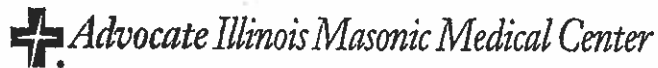


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June 10, 2019

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery:

As the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, I ask that you join me in supporting Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center's Certificate of Need application to construct a new building addressing the future needs of Behavioral Health.

Advocate Illinois Masonic Behavioral Health Services is a Community Mental Health Center that is certified by the Illinois Division of Mental Health, licensed by the Division of Mental Health, the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse and accredited by both the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and Det Norske Veritas (DNV). As a Community Mental Health Center, the department is able to provide services to some of the most vulnerable and at-risk populations, encompassing children, adolescents and adults of all socio-economic levels and ethnic and racial backgrounds. The department has provided a full continuum of outpatient and crisis services at the hospital since 1973. Behavioral Health Services provides treatment to over 13,000 patients per year, resulting in 59,374 distinct services events. The clinic serves individuals and families of all diagnoses and levels of acuity. It is noteworthy that the need for outpatient services is forecast to increase by 16 % by 2023. Additionally, the outpatient department serves as a respected training program for psychology graduate students and psychiatry residents, providing supervised experience to approximately 65 students per year.

A new outpatient facility will provide an inspiring and calming new space in which patients will have access to the highest standards of behavioral health treatment. It will also allow the outpatient department to develop and grow to meet the increasing demands of the future.

On behalf of Illinois Masonic's physicians and the patients and families entrusted to our care, I respectfully request that the Planning Board approve the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center CON application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jada Johnson, MD", written over a circular stamp.

Jada Johnson, MD  
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