or denied, or families must travel outside of Lake County to access care. This makes it difficult to achieve optimal treatment outcomes.

In addition, the existing network of behavioral healthcare is not equipped to meet the current need for services. There are not enough psychiatric beds in our community and outpatient counseling centers, like YFC, are not able to meet the needs of patients who require a higher level of care.

Approval of US HealthVest's application will increase access to important services and help facilitate family involvement and the continuation/coordination of care, improving the likelihood of treatment success.

I fully support the efforts of US HealthVest, LLC, to expand behavioral health services in our community and urge you to support the approval of their certificate of need.

Sincerely,


Janelle Miller Moravek
Executive Director
Youth & Family Counseling