

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

Re: Support for Oak Meadows Dialysis in Oak Lawn (# 17-068)

Dear Ms. Avery,

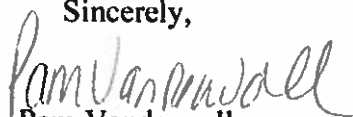
I am writing today in support of Oak Meadows Dialysis on behalf of the individuals and families we serve at South Suburban PADS who once were, are now, or may be at risk of being homeless. I am the Nurse Case Manager at South Suburban PADS, an organization that has been serving the south suburbs of Chicago through our "PADS" (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) model of shelter services for almost 30 years. We have served over 17,000 men, women, and children, and we have provided over 500,000 shelter nights for those who require our service. We are committed to building our communities by supporting those who need help most.

Many of those we serve have lived the majority of their lives without access to adequate healthcare. Through the South Suburban PADS network, we offer on-site primary health care programs, but only so much can be done through primary care clinics. We find that many adults also have diabetes or other chronic diseases, including kidney disease, which require specialist treatment and careful monitoring. This is dangerous for those who lack financial resources and familial support because they have limited opportunity to prioritize their health needs. Because kidney disease is often undetectable until its later stages, these individuals are therefore at increased risk of developing End-Stage Renal Disease and becoming dependent on dialysis for their future renal replacement.

This is a particular cause for concern in Oak Lawn because existing dialysis clinics are operating at or above target capacity. These clinics have limited appointment availability and will soon struggle to accept new patients. One clinic in Oak Lawn is operating at 98% capacity and even offers an emergency fourth shift three days per week where patients finish their dialysis after midnight. This limited capacity negatively impacts all dialysis patients, including the elderly who also experience high rates of kidney disease, but it especially affects the poor and homeless who have limited resources and transportation options. Oak Meadows Dialysis is essential to ensure these and other residents have access to the dialysis care they need.

South Suburban PADS supports DaVita's proposed Oak Meadows Dialysis clinic. We ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this clinic to improve the quality of life in Oak Lawn and the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,



Pam Vanderwall

Nurse Case Manager, South Suburban PADS
June 27, 2018

June 21, 2018

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Re: Support Letter for Oak Meadows Dialysis, Oak Lawn - Project No. 17-068

I am the Chief Operating Officer of RML Specialty Hospital. I write in support of DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's proposal to establish a 12-station dialysis clinic in Oak Lawn.

RML is licensed as an acute care hospital in Illinois and has a Medicare designation as a long-term acute care hospital (LTCH). We are licensed for a total of 201 beds between our two locations in Hinsdale and Chicago. RML Specialty Hospital is nationally recognized as a leader for ventilator weaning, wound care, and medically complex patient rehabilitation. We are the LTCH of choice in the Chicago area and welcome referrals from over 60 hospitals.

Our hospitals serve patients suffering from catastrophic illnesses, complicated by multiple comorbidities over a broad range of diagnoses. Many of RML's patients suffer from multiple organ failure and approximately twenty percent of our patients require dialysis for renal replacement. Most patients admitted to RML arrive directly from intensive care units at short-stay acute care hospitals and more than 95% spent at least three days in an ICU. Our average length of stay is about 34 days as our patients need time to recover and build their strength and stamina.

RML Specialty Hospital has contracted with DaVita since 2010 to provide dialysis services to our patients. Throughout the years, DaVita has proven to be a valuable partner in the care we provide for our patients. DaVita's skills, knowledge, problem-solving, and collaborative approach have advanced our care and are deeply appreciated. It is reassuring to know our patients can receive the same high level of support for their chronic dialysis needs after they transition to one of DaVita's community clinics.

RML Specialty Hospital offers our enthusiastic support for the DaVita Oak Meadows Dialysis in Oak Lawn, which is well-located to serve patients from both of our hospital locations. We encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the proposed dialysis clinic. We know this care is greatly needed in the community as dialysis stations are becoming increasingly difficult to find.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Pawola
Chief Operating Officer
RML Specialty Hospital

Outreach
Community Center
in Carol Stream

June 27, 2018

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Re: Support for Geneva Crossing Dialysis in Carol Stream · Project No. 17-013

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the Executive Director of the Outreach Community Center (OCC) in Carol Stream, one of several Outreach Community Ministries sites. The OCC is a multi-purpose, neighborhood resource center and we have been serving residents in southeast Carol Stream since 1986. We offer services for youth development, academic assistance, college preparation, family stabilization, counseling, transitional housing, employment training, older adult development and community development. The OCC's goal is to help neighborhood residents to work together to build a stronger community, and we serve all residents of the Carol Stream community without regard for their race, ethnicity, creed, gender, orientation or income.

In furtherance of our mission to strengthen our community, we are committed to ensuring everyone has access to the medical services they need. As you are aware, there is documented shortage of dialysis clinics in Carol Stream and North DuPage County. Our community needs Geneva Crossing Dialysis. This clinic will allow those suffering in our community the opportunity to receive this life saving treatment in Carol Stream and will help address the scheduling and transportation difficulties posed by area clinics that are nearing capacity and located outside elsewhere in DuPage County.

Please accept our full support for DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to improve access to dialysis services in Carol Stream and our request to approve Geneva Crossing Dialysis.

Sincerely,



Dina Hilliard
Executive Director
Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream



MEETING OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS
NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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RE: Support for Geneva Crossing Dialysis, Carol Stream (Project 17-013)

Dear Ms. Avery,

I write on behalf of People's Resource Center to voice our support for DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's proposed Geneva Crossing Dialysis.

I am the Executive Director of People's Resource Center, a grassroots, community-supported organization that serves nearly 30,000 DuPage County residents each year. With our team of volunteers, we offer nutritious food and other basic necessities like clothes and rent assistance for community members facing tough times. We also connect people with resources—education and tutoring, jobs, technology, art, a caring community—to create a future of hope and opportunity for all. PRC is able to provide these services because of the generosity and support from our neighbors, including DuPage Medical Group. For years, DMG has been a valued partner in our efforts, supporting our food pantry through volunteer and financial support.

Our work focuses on connecting vulnerable residents, including many area seniors, with the services and resources they need. In furtherance of this, we support DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to address the growing need for dialysis services in Carol Stream. We hope the Geneva Crossing Dialysis clinic will help bring needed resources to seniors and other vulnerable neighbors in DuPage County.

People's Resource Center fully supports the proposed dialysis clinic and respectfully requests that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this clinic.

Sincerely,

Jenifer Fabian
Executive Director, People's Resource Center

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