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

RE: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

For 22 years I served Western Illinois in the Illinois Senate. I served those 22 years on the Public Health Committee. Presently I am a member of the Illini Community Hospital Board, having served on this board since 2006.

There is a need for better communication and cooperation!

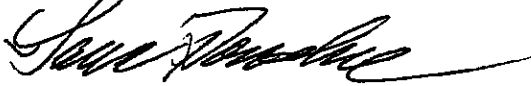
I reluctantly write this letter in opposition to the proposed QMG Surgical Center. I feel quite strongly that before starting a new facility that every effort should be made to make the present ASCT work to everyone's satisfaction.

In 2000 QMG was granted permission to build an ASCT, Blessing did not object. When in 2006, QMG needed "help", Blessing purchased the ASCT, agreeing to hire all QMG staff and agreeing to have QMG manage the facility. If there are issues with expanded hours, anesthesiology, and costs, why has there not been an attempt to rectify these issues before starting a new ASCT with the same management? What will be different in the purposed ASCT that does not exist today?

Both Blessing and QMG are important employers in the Quincy region. They both provide quality healthcare. The best the CON could do is to put on "hold" the new proposal and require these two organizations to sit down and work out their differences with the consumer in mind.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Laura Kent Donahue

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Jennifer Ericson and I am a Blessing Hospital Pharmacy Technician. I have worked at Blessing Hospital for over 3 years. I oppose the CON 18-042, QMG surgery center in Quincy, IL.

Adding another surgery center is duplication of resources because Blessing Hospital already works with QMG at the current surgery center at 11th and Hampshire Street in Quincy, IL. Blessing and QMG have worked together over 10 years to provide excellent service at the current surgery center. The current surgery center is not operating at full capacity so adding another surgery center does not make sense. The money generated from the current surgery center helps the community significantly. Taking the revenue generated from a non-for-profit organization and giving it to a for-profit organization will result in less community support, which will harm the community. The money will leave the community and will especially harm behavioral health care and trauma care. Hundreds of jobs will be lost at Blessing Hospital by adding another surgery center. This will lead to additional unnecessary healthcare expenses.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Ericson', followed by the initials 'PhT'.

Jennifer Ericson, PhT

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Re. Opposition to COW 18-042 Quincy
Medical Group Surgery Center
in Quincy IL

Dear Ms. Avery.

My name is Katie Wait - the Radiology
Supervisor at Blessing Hospital in Quincy IL.
My connection to this project is my home
town community. I feel the addition of a
surgery center to Quincy IL will by NO
means bring profit to our community that
already offers these services. This would
also further separate the relationship
between Quincy Medical Group & Blessing
Hospital.

This competition ^{now} the two organizations -
that the whole community utilizes - can
hurt our community and increases the costs
for all as well. Physicians work at
both organizations and relationships have

negatively affected choices. Our current services are not being utilized at over 50% and this would add cost to the local services.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities & Service Review Board deny CON application 18-042 - Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your considerations.

Respectfully
Katie Walt

P.S. The impact on services that will not flow correctly together greatly puts our patients/community at huge risk. All services will come from different places and not all can access. Let alone the cost the community will suffer with staffing. The list goes on.

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042
Quincy Medical Group Surgery
Center in Quincy, IL

Dear Ms Avey,

My name is Erin Vonderklee, a Nurse Manager
at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. I am
writing to express my opposition to the
above referenced CON project.

I am opposed to the above CON for a few
different reasons. The first being that
given the small community in which we
live adding another surgery center
will only increase the cost of healthcare
within the community. The second being
the current utilization of the surgery center
is not even at the 50%. How can a 2nd
surgery center even be justified? Another
reason is a surgery center was once owned by
QMG and was sold for various reasons. Why

now do they feel they can support another?
Especially if the current surgery center
isn't utilized to it's highest potential
at this point. Also since QMG has a
Unity Point affiliation many of those
dollars of income will then go to Unity
Point thus leaving the community. So
not only will added expenses come to
the community but dollars that need
to stay in the community will be
leaving as well. Adding a free standing
Surgery Center will be detrimental to
our community as a whole.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities
and Service Review Board deny the CON
application 18-042. Thank You for
your consideration.

Respectfully,

Erin Vonderhaar, MSN, MBA, RN

ERIN VONDERHAAR, MSN, MBA, RN

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042 Quing Medical Group
Surgery Center in Quing, IL

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Charla Martin and I am an Information Systems Supervisor at Blessing Hospital. I am writing to express my opposition to the above CON 18-042.

Blessing Hospital's Surgery Center is currently at 47% utilization. In addition, there is another Surgery Center just 15 miles away just across the state line in Missouri. Adding a third center does nothing but add cost to the community. Quing Medical Group is a for-profit organization whose home base is in another city/another state. Adding another surgery center will take revenue from our city and our state. Furthermore there is additional capacity at the 2 existing centers.

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Because Blessing Hospital is a not-for-profit organization,
we provided about \$6,000,000. in charity care in 2018.

Quincy Medical Group provided about \$46,000. What a
difference!

I ask that the Health Facilities & Services Review Board
deny the CON application 18-042.

Respectfully,

Charles D. Mat

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RE: Opposition to CON 18-042 Quincy Medical Group Surgery
Center in Quincy, IL

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Holly Fecit, and I am the Director of Fiscal Services at Blessing Corporate Services. In addition, I live in a farming community, and I have a vested interest in the viability of the CON proposal. Regrettable, I am not in support of the CON for many reasons.

First, as a person from a financial background, I feel there are multiple reasons the project does not make financial sense. On the surface, the prospect of filling the vacancy of a large anchor store in the mall does sound appealing, but I question if the project is financially sustainable and viable. Looking at the Quincy Medical Group financials submitted with the proposal, they have less than 5 days cash on hand; that is a poor cash position by all standards. They also boast \$28 million of debt, and they are proposing a 5 operating room increase in a market that already appears saturated due to under utilization. The surgery center located in the facility and owned by Blessing Hospital is operating at under 50% utilization.

Second, I am concerned about the potential long-term

negative impact of further saturation to the market. It is common knowledge that due to the funding issues of the state government, several small human services facilities shut their doors. Blessing Hospital, through community benefit, has been expanding programs, particularly in psych and mental health to cover needs of the entire 90 mile region around Quincy. As a non-profit, Blessing provides these safety net services at a huge cost, a cost covered by services that do provide profit like surgery. Expansion into this saturated market could cause dramatic revenue decline, which would have a direct impact on the safety net and needed human + social services provided to the region at a substantial loss.

Last, I am concerned about a surgery center being built with 40% ownership by an entity outside of Illinois given the aforementioned concerns with funding capabilities and human and social welfare needs of the region.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Regards,

Holly Facht

Holly Facht

JANUARY 11, 2019

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ADMINISTRATOR

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

525 WEST JEFFERSON 2ND FLOOR

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62761

RE: OPPOSITION TO CON 18-042 QUINCY MEDICAL GROUP SURGERY CENTER
IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS

DEAR MS. AVERY,

MY NAME IS AMANDA FEENEY AND I AM
AN EMPLOYEE OF BLESSING HEALTH SYSTEM. OUR
ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY OPERATES A SURGERY CENTER
LOCATED AT THE QUINCY MEDICAL GROUP MEDICAL OFFICE
BUILDING HERE IN QUINCY, IL. THIS LETTER IS BEING WRITTEN TO
EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION TO THE ABOVE REFERENCED CON PROJECT.

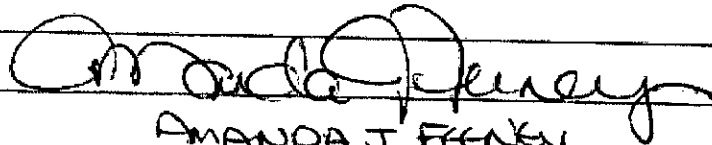
THE REASON I HAVE AN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT
IS THAT I BELIEVE THIS IS AN UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF
SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY. FROM MY UNDERSTANDING PART
OF THE CON STATEMENT REFERENCED THAT THERE IS A NEED
DUE TO PATIENTS GETTING THE ACCESS THAT THEY NEED TO THESE
SERVICES. WITH THE CURRENT SURGICAL CENTER ONLY BEING UTILIZED
47% OF THE TIME, I SEE ACCESS AS NOT BEING AN ISSUE. PERHAPS IT
IS MORE OF AN HOURS OF OPERATION ISSUE, NOT A NEED FOR 5
ADDITIONAL OR ROOMS. THE OUTPATIENT SURGICAL CENTER
USED TO BELONG TO QUINCY MEDICAL GROUP. IT WAS SOLD TO
BLESSING HOSPITAL YEARS BACK AS QMG NEEDED THE CAPITAL.
BLESSING HAS BEEN OPERATING IT EVER SINCE. THERE ARE

MANY LONG TERM EMPLOYEES OF BLESSING HOSPITAL WHO MAY BE FORCED TO LEAVE AN ORGANIZATION THEY HAVE BEEN WITH FOR YEARS IF THEY WANT TO KEEP THEIR JOBS. THE IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE HOSPITAL REVENUE, THEREFORE, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE CHARITY CARE COULD BE IMPACTED. WITH BLESSING HAVING HAD SPENT 6 MILLION DOLLARS ON CHARITY CARE VS. THE \$46,000 QMG SPENT IT IS APPARENT WHICH ORGANIZATION HAS THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY AT THE FOREFRONT OF THEIR ACTIONS.

DUPLICATING SERVICES WITHOUT INCREASING VOLUME OF PATIENTS DOESN'T MAKE GOOD SENSE. IT WILL ADD ADDITIONAL COSTS, LEAVING LESS TO PUT BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY.

I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD DENY CON APPLICATION 18-042 FOR THE QUINCY MEDICAL GROUP SURGERY CENTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.

Respectfully,


AMANDA J. FEENEY

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Re: Opposition to Cont 18-042, Quincy Medical
Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the Administrative Coordinator, Provider Recruitment
with Blessing Health System. I recruit physicians and
advanced practice providers to Quincy and the surrounding
communities. I oppose the Quincy Medical Group
Surgery Center.

When surgical and gastroenterology physicians are being
recruited for the current surgery center - originally
opened by Quincy Medical Group and subsequently sold to
Blessing Hospital. The surgery center is managed by Quincy
Medical Group. During said tours many of the physician
candidates will question the current utilization of the
center to include their ability to access / schedule less
these physicians have repetitively been told that access
is not a problem, that quality is high (good outcomes)
and that utilization is less than fifty percent.
This message typically comes from the manager of the
Quincy Center; a Quincy Medical Group Director. Their
cont contradicts this message which has recently been
shared with physicians interested in moving to our community
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I respectfully request that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 as I believe this would be an unnecessary duplication of services in our community.

Respectfully,

Ginger Hodson

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Re: Opposition to CN 18-042: Quincy Medical Surgery Center
in Quincy, IL.

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Joleen Patton, and I live in Quincy, IL and Adams County my entire life. I work at Blessing Hospital and manage a large early learning and care center for the hospital. I am writing my opposition to The Certificate of Need 18-042. I cannot understand why our community needs a second surgery center.

Simply stated, a second surgery center is NOT needed in our community. While I do wish that my community and city was growing in population & need, it is not. Our current surgery center is only used at a 47% occupancy and usage rate. Retail & manufacturers are closing.

It is unfortunate that Quincy Medical Group wishes to build this Surgery Center, and I'm certain their objective is something other than community need. Expansion of revenue is important for all business, but in this case, not a reality. It is my understanding that the project will be funded by Unity Point, leaving + resulting in more money leaving our community.

I respectfully ask the Health Facilities
and Services Review Board deny PON
application 18-042 Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Joleen Patton
2212 Sweetbriar
Quincy, IL 62305

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Kara Mote and I am a Blessing Hospital Clinical Pharmacist. I have worked at Blessing Hospital for over 7 years. I oppose the CON 18-042, QMG surgery center in Quincy, IL.

Adding another surgery center is duplication of resources because Blessing Hospital already works with QMG at the current surgery center at 11th and Hampshire Street in Quincy, IL. Blessing and QMG have worked together over 10 years to provide excellent service at the current surgery center. The current surgery center is not operating at full capacity so adding another surgery center does not make sense. The money generated from the current surgery center helps the community significantly. Taking the revenue generated from a non-for-profit organization and giving it to a for-profit organization will result in less community support, which will harm the community. The money will leave the community and will especially harm behavioral health care and trauma care. Hundreds of jobs will be lost at Blessing Hospital by adding another surgery center. This will lead to additional unnecessary healthcare expenses.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Dr. Kara W Mote, PharmD

Dr. Kara Mote, Pharm.D.

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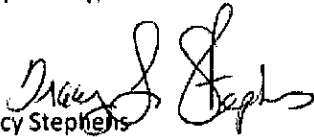
Dear Ms. Avery:

As an employee of Blessing Hospital, I strenuously OPPOSE Quincy Medical Group's Surgery Center proposal for the following reasons:

- It is a duplication of services
- It will be damaging to the community benefit programs and services currently offered by Blessing Health System
- It will result in significant job loss at Blessing Health System, the area's largest employer
- The community deserves cooperation between Blessing Health System and Quincy Medical Group

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 by Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Tracy Stephens

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Amy St. Clair. I am a Registered Nurse with Blessing Hospital. I work in Palmyra, Missouri at a rural health clinic in Outpatient Care Coordination. I am writing to you in regards to Quincy Medical Group's proposal for a second surgery center in Quincy. I am adamantly opposed to the approval of the CON because of the deep impact on safety net services provided by Blessing Health System. I have educated myself well on the topic of this proposal. While Quincy Medical Group has indicated adding a second surgery center would benefit the community, please look deep to the real truth.

I have worked in the tri State area as a nurse for over 20 years. I have been employed by Blessing Health System for the last two years. On a daily basis, I have been impressed with the care, compassion, and giving nature of Blessing Health System. Through my role in Care Coordination, I work with patients who would easily be lost in the healthcare system. Those patients with limited income, difficulty understanding medical terms, those with lack of resources, lack of community connections, lack of a safety net. These are the members of our communities who will be injured by approval of this proposal. These are the patients Quincy Medical Group does not want to serve. Blessing continually gives back to the community through safety net services. My job is a safety net service. On a regular basis, Quincy Medical Group refuses to accept patients with Medicaid, old outstanding bills, or a history of missed appointments or non-adherence. There are so many reasons patients fall into these categories but these same patients deserve our time and attention. These same patients deserve good, quality healthcare and are being served by Blessing Health System while being turned away by Quincy Medical Group. What happens to these vulnerable individuals if they also lose safety net services through Blessing? Please take a deep look at these issues before a decision is made. Approval of this proposal hurts our community. It hurts my family.

I would love to see Quincy Medical Group continue to partner with Blessing Health System in positive ways. The existing surgery center is already a win-win for both entities and our community.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042/ Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Amy St. Clair RN CCM

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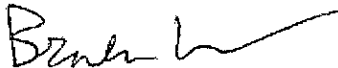
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Brandon Williams and I am a Blessing Hospital Pharmacist. I have worked at Blessing Hospital for over 8 years. I oppose the CON 18-042, QMG surgery center in Quincy, IL.

Adding another surgery center is duplication of resources because Blessing Hospital already works with QMG at the current surgery center at 11th and Hampshire Street in Quincy, IL. Blessing and QMG have worked together over 10 years to provide excellent service at the current surgery center. The current surgery center is not operating at full capacity so adding another surgery center does not make sense. The money generated from the current surgery center helps the community significantly. Taking the revenue generated from a non-for-profit organization and giving it to a for-profit organization will result in less community support, which will harm the community. The money will leave the community and will especially harm behavioral health care and trauma care. Hundreds of jobs will be lost at Blessing Hospital by adding another surgery center. This will lead to additional unnecessary healthcare expenses.

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Sincerely



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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in
Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Ryan Mote and I am a Blessing Homecare Physical Therapist Assistant. I have worked at Blessing Hospital for over 10 years. I oppose the CON 18-042, QMG surgery center in Quincy, IL.

Adding another surgery center is duplication of resources because Blessing Hospital already works with QMG at the current surgery center at 11th and Hampshire Street in Quincy, IL. Blessing and QMG have worked together over 10 years to provide excellent service at the current surgery center. The current surgery center is not operating at full capacity so adding another surgery center does not make sense. The money generated from the current surgery center helps the community significantly. Taking the revenue generated from a non-for-profit organization and giving it to a for-profit organization will result in less community support, which will harm the community. The money will leave the community and will especially harm behavioral health care and trauma care. Hundreds of jobs will be lost at Blessing Hospital by adding another surgery center. This will lead to additional unnecessary healthcare expenses.

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am opposed to the above referenced CON. I am a practicing family physician and medical staff member at Blessing Hospital. I have practiced in Quincy for 24.5 years. I have served on the medical executive committee and have been the secretary/treasurer, vice-president and president of the medical staff. I have served as a Blessing Hospital Board member for 14 years including previously serving as the first physician chairman of the Blessing Hospital Board. I have an active teaching role in the family medicine residency program supported by Blessing Hospital.

Quincy is a great community. Quincy is fortunate to have the services of many excellent health professionals, who, along with Blessing Hospital, have positioned this community and Blessing Hospital as a regional referral center with many programs of excellence. When I came to Quincy, I was impressed by the cooperation and shared passion for patient care that physicians associated with Quincy Medical Group (QMG) and non-QMG physicians demonstrated. Though many years later and with some changes to the health care landscape, that cooperation and shared passion exists. This cooperation can be demonstrated by the ownership and management of the present ambulatory surgery center, both QMG and non-QMG providers sharing in educating medical learners, and combined call schedules for surgery, trauma, intensivist, cardiac interventional and other service lines. The successful functioning of health services and learner education in Quincy requires cooperation and both QMG and Blessing Hospital succeeding.

The QMG Surgery center would result in duplication of services and jeopardize that cooperative nature for healthcare and education. I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities Services Review Board deny CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Miller, MD
Family Physician Blessing Hospital

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Tracy Prow, I am employed at Blessing Physician Services in the Outpatient Behavioral Health department as a Licensed Behavioral Health Therapist. I have worked within the Blessing Health System for seventeen years and feel blessed to be a part of this organization. I am writing to express my objection to the proposed creation of a Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center.

The QMG proposal is a duplication of services. Blessing and QMG already offer an outpatient surgery center on the QMG campus. Blessing owns the service and QMG manages it. This has been a successful arrangement for more than 10 years now. Blessing would have no role in the proposed center. Much of the revenue Blessing generates from outpatient surgery is used to fulfill its not-for-profit mission of providing Safety Net services to the region. These Safety Net services include behavioral health care and trauma care.

Additionally, UnityPoint, Quincy Medical Group's Des Moines, Iowa-based business partner, would be a 40 percent owner of the proposed surgery center! Therefore, a portion of the profits from the proposed center will leave the Quincy area, there will be a loss of jobs, loss of income, loss of community pride. Quincy does not need to be sending money out of the region.

It is the best interest for Blessing and QMG to continue cooperation in the delivery of key services. It has been successful with the current outpatient surgery center and with the Cancer Center. Blessing wants to continue working with QMG, not be put in a position to work against them in improving the health of our communities. We are neighbors. We can continue to work together SHARING knowledge, staff, and resources for the benefit of all of us.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 (or instead mention by name Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center). Thank you for your consideration.]

Respectfully,



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Re: Opposition To CON 18-042. Quinay
Medical Group Surgery Center
Quinay IL -

Dear Ms. Avey,

I am Angela Carter Rev. M.D., Director of Education for
Blessing Health System in Quincy IL. I am writing in opposition
of the CON for Quinay Medical Group to build a Surgery Center in
Quincy IL.

I ask you to strongly consider denying this request for
the following reasons:

- The current surgery center located in QMG building on
Hawthorne is managed by QMG and owned by Blessing
Hospital. It currently is staffed by QMG physicians and
only operates at 47% utilization. The addition of more
space is not needed and will be a burden to the community.
- The surgeons currently utilizing the existing surgery center at
QMG will be the same doctors performing surgery at the
proposed site. One of their reasons for requesting the CON
is to increase quality. There is no ~~for~~ basis for this
request to increase quality since will be the same doctors
and same management.

I respectfully ask that you deny this request.

Sincerely,
Angela Carter

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group
Surgery Center in Quincy, IL

Dear Ms. Avery,

As an administrative director with Illini Community Hospital, part of Blessing Health System, I strongly oppose this CON 18-042 due to the duplication of service that would result from this development.

Blessing Hospital currently operates a surgery center managed by staff of Quincy Medical Group in the same community. Quincy has already seen significant loss of retail businesses and healthcare facilities are struggling to staff services due to shortages of nurses and other qualified personnel. If this development proceeds, it will lead to the demise of one, if not both centers, as the market cannot support both. The other center in existence is currently operating at 47% capacity. The community would best be served by one center.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON Application 18-042, as known as Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Madden, Administrative Director, Performance Improvement
Illini Community Hospital / Blessing Health System
Pittsfield, Illinois

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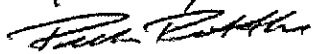
Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quinney Medical Group Surgery
Center in Quinney, IL

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Rick Rettke and I am the Nurse Manager in the
Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at Blessing Hospital in Quinney,
Illinois. I am in opposition to the above CON project.

I do not feel that there will be a positive impact on the Quinney
Community if the above CON were to pass. There is a finite amount of people
in this community that obtain healthcare in Quinney. The addition of this
Surgery center would increase cost for people of this community and does not increase
the services offered to our people. I do know that current facilities are
only operating at 47% occupancy. Additionally, if a for-profit surgical center
were to open in Quinney, overall revenue would decrease for Blessing Hospital.
This would directly decrease the funding for safety net services and charitable
monies that are given back to our community.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board
deny CON application 18-042 (or ^{otherwise} ~~otherwise~~ mentioned ~~as~~ Quinney Medical Group
Surgery Center.) Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Rick Rettke

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Opposition to CON 18-042,
Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, IL

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am currently an employee of Blessing Hospital and work closely with Surgical Services at Blessing Hospital and Quincy Medical Group. I am writing to voice my opposition to the addition of a second Surgery Center. The current utilization of the existing Surgery Center is less than 50% leaving opportunity to grow within the existing space.

The additional cost and funds that would leave the community and the state of Illinois is unnecessary and unfortunate. The current surgery center for Outpatient surgeries is owned by Blessing Health System, located in a Quincy Medical Group Office Building, and utilized mostly by Quincy Medical Group Surgeons.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lance Privett

January 18, 2019

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
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RE: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, IL

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Jessica Dalheim, I am Information Systems Supervisor with the Blessing Health System. I moved to Quincy five years ago from Springfield, Illinois to work for Blessing Health System.

I am asking that the committee please deny the CON 18-042 on the basis of saving our community and keeping the dollars local. This community is not big enough to sustain another Cath Lab and Surgery Center. Health Care is a unique industry where competition does NOT save the consumer, instead splitting the same number of patients will cost the consumer more to pay for services.

My Brother in Law recently used the Blessing Cath Lab to have IVC filter placed. The staff is wonderful, and the security I felt knowing my Brother in Law was getting this procedure done in the hospital was reassuring. To know if something unexpected happens a team is here at the hospital to respond within seconds that would save his life was comforting in our time of stress. It would not be comforting knowing that he would have to take an expensive ambulance ride to the hospital to save his life.

Finally, I understand that 40% of the purposed Surgery Center and Cath Lab would be owned by Unity Point in Iowa. This would be detrimental to our community to have 40% of these dollars leave our small community and our state. Blessing Health System has a community benefit of \$62million, and Unity Point does not have that commitment to our city or state.

Therefore, I respectfully ask the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042, to save the citizens of Quincy and keep the dollars in the great state of Illinois.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jessica Dalheim
924 Rim Road
Quincy, IL 62305
Jessica.dalheim@att.net
217-891-3484

Ms Courtney R. Avery
Administrator

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042 Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center
in Quincy, IL

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Karen Mosley and I am a Supervisor at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois. I am opposed to the CON 18-042 project.

Blessing Hospital already operates a surgery center in Quincy Medical Group's building. If the CON 18-042 project becomes a reality I see this as a duplication of services. Right now the present surgery center is operating at less than 50%. I feel that this will be a negative impact on our community. If Blessing Health System loses revenue from this project they will have less resources to use in other areas such as mental services which is becoming more profound in our community. Blessing also subsidizes an employee child care center. If they are no longer to do this many people in our organization would not be able to afford child care.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen E Mosley
Karen E. Mosley

January 16, 2019

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: opposition to CON 18-042 Quincy Medical Group
Surgery Center in Quincy, IL.

Dear Ms Avery

I am Christie Campbell, I am a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois. Currently I am a supervisor in Blessing Hospice & Palliative Care and have worked for Blessing for eleven years. I am opposed to the CON for the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Our community is small and having a duplication of service would be detrimental to our community, financial along with impacting ~~impact~~ employment.

The CON 18-042 will impact the cost of health care for patients within our community. There is currently facility available to provide surgery & heart cath procedures that are not being utilized effectiveness at 100% because they do not want to work together. The increase in cost for health care will impact those who do not have financial stability and other employer cost that they contribute to their employees plan.

A duplicate service will impact Blessing's ability to provide services such as psychiatric/mental health care for our community. Along with impacting the charity care to patients in our community that Blessing Hospital will be able to provide.

Sincerely,

Christie Campbell

1-16-19

Ms Courtney R. Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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RE: Opposition to CON 18-042 Quincy Medical Group
Surgery Center in Quincy, IL

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Dr. Mrs Avery,

My name is Joleen Beeber. I reside in Quincy, IL. and I am a Respiratory Therapist currently employed as the Director of Respiratory Services at Blessing Hospital. I oppose this project which would duplicate surgical and cardiology services in Quincy, IL.

I believe Blessing Health system is committed to the health of the community and provides services to the patients that are high quality. Quincy Medical Group partners with Blessing to provide care. It is my understanding that the current surgery center operates at only 47% occupancy. This duplication is not needed and would negatively impact care provided in Quincy.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Joleen Beeber
Joleen Beeber

January 19, 2019

Ms Courtney Avery
Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities
and Service Review Board
545 West Jackson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Opposition to CAN-18-042 Quincy Medical
Group Surgery Center, Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms Avery,
My name is Holly Jones, Vice President of Quincy Health
Community Hospital. I am a member of the Blessing Health
System from Quincy Illinois. I would like for you to
vote NO for the CAN 18-042 for Quincy Medical Group.

This CAN would create duplication of services within our
community. The current ambulatory surgery center is located
within the Fountains of the current Quincy Medical Group

Physician office since 2000. This current ambulatory surgery
is only at a 4290 occupancy rate.

I request that the Health Facilities and Services
Review Board deny CAN application 18-042. Thank you
for your consideration.

Holly Jones
Quincy Health Community Hospital

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

Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center
in Quincy, IL.

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Tanie Kendall and I am a supervisor
with Blessing Hospital + Palliative Care in Quincy, Illinois.
I object to the CON 18-042.

I cannot speak clinically about this duplication
of services but I can speak to the additional costs this will cause the
community to absorb. The current surgery center is not utilized
at 100%. There is no overflow. There are the same number of
procedures in the community but now we'll have to absorb the
cost of building the facility and the cost of their profits
leaving the community + going to Iowa.

I am a lifetime member of Quincy. I want my
community to grow. I want Blessing Health System and Quincy
Medical Group to grow and prosper. I do not want the at-risk
population to be even more at risk because dollars leave the
community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tanie Kendall

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Ms. COURTNEY R. AVERY

ADMINISTRATOR

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD
525 WEST JEFFERSON, 2ND FLOOR
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62761

RE: OPPOSITION TO C.O.N. 18-042, QUINCY MEDICAL GROUP
SURGERY CENTER IN QUINCY ILLINOIS

DEAR MS. AVERY,

MY NAME IS TAYLOR HICKMAN AND I AM AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BLESSED HEALTH
SYSTEM AND A COMMUNITY MEMBER IN QUINCY IL. I STRONGLY OPPOSE
C.O.N. 18-042,

QUINCY IS NOT IN ANY NEED OF A DUPLICATED SURGICAL CENTER.
THE APPROVAL OF THIS C.O.N. WOULD RESULT IN LOSS OF JOBS AND
TANGIBLE REVENUE STREAMS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE CURRENT SURGERY
CENTER OPERATES LESS THAN 50% OF CAPACITY ANYWAYS.

I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES
REVIEW BOARD DENY C.O.N. APPLICATION 18-042. THANK YOU FOR
YOUR CONSIDERATION.

RESPECTFULLY,

Taylor B. Hickman

TAYLOR B. HICKMAN

January 15, 2019

Ms Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62701

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RE: Opposition to CON 18-042 Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

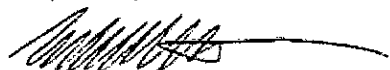
I am the Information Security Officer for Blessing Health System overseeing our Cybersecurity program. I have been with the organization and a resident of Quincy for over 10 years. During that time, I have had the privilege to support patient care for our organization and understand the healthcare business. My wife and I have four children and have been patients for both Blessing and Quincy Medical Group. I am highly opposed to the proposed surgery center by Quincy Medical Group for multiple reasons.

In my twenty two years in the Information Technology field, my healthcare costs have steadily risen each and every year. As our family has grown, we have experienced broken bones, sore throats and also more serious health conditions. For my wife and I, healthcare costs are an important part of our family budget and something we watch carefully to be good stewards of our family resources.

As a business-minded technology professional, I see this new surgery center driving up the cost of healthcare in Quincy. This would be a burden for my family, but I can see this having catastrophic impact for other folks in our community having more significant medical conditions and/or those less well-off financially. Utilization of Blessing Surgery facilities is under 50% leaving considerable capacity in several existing facilities. In a highly regulated industry, I appreciate how many fixed costs there are to operate services and this duplication of services will ultimately drive up costs for all. Quincy Medical Group owned a surgery center in the early 2000's and was not successful in operating this business before it was sold to Blessing Hospital. I feel that the issues with existing facilities that Quincy Medical Group cites can be resolved without the construction of new facilities. Further, I see this new Surgery Center having downstream impact Blessing's ability to support safety net services offered for victims of assaults, mental health services, and much more.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 for the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center for the reasons mentioned above. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Todd R Haverstock
Quincy, Illinois

January 16, 2017

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Ms Courtney R. Avery
Administrator

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525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
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Re: Opposition to C.O.N. 18-042, Quincy Medical Group,
Surgery Center in Quincy, Ill

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Jill Hooper & I have been employed
by Blessing for 42 years. I am sincerely opposed to QMG's
application for a new Surgery Center.

I object to this venture because it would duplicate
services in the community. Our current services are
not being utilized at even 50% & this would add
cost to the local services. Also, 40% of the dollars
from this venture, would leave our community &
over our states.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities & Service
Review Board deny CON application 18-042, Quincy
Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your
consideration.

Respectfully,

Jill Hooper
JILL HOOPER

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January 30, 2019

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
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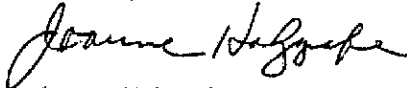
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a resident of Quincy, IL and an employee of Blessing Hospital. As a concerned citizen and employee, I am opposed to Quincy Medical Group opening a surgery center in the Quincy Mall.

I work as a receptionist at the Blessing Health Center and register a vast number of patients that get Financial Assistance through the Blessing organization. Many of our patients are on the Medical Card. I am afraid that if Blessing gets revenue cut by these added services in our community, they will no longer be able to provide for the immense number of patients in our Tri State area that have received care at minimal or no cost. In addition, I am concerned about job loss, duplication of services and the quality of care that people in our community deserve and have come to expect.

In closing, I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. I feel all of our residents in the Tri-State area will be better served by us working together rather than dividing into two different teams. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joanne Holzgrafe
2527 Country Club Dr N
Quincy, IL 623012

Betty Starman
PO Box 303
Mendon, IL 62351

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January 29, 2019

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Outpatient Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

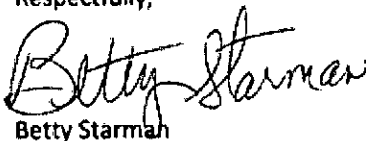
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Betty Starman, a resident of Adams County and an employee of Blessing Hospital. I am stating my opposition to the above-referenced CON project.

1. **Duplication of Services:** The addition of another outpatient surgery center in Quincy would be a duplication of services. There is no indication that the patient population will increase or that there will be additional services offered to the patient population; this means that this would place a hardship on the outpatient surgery now in existence as well as the proposed additional outpatient surgery center. The numbers show that only one of them would survive the economics of the region.
2. **Community Benefit Programs:** QMG and Blessing Hospital have worked together for the past 10-plus years for the patients of this region. Much of the revenue generated from this business venture goes directly into the patient population of the area that cannot afford healthcare. If this were to go away, the region would suffer greatly by the loss of benefits. This year Blessing contributed more than 63 million dollars to the health of the community. Blessing is the only provider in the region who offers these critical services. Among the patient population who receives these services, a significant portion of the money goes to the delivery of inpatient behavioral medicine and trauma care. In essence, Unity Point, who is a 40% owner of the Iowa based business, would receive a significant amount of the profits, which means these monies that would essentially go to the poor in the area would leave the Quincy area.
3. **Job Loss:** Blessing would have to account for the loss of revenue that comes from the surgery center now in operation. The numbers show that these jobs would be lost entirely and not moved to the new outpatient surgery center. This amounts to a lot of revenue gone from the area.
4. **Cooperation:** There has been cooperation between QMG and Blessing Hospital up to now. It is in the surrounding communities' best interest for the continuation of these needed services made through a concerted effort by each of the as they have been in the past. Blessing has been and will continue to be willing and eager to work beside QMG.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 for the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Betty Starman

January 25, 2019

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
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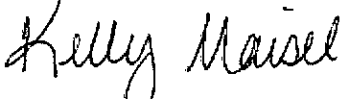
Dear Ms. Avery:

As an employee of Blessing Hospital, I strenuously OPPOSE Quincy Medical Group's Surgery Center proposal for the following reasons:

- It is a duplication of services
- It will be damaging to the community benefit programs and services currently offered by Blessing Health System
- It will result in significant job loss at Blessing Health System, the area's largest employer
- The community deserves cooperation between Blessing Health System and Quincy Medical Group

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 by Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Kelly Maisel

January 30, 2018

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

Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center In Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Debbie Caspermeyer. I am a Patient Financial Representative at Blessing Hospital. Working with insurance companies and patients on accounts where patients have had a procedure performed at the Surgery Center is one aspect of the scope of my position. I am fervently opposed to CON 18-042.

There are several reasons for my opposition. First, QMG and Blessing have been working together successfully over the past 10 years at the current surgery center on the QMG campus. The QMG proposal is a duplication of services, and a second surgery center is not needed. Second, via the revenue Blessing generates from outpatient surgery is used to fulfill its not-for-profit mission including behavioral health, trauma care, and to assist the uninsured. Inpatient insurance reimbursement does not provide adequate support for these services. Finally, opening a second surgery center would cause significant job loss at Blessing caused by the loss of a significant portion of its outpatient surgery business. This would be an economic detriment to the community.

Quincy deserves to have Blessing and Quincy Medical Group continue cooperation in the delivery of key services with the current surgery center on the QMG campus, and with the Cancer Center.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042, the proposed Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Caspermeyer

Debbie Caspermeyer

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Carley Simmons and I am a Blessing Hospital Lead Pharmacy Technician II. I have worked at Blessing Hospital for over 4 years. I oppose the CON 18-042, QMG surgery center in Quincy, IL.

Adding another surgery center is duplication of resources because Blessing Hospital already works with QMG at the current surgery center at 11th and Hampshire Street in Quincy, IL. Blessing and QMG have worked together over 10 years to provide excellent service at the current surgery center. The current surgery center is not operating at full capacity so adding another surgery center does not make sense. The money generated from the current surgery center helps the community significantly. Taking the revenue generated from a non-for-profit organization and giving it to a for-profit organization will result in less community support, which will harm the community. The money will leave the community and will especially harm behavioral health care and trauma care. Hundreds of jobs will be lost at Blessing Hospital by adding another surgery center. This will lead to additional unnecessary healthcare expenses.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carley Simmons', followed by a horizontal line.

Carley Simmons

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Mark R. Lichty. I am a registered pharmacist. Through Blessing Hospital I have humbly and joyfully served the pharmaceutical healthcare needs of the Quincy community for 30 years. I firmly oppose the CON 18-042, QMG surgery center in Quincy, IL predicated upon a high probability of disruption of the delicate healthcare equilibria in the Quincy region based on the following rationale:

Duplication of services. A second outpatient surgery center is simply not required.

Substantial loss of revenues to the Safety Net and Community Benefit programs and services when outpatient surgery revenues are directed to a for profit entity.

Employment instability.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Mark R. Lichty R.Ph.

January 31, 2019

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

HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms Avery:

I am an occupational therapist at Blessing Hospital and have been employed full time with the organization since 2006 when I graduated with my Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy. I oppose the proposal for Quincy Medical Group to open and operate their own surgery center in Quincy, IL. There are many reasons why opening another surgery center in Quincy, IL would not benefit the communities that Blessing Hospital and Quincy Medical group serve.

The main concern I have is the job loss and revenue loss for Blessing Hospital that the Hospital uses for the benefit of our small rural communities. The hospital provides many services to patients and communities members that they cannot afford and is not fully financially supported by the state. Those programs include (but are not limited to) our inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services, trauma care, community outreach clinics, community programs, and education programs (SIU medical student residents, Blessing Reiman College of Nursing and Blessing Radiology Technician school). If Blessing Hospital loses the revenue from the surgery center, jobs will be lost and so will our programs. This would be devastating to our community and the communities we serve because residents would be forced to travel hours away for the services. This could lead to a gap in medical services provided for our residents of Northeast Missouri, West Central Illinois, and Southeast Iowa. Quincy Medical Group is not wanting to own and operate their new surgery center to reduce the cost to their patients, but they are wanting their own surgery center for more profits for their physicians. This small rural community cannot withstand putting profits before patients.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 or also know as the new Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Amanda McGee MS, OTR/L, CBIS

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Tim Kincaid and I am a Blessing Hospital Pharmacist. I have worked at Blessing Hospital for 14 years. I oppose the CON 18-042, QMG surgery center in Quincy, IL.

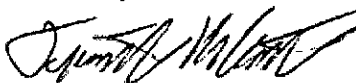
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I think adding a surgery center at Quincy Mall is a safety risk for patients. I have witnessed gang like activity including fights during a Halloween event at the Quincy Mall.

Pharmacy verifies all orders for the current surgery center, and makes eye dilution solution for cataracts surgery. I didn't hear anything about how pharmacy would be included into another surgery center. If pharmacy isn't checking on allergies and doses that would be another unnecessary risk to patients safety.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Tim Kincaid, Rph.

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery

Administrator

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Julie Gibbs and I am an employee at Blessing Physician Services, I have been with Blessing for 14 years. I am not only an employee but have used the current surgery center on numerous occasions, and have used both Blessing Physicians as well at Quincy Medical Group Physicians, always having a great experience. I see no reason to duplicate what we already have. Blessing and QMG already have a Surgery Center and Cancer Center that is a success. I am opposed to CON 18-042 for several reasons.

I like the fact that I know where I am going, and I do not have two different locations to worry about getting too. I like the fact that we are a TEAM right now and feel like we work very well together to accommodate all of Quincy and surrounding areas, and have been for ten years now. I am very concerned that this would definitely take revenue away from projects that Blessing uses the funds for called (Safety net services) for such as behavioral health, they help the uninsured, Medicaid, and other populations that need financial help. Blessing is the only one in the region offering these services. Insurance does not offer enough financial help for these services and they are strongly needed in our area. Opening a second surgery center in this area would result in loss to these programs and would hurt many people who need this help. Also as a non-profit organization, we provide financial support to Blessing-Rieman College of nursing and SIU Family medicine Residency Programs; we also have Charity Care, which is a charitable program for those in need of healthcare, even if they cannot pay.

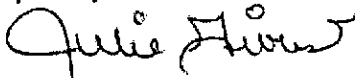
Unity Point, Quincy Medical Group's Des Moines, Iowa partner would be a forty percent partner and take revenue out of the area.

Opening a second surgery center would cost people their jobs approximately four hundred people would lose their jobs.

What I feel is in the best interest of the community to continue to work as a TEAM for the best healthcare for all of our patients. It has been working wonderfully for ten years. We at Blessing would like to continue working together as a TEAM not to have to work against each other that is not in the patient's best interest.

I very respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny Con 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Julie Gibbs

January 29, 2019

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

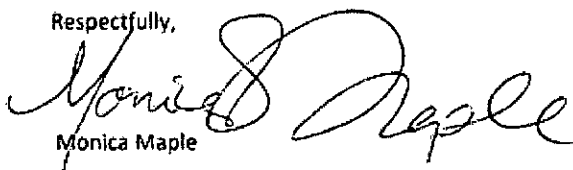
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in regards to the above-mentioned CON. I am strongly against this and am writing to express my concerns. I not only will feel the impact as a member of this community but also as an employee of Blessing Health System.

Some of the reasons that I am concerned and opposing this CON are due to duplication of services, damage or even loss of community benefit programs and safety nets, job loss and the impact this would have on our collaborative efforts for this community. The duplication of services is a large concern because we are not utilizing our current surgery center at a volume that supports the addition of a second surgery center in our region. Blessing and QMG already offer an outpatient center, located on the QMG campus and this has been a successful arrangement for over 10 years. This duplication of services is not needed and will negatively affect our community and our health system as a whole. This will also decrease, or worse yet...eliminate, many of the Safety Net and Community Based programs we are able to support with the revenue from the current arrangement. Many of the programs funded by those dollars would be a huge loss to our community if we were unable to continue our support of those programs. One example is mental health services. Patients would have to travel for care to larger cities making it inconvenient and a huge loss. We serve many vulnerable populations with these funds and I cannot imagine stepping backwards and having those services unfunded and what a huge impact this would have on our community. It states in the CON that QMG is 40 % owned by UnityPoint out of Des Moines Iowa. Therefore, a portion of the profits from this proposed center would be removed from our community and sent to Iowa. We also need to address the loss of jobs this will result in. Due to items previously stated (duplication and loss of funding for programs), there will be need to be cuts. If we can no longer fund services that are not profitable, we will be forced to eliminate those programs. Blessing will be impacted by the loss of up to 400 jobs, 12 percent of the employee body. This will also have a trickle down affect on our community when unemployment rates increase as a result of this center. Lastly, I would like to state that our community deserves the cooperation of Blessing and QMG. Because of my roll at Blessing, I am aware that we are always looking for ways to collaborate. We have been successful with our arrangement for the current surgery center as well as other services such as the cancer center. It is vital that both organizations continue to work together for the betterment of our community.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. The negative impacts to the community I call home are far too great. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Monica Maple

January 25, 2019

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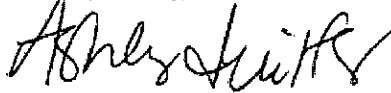
Dear Ms. Avery:

As an employee of Blessing Hospital, I strenuously OPPOSE Quincy Medical Group's Surgery Center proposal for the following reasons:

- It is a duplication of services
- It will be damaging to the community benefit programs and services currently offered by Blessing Health System
- It will result in significant job loss at Blessing Health System, the area's largest employer
- The community deserves cooperation between Blessing Health System and Quincy Medical Group

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 by Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Ashley Juilfs

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Melinda Kerns-Juarez I am an employee of Blessing Health System of almost two years. I strenuously OPPOSE Quincy Medical Group's Surgery Center proposal.

I oppose the proposal due to its being a duplication of services; it will take away contributions to the community that is funded by the Blessing Health System. The new Center would result in a significant amount of loss in jobs for the city and surrounding areas. The community, in general, deserves cooperation and patient care between Blessing Health System and Quincy Medical Group.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 by Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Melinda Kerns-Juarez

Melinda Kerns-Juarez

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Emilee Pryor and I am a Blessing Hospital Pharmacy Technician. I oppose the CON 18-042, QMG surgery center in Quincy, IL.

Adding another surgery center is duplication of resources because Blessing Hospital already works with QMG at the current surgery center at 11th and Hampshire Street in Quincy, IL. Blessing and QMG have worked together over 10 years to provide excellent service at the current surgery center. The current surgery center is not operating at full capacity so adding another surgery center does not make sense. The money generated from the current surgery center helps the community significantly. Taking the revenue generated from a non-for-profit organization and giving it to a for-profit organization will result in less community support, which will harm the community. The money will leave the community and will especially harm behavioral health care and trauma care. Hundreds of jobs will be lost at Blessing Hospital by adding another surgery center. This will lead to additional unnecessary healthcare expenses.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Emilee Pryor



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RE: OPPOSITION TO CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery,

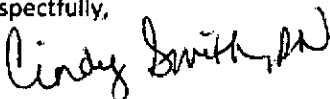
My name is Cindy Smith and I am a 31 year seasoned nurse. I currently work as a Registered Nurse for Blessing Physician Services for a well established Colorectal Surgeon who currently uses the Surgery Center of Quincy. I also work per diem at the Surgery Center of Quincy in the PACU on Fridays. I am also a former eleven year employee of the Quincy Medical Group.

I can confidently say that as an office nurse who currently schedules, and from my past experience at QMG as an office nurse that scheduled, I have always scheduled add on cases at the Surgery Center of Quincy with relative ease as all the current OR rooms were not in use. This has been my past experience, and as of today, is still the current situation. In my role when I work in the Surgery Center of Quincy in PACU, it has been that we are only utilizing half of the operating rooms. At the time of my employment at QMG when the Surgery Center was built, they also left available space to expand if needed in the future. That space is still an empty shell. The Surgery Center staff currently use it for overflow of equipment.

To say that there is not enough surgery time or OR rooms available is simply not the case. As I have mentioned, there are rooms not being utilized, and there is empty space for potential additional surgery center space to be made available if and when it was necessary. I do want to add that even though the medical staff working in the surgery center are employed by Blessing Healthcare, the Surgery Center is managed by Quincy Medical Group administration.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities & Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Cindy Smith, RN

B *BLESSING* *Physician Services*

A member of the Blessing Health System

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Andrew Dunn. I am a Family Medicine Physician at Blessing Physician Services. I strongly oppose this CON Project.

I oppose this project for numerous reasons.

—This outpatient surgery center would be a duplication of services. The current surgery center in town is owned by Blessing Hospital but all day to day operations and management is run by Quincy Medical Group. Current surgery and procedures total just over 50% utilization. There is still tremendous room for growth in current utilization of the surgery center. Quincy Medical Groups reasoning for inability to increase surgeries, namely anesthesia time, is inaccurate. Quincy Medical Group has never asked to expand surgery hours prior to this CON.

—Loss of Safety Net Services. With the potential loss of revenue that Blessing Hospital currently produces from this surgery center, services such as inpatient mental health, trauma surgery could be impacted. Blessing Hospital is the only Hospital with inpatient mental health treatment for within 100 miles.

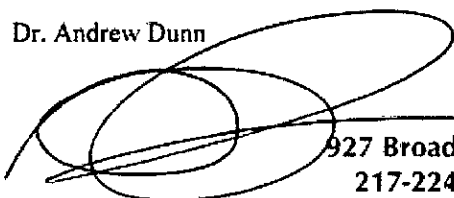
—Quincy Medical Group building this outpatient surgery center is financially irresponsible. Current review of finances as provided in the CON application shows them to have about 2 million dollars in cash reserves. 1 million of that would be out toward construction of the surgery center with the rest being debt. Addition of this debt to their debt already on hand seems irresponsible. Especially with knowing they have failed once in owning their own surgery center.

I would also like to bring it to this boards attention that Quincy Medical Group is also seemingly trying to build an outpatient cancer treatment center at this location as well and they have expressed this thought in multiple news reports with the most recent being the day of the CON public hearing meeting (News articles included). Included in this cancer center would be radiation oncology treatment. Building this would require a linear accelerator and the cost for this medical equipment alone would be at least 7 million dollars. These service, let alone cost of it is nowhere mentioned in this CON application. This is a clear violation of the CON law and is an insight into how Quincy Medical Group as an organization is ran.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application for the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Dr. Andrew Dunn



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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042 QMG Surgery Center, Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Nancy Campbell and I am employed as Bursar at Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences (BRCN). I write to you in strong opposition to proposed QMG project CON 18-042. Not downplaying the enormous effects of the duplication of services and other resulting consequences, I am focused on what I know, the damage it will bring to our College and our students. The estimated revenue loss to Blessing Hospital of \$25-41 million dollars would be devastating to our education programs and to the future nurses, as well as health care professionals in our area, for decades to come.

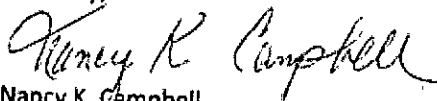
In my role at BRCN we grant financial aid and manage the accounts of our Nursing, Respiratory Care, HIM, Radiologic Technology and Medical Laboratory Technology students. In my 14 years at BRCN I have seen ever-increasing costs of education, but what hasn't changed is Blessing Hospital's long-standing commitment to high quality education. Blessing Hospital provides a tremendous amount of support to the College which includes substantial scholarship and grant funding, student loan forgiveness programs, student worker grants, paid student internships, as well as funding for faculty research, education and development. Their capital investments in our College, which has included providing us with a state-of-the-art Simulation Center, are irreplaceable.

These resources are crucial to maintaining our high standards of education. We would have a very different institution with much lower enrollment and retention without this commitment. The majority of our graduates remain in our area providing excellent care throughout our community as well-educated, caring professionals. They are succeeding in many roles, often moving to leadership positions and pursuing further education.

My strong hope is that Blessing Hospital and Quincy Medical Group can continue the partnership we have had for many years, and that we can put aside our differences and do what is best for our patients, students, families, employees, and community. I respectfully ask you to recommend that we do the same and to deny the application for the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nancy K. Campbell

Bursar-Student Accounts Representative
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences
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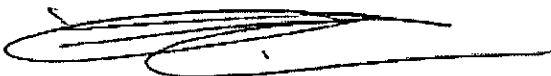
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Jessie Colvin and I am a Blessing Hospital Pharmacy Technician. I have worked at Blessing Hospital for 1 year. I oppose the CON 18-042, QMG surgery center in Quincy, IL.

Adding another surgery center is duplication of resources because Blessing Hospital already works with QMG at the current surgery center at 11th and Hampshire Street in Quincy, IL. Blessing and QMG have worked together over 10 years to provide excellent service at the current surgery center. The current surgery center is not operating at full capacity so adding another surgery center does not make sense. The money generated from the current surgery center helps the community significantly. Taking the revenue generated from a non-for-profit organization and giving it to a for-profit organization will result in less community support, which will harm the community. The money will leave the community and will especially harm behavioral health care and trauma care. Hundreds of jobs will be lost at Blessing Hospital by adding another surgery center. This will lead to additional unnecessary healthcare expenses.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Jessie Colvin



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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Timothy Beth and I am a family medicine physician employed by Blessing Physician Services, a multispecialty group located in Quincy Illinois. I have been in this community for the last 24 years. I am also on the Board of Trustees for Blessing Physician Services. I am writing you today to express my opposition to the above referenced project.

There are several concerns I have regarding the CON:

- 1) Duplication of services. There are 2 locations currently available in Quincy to provide surgical care. These include Blessing Hospital and an ASTC operated jointly by Blessing Hospital and Quincy Medical Group (QMG). This facility is located on the campus of QMG and managed by staff of Quincy Medical group. On page 57 and 58 of the CON, QMG states that the existing ASTC drastically limits available surgical hours due to anesthesia hours. This is not accurate. In fact testimony at the public hearing showed that capacity of this center is only around 52%. Also QMG never approached either Blessing Hospital or the anesthesia group regarding their concerns or to request extended hours.
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Blessing Health system has worked cooperatively with Quincy Medical Group for years and I believe it will continue to do so regardless of the decisions made on this CON. I am however very concerned about the ramifications it will have on this community if this CON is granted. Therefore I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy J. Beth', written over a horizontal line.

Timothy J. Beth D.O.

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Steven Ginos and I am a family medicine physician employed by Blessing Physician Services, a multispecialty group located in Quincy Illinois. I have been in this community for the last 32 years. I am writing you today to express my opposition to the above referenced project.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Steven R. Ginos MD, CPE

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Administrator

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Re: Opposition To CON 18-042, Quincy Med Group
Surg Center, Quincy
IL

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Barb Lewis and I am a 38 year employee (24½ at Quincy Med Group and 13½ at Blessing Hospital) in health care. My husband, Paul and I object to QMG's request to open a second surg center.

My husband + I are patients at both entities. We have had several procedures at the current location which is managed by QMG, owned by the hospital. We have always been given appointments that fit our schedule in a timely fashion. We do not see the need for a second surgery center in a town where businesses are closing weekly and population is declining. Simply no need for duplication of services.

Our hope is that QMG bring their thoughts to the table with Blessing to make a great surgery center even better!

Sincerely,
Barb + Paul Lewis
4209 Catamaran Ct
Quincy, IL

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

Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

I have practiced family medicine in Quincy for 40 years. I oppose CON 18-042 on the grounds of unnecessary duplication of services and a threat to the provision of necessary services by Blessing Hospital that will certainly be damaged by the proposed venture. This was well articulated at the fair hearing in Quincy on 24 January 2019.

There is a back story that must be considered: in aligning with Unity Point, the Quincy Medical Group appears to have gained a large amount of cash in exchange for promising to deliver Blessing Health System to the control of Unity Point, a promise which could not be kept. They now appear to be attempting to cripple BCS such that it will be forced to sell its control over to Unity Point. This is not in the best interests of the community. It is incumbent upon the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to recognize such nefarious schemes if they exist and to protect the populace from the anticipated harm.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 (for the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center). Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours



David W. Lockhart, M.D., C.P.E.
Diplomate, ABFM/CAQHMP/CAQG
Medical Director, Blessing Hospice

January 25, 2019

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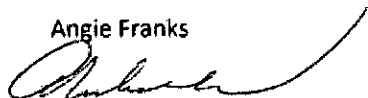
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- The community deserves cooperation between Blessing Health System and Quincy Medical Group

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 by Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Angie Franks



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January 27, 2019

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Tanya Beth. I live in Quincy, IL and am a volunteer at Blessing Hospital. Specifically, I volunteer at the Quincy Hospitality House which provides affordable, temporary lodging for patients and their loved ones accessing healthcare in Quincy. I am opposed to the request from the Quincy Medical Group (QMG) for a new surgery center.

My reasons for my opposition are as follows:

1. A second surgery center in Quincy, IL is not needed. My understanding is that the current surgery center only operates at around 50% capacity. By working together with Blessing Hospital and the anesthesia group, QMG can utilize the current surgery center to its fullest capacity. Since QMG manages the surgery center, why was this not tried. QMG reached out to neither Blessing Hospital or the anesthesia group.
2. By allowing a new surgery center to be built, a total of 400 jobs may be lost. These are trained healthcare professionals. At a time when we are desperate for more nurses and techs nationwide, why would we put any out of work. It makes no sense.
3. We deserve cooperation as a community. What is best for our community is for both entities to work together. I do not believe this has happened. QMG has not tried to work with Blessing Hospital. Giving an ultimatum does not equate to working together. Both groups will need to negotiate.
4. Quincy Medical Group has failed in the past. I realize past failure does not guarantee future failure. However, QMG's financial standing and the heavy debt they will take on to complete this project is concerning. I'm not sure they are financially ready to make this viable. Also, their growth numbers seem high. Have they perhaps inflated their numbers to make a new surgery center seem warranted? Our community is not growing.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tanya Beth

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery

Administrator

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Becky Albert and I am the Quincy Hospitality House Coordinator, in Quincy, Illinois. The Quincy Hospitality House provides lodging for anyone seeking medical care in Quincy, IL. We serve the patients and their families from all the doctors and medical facilities in our area.

I oppose the proposed CON 18-042.

The financial statements made by Quincy Medical Group at the public hearing do not show concern for our community. In my opinion, it looks as if Unity Point is trying to set up the Quincy Medical Group to fail financially. If there was a concern for the community, Quincy Medical Group would be building a new building and then own the build, instead of a multi-million dollar lease with its revenue leaving this community. Ownership of a building is more beneficial for the community long term. In addition, the CON is presenting "facts" that are contrary to the productivity by the current Surgery Center of Quincy. The facts are that the current location is not being used to its full capacity. Moving it and separating from Blessing Health System, will not encourage growth. The surgeons who work at the Surgery Center of Quincy are putting their practices at risk and that is not good for our community. If QMG and Blessing could work together, they would be stronger together. In the end, the most severe detriment to our community would be causing the doctors to leave the area because of a failed venture. There is no other way to say it; this would be very bad for our community that already has a financially stable, community based Health System. This venture is an unnecessary duplication of services.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042 the Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Becky Albert

1/16/19

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities + Services Review Board
525 Jefferson, 2nd Floor
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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery
Center, Quincy, IL

Dear Mrs. Avery

Not only am I a community member of Quincy, a
consumer of healthcare, a taxpayer, but work in the health
care field in Quincy, IL. Quincy, IL has a population of
approximately 40,000. Quincy currently has sufficient facilities
and options for healthcare so I do not believe we need
to add additional, duplicate services. I am not in favor
of another surgery center to be located in what is currently
vacant section of what was a retail mall. I would rather
see the retail section of the mall converted into a retail center.

It is my belief that there is sufficient resources and availability
for surgical options as they exist currently within Quincy or
the surrounding area. I don't believe this would be an addi-
tional cost and may impact other areas. I believe there will be a surplus of services,
which but rather additional costs and may impact other areas.
costs and availability to provide quality care for the
personnel and in ability to provide quality care for the
benefit of the community. This community does not need this as we
are not overutilizing the current options that already exist.

I appreciate your time and consideration again, on behalf
of myself and my family, as well as others in this community, I
oppose this CON and request that the CON be declined.
Respectfully,
Courtney Avery, Resident of Quincy

January 29, 2019

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Re.: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, IL

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Grelinda E. Amante and I work as a Nurse Anesthetist at Quincy Anesthesia Associates. We provide anesthesia services to Blessing Hospital's various facilities. I would like to add my voice to Opposing CON 18-042, QMG's proposal to create another Surgery Center in Quincy Illinois.

My opposition is based on the following grounds:

1. The proposed surgery center is a duplication of services as QMG and Blessing already has a surgery center that QMG runs and Blessing owns.
2. The existing surgery center already has the tried and tested professional working relationships and systems that provide good service to the community and I am a witness to that.
3. As to the issue of facility fees which seems to be the sticking point between Blessing and QMG, I have confidence that both managements can get together to work out a deal that is satisfactory to both entities instead of this proposal that is filled with so many unknowns.

Sincerely,



Grelinda E. Amante, BSN, CRNA

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January 25, 2019

Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center In Quincy, Illinois

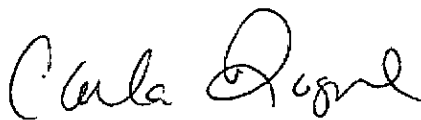
Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Carla Dugal. My family and I have lived in the beautiful town of Quincy for the past 28 years. I strongly oppose the above referenced CON project.

I oppose this CON project because profit from the new Surgery Center would not go back into our community, and 40% of the profit would not even stay in Illinois. Instead, the Quincy Medical Group (QMG) and its partner, Unity Point based in Iowa, would gain the profits. Currently, Blessing uses revenue from the current surgery center and puts that money back into our community to provide services such as financial assistance to those who are uninsured or under-insured. What an awful shame to take this potential money away from the needy in our community and give it to an organization to increase their wealth! I also oppose this CON project as it would result in jobs lost in our community.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carla Dugal

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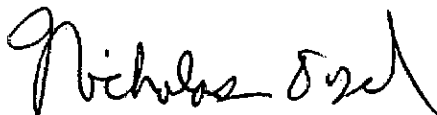
Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Nicholas Dugal. I have been raised in the town of Quincy, IL ever since I was a small child. I love this community and only want to see what is best for the community in the short and long term. I strongly oppose the above referenced CON project.

I oppose this CON project as I feel that it has the potential to hurt both healthcare organizations in my community. With the current demand for the surgery services in Quincy and the duplication of the same services I am afraid that it has the potential to ultimately end the offering of the service in my community. Sometimes when 2 places offer the same thing, neither one survives when if there was only 1 they could make it. I am, also, concerned with money moving outside of my community. While Quincy Medical Group (who's partial owner is the Iowa Health System) says no monies would be going to Iowa, as a part owner of a for profit organization there is no way to prevent that from happening. Lastly, Blessing Health System has given back to this community on a much greater scale than Quincy Medical Group. Blessing Healthy System gave over \$7,000,000 back to the community, while Quincy Medical Group gave less than \$45,000. This means Quincy Medical Group gave less than 1% of what Blessing did, this shows to me who is more concerned with helping my community and who is looking to make a profit for their investors.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Dugal

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Latisha Politte, I have been a Registered Nurse in the Quincy, IL community for the past 16 years. I have occupied both direct patient care and administrative roles during this time. I am writing you as a healthcare provider to express my opposition to the aforementioned Quincy Medical Group certificate of need request.

I am advocating for the many patients that do not have the knowledge or understanding to grasp how politics, specifically competitive politics, in smaller communities can negatively impact their healthcare options. I am strongly opposed to the Quincy Medical Group surgical center due to the expected competition that it will most certainly bring. This agenda would further distant any hopes of collaboration and unity with the community's 2 largest healthcare providers.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042, Thank you kindly for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



Latisha Politte

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Re: Opposition to CON 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Lucas Friye and I work at Hilbing Auto Body in Quincy, Illinois. My connection to this project is that I live in Quincy, Illinois and my wife works for Blessing Hospital. I oppose Con 18-042, Quincy Medical Group Surgery Center in Quincy, Illinois.

I have lived in Quincy, Illinois my entire life. I believe that having two surgery centers in Quincy will not be beneficial to Quincy. Implementing a second surgery center for Quincy will be the cost of jobs, money that stays within our community, and possible loss of the Behavioral Center at Blessing hospital. The surgery department of Blessing helps to supplement money that goes into the Blessing Behavioral center so that Quincy can have a center. Mental illness is something that is only been on the rise and it will affect our area if this is lost. Individuals will have to travel hundreds of miles in order to be treated. Blessing hospital is a not-for-profit organization that donates millions of dollars into our community. Quincy Medical Group is a for-profit organization that is affiliated with Unity point and if the surgery center goes through a portion of their money will funnel outside of Quincy instead of staying in our community. It is not economically sound to have more than one surgery center in Quincy Illinois with our population.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CON application 18-042. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely



Lucas Friye