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December 14, 2017

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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find letters from members of our community who strongly support the Deerpath Surgery Center Application. These letters have been submitted for review as the Health Facilities and Services Review Board considers the Deerpath Surgical Center Project #17-059.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at tdohm@morrishospital.org or 815.942.8244.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Dohm, FACHE
Vice President, Professional Services

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November 15, 2017

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

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center supports the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery center and coordinate a valuable continuum of care with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project:

- Improvement to the patient experience by providing more convenience, shorter visit times, and lower costs while maintaining the coordination of patient care;
- Establish Deerpath ASTC as a primary site for Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers' ambulatory surgery service; and
- Avoid duplicative services by coordination and consolidation of outpatient surgical facilities among the Hospital and the ASTC.

Although we have no formal relationship with Morris Hospital, we work together to coordinate tertiary services for their patients that need transferred to a hospital our size. We find that they always put the needs of the patients first and feel this project is in line with that mission.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Erickson", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Erickson
President



Joliet Area Community Hospice

Serving the Community Since 1982

November 15, 2017

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
2nd Floor
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

As Mary K. Sheehan, CEO of Joliet Area Community Hospice, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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- Avoid duplicative services by coordination and consolidation of outpatient surgical facilities among the Hospital and the ASTC.
- This will allow our hospice and palliative care patients to quickly have outpatient palliative care procedures.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Sheehan, CEO
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Michael F. Rittof
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November 17, 2017

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

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

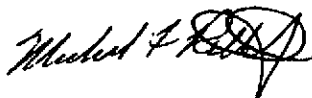
As a former board member and past chairman of the board of Morris Hospital, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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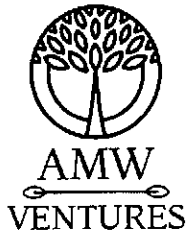
I believe this expansion of services will improve the delivery of healthcare to the residents of the hospital's primary and secondary service area and provide more efficient use of the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and I urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Rittof
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Christopher S. Ward
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November 30, 2017

Via Email

Ms. Courtney Avery
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Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

As an owner of Heritage Woods of Minooka, a 102 unit assisted living facility (an AMW Ventures Holding), I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services, which our residents currently use. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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- Establish Deerpath ASTC as a primary site for Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers' ambulatory surgery service; and
- Avoid duplicative services by coordination and consolidation of outpatient surgical facilities among the Hospital and the ASTC.

Our residents are currently utilizing Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It is essential that our residents have access to these existing services as well as a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC.

Very truly yours,

Christopher S. Ward
Member



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CITY OF MORRIS
Richard P. Kopczick
Mayor

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December 5, 2017

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
2nd Floor
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Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

As Mayor of the City of Morris, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:


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The City of Morris has long been a supporter of the Morris Hospital and its efforts to strive to continue to be a leading healthcare provider, not only in Morris and Grundy County, but also in northeastern Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MORRIS


Richard P. Kopczick
Mayor

December 6, 2017

Ms. Courtney Avery
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Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
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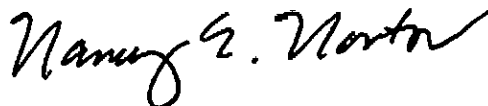
As President & CEO, of the Grundy Economic Development Council (GEDC), I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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As the economic development organization for Grundy County, the GEDC works closely with both Morris Hospital and the facilities at Rezin Orthopedics. Any expansion of services and further partnership between these health care providers would be a vital addition to the communities in Grundy County.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,



Nancy E. Norton
President & CEO

KURTZ

Date 12/7/2017

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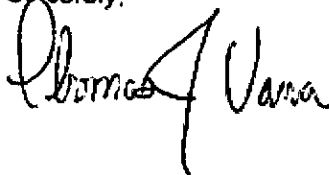
As Thomas J. Vana President and CEO of Kurtz Ambulance Service, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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ORGANIZATION'S RELATIONSHIP WITH DEERPATH AND/OR MORRIS HOSPITAL,
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,



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GRUNDY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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December 8, 2017

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

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

As Philip J. Jass, Public Health Administrator for the Grundy County Health Department, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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The Grundy County Health Department has worked collaboratively with Morris Hospital over the past several years in developing special projects and building initiatives that focus on priorities identified in the county. Last year, we completed a combined Needs Assessment that satisfies the health department's IPLAN (Illinois Project on Local Assessment of Needs) and the hospitals assessment. We are currently working together on the Illinois Children's Mental Health Initiative grant and have integrated several education and preventative practices, including outreach events to ensure Grundy County residents receive quality services.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,



Philip J. Jass, M.P.A.
Public Health Administrator
Grundy County Health Department

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December 11, 2017

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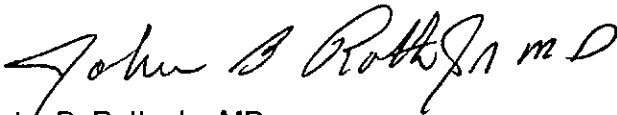
Dear Ms. Avery:

I have been a long-time resident of Morris, I've raised my family here and, like my father before me, retired from the practice of medicine after 44 years on the Morris Hospital Medical Staff. I also served as a member of the Morris Hospital Board of Directors and as a Foundation Board member. I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,


John B. Roth, Jr., MD



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Dec. 11, 2017

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Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

As Christina Van Yperen, Executive Director of the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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Morris Hospital is Grundy County's largest employer, making it not only a tremendous supporter of our Chamber, but also the community as a whole. Morris Hospital and Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center's expanding partnership is a win-win for our residents, visitors, and for each company and its employees.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Christina Van Yperen
Executive Director
Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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SHELDON R. SOBOL
ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE
Grundy County Courthouse



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December 11, 2017

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
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Dear Ms. Avery:

I would like to offer my strongest support for the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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The medical services provided by Morris Hospital to the entire Grundy County Community are invaluable. This proposed expansion will allow the hospital to continue to provide this community effective and necessary medical services.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,


SHELDON R. SOBOL

Associate Circuit Judge

13th Judicial Circuit, Grundy County, Illinois



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David Allen Welter
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Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

As State Representative for the 75th District serving most of Grundy County and the surrounding area, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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I have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Morris Hospital, their network and staff over the years in my roles as a private citizen, former County Board member and Grundy County Board Chairman, and currently as the Illinois State Representative for Morris. I wholeheartedly support this project for how it will improve access to and delivery of critical health care services within our community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,

David Allen Welter

December 13, 2017

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Springfield, Illinois 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery:

As a retired employee of Morris Hospital, hired as a Med/Surg Nurse in 1965 and promoted to VP of Patient Care Services in 1978 (a position I held until my retirement in 2011), I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,


Carol Harrington

December 13, 2017

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

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

As an employee of Morris Hospital from 1968 to the present as a graduate nurse in the OB Department, a nurse on the floor, Education Manager, VP of Patient Care Services and currently as an instructor in the Education Department, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,



Carol A. Havel

12/13/2017

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
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525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

As **Robert Marino, D.O., Medical Director of Immediate Care and Occupational Medicine, Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers**, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert P. Marino

Medical Director

Morris Hospital



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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

MORRIS COMMUNITY YMCA

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
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Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

The Morris Community YMCA strongly supports Morris Hospital's Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris, IL. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will also enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. The benefits of this project are many and include:

- Improving the patient experience through convenience, shorter visit times and lower costs while maintaining the coordination of patient care;
- Establishing Deerpath ASTC as a primary site for Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers' ambulatory surgery service; and
- Avoiding duplicative services by coordination and consolidation of outpatient surgical facilities among the Hospital and the ASTC.

The Morris Community YMCA has been operating in partnership with Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers since January 2015, when we opened a joint wellness center in downtown Morris. Together, we now serve more than 2,400 members annually with a focus on improving the health and well-being of residents in Grundy County. Our vision for a healthier community is that we will be able to offer a continuum of care in one location. As partners, we have witnessed the advantages and efficiencies of collaboration, and believe this project has an opportunity to do the same for our community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Missy Durkin
Executive Director



MORRIS
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In partnership with HEALTHCARE CENTERS

