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HEALTH FACILITIES & BERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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

Re: Letter of Support for MIRA Neuro Behavioral Health Care, Tinley Park, Illinois

Dear Ms. Avery,

Community Services Foundation (CSF) in partnership with CTF ILLINOIS (CTF), have occupied the building at 6775 Prosperi in Tinley Park, Illinois since its inception in 2001. This building is currently occupied by over 180 individuals with intellectual disabilities. The building was built for CTF at a time when Illinois supported the "big box" community-day programs. Over the past few years, CTF and other community-based providers have been encouraged by the State provide these supports in smaller settings located within the community.

Given that directive, over the past two years CSF and CTF have made a concerted effort to sell their larger facilities and find new locations that are smaller in size and positioned close to community centers.

The sale of Prosperi is one such transaction. Moving out of the Prosperi building allows CTF to relocate into smaller facilities. It changes our day supports from one building that is host to 180 individuals, to four buildings capped at 70 individuals each. These new settings are ADA friendlier and have better access to the community at large, including easier access to public transportation.

This transaction, the sale of our Prosperi building, to MIRA Neuro Behavioral Health Care is truly a WIN: WIN for all parties. The south suburbs will receive the needed support for children and teenagers in need of mental health supports, and 180 individuals with intellectual disabilities will be supported in environments that are more conducive to their physical and intellectual needs.

Sincerely,

Mary Pat Ambrosino, CEO

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