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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: Certificate of Need Application for Vista Medical Center West

Dear Ms. Avery,

There is a critical need for more psychiatric services in Lake County and I support the application to expand the psychiatric services at Vista Medical Center West.

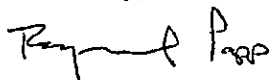
In my experience working with PADS guests and from personal experiences, I believe the need for additional psychiatric services in Lake County are imperative.

As a site coordinator for many years for PADS, there were many times that we had to contact the police to remove a mentally challenged guest that did not need to be arrested, but taken to a facility where they could have the care that was needed.

Additionally, I was recently looking for an intensive day program for my niece who has been diagnosed as bipolar, anorexic, alcohol and drug abuse. The closest facilities were Kenosha and Skokie that would meet her needs. Because of the distant, she will not be able to live with me. A facility in Waukegan would have been optimal.

Thank you for approving this application, it is crucial to the health of our community.

Sincerely,



Raymond Papp
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