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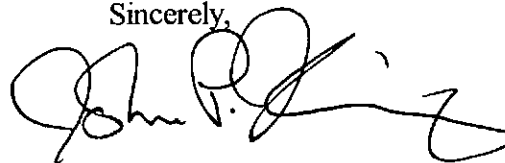
**Re: Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral
Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed two (2) support letters from Lake County United members for the above referenced project.

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

Sincerely,



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December 12, 2017

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

As a resident of Lake County, and a member of Lake County United, I wish to convey my support of the expansion of psychiatric beds at Vista Medical Center West. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among residents of Lake County and while we have a 46-bed psychiatric unit at Vista Medical Center West we cannot seem to provide the crisis stabilization needed to help residents of all ages who live in Lake County. I have been informed US HealthVest will expand these critical services in our community.

As a school psychologist for 23 years, I have worked with many students and their families who have struggled with emotional stressors and mental illness that required professional support. Lake County, however, has a serious lack of available therapists and supportive programming to address the needs of both children and adults, thus jeopardizing academic success and long-term economic security.

I am thrilled to hear of the expansion of Vista Medical Center West to 146 beds and I support the certificate of need application to increase access to more psychiatric beds in our county.

Sincerely,

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December 14, 2017

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RE: Certificate of Need Application for Vista Medical Center West

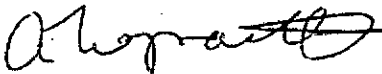
Dear Ms. Avery,

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

As a member of Lake County United, I have learned a great deal about the unmet needs of our community for behavioral care. This facility will bring stability, a caring process and help to those who are currently being treated unfairly because of misdiagnosis and lack of proper facilities.

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

Sincerely,



Arthur Noparstak

Lake County United