

# *Provident Women's Auxiliary*

## Provident Hospital of Cook County

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September 9, 2019

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

Re: Provident Hospital of Cook County  
Certificate of Need Application

Dear Ms. Avery:

I submit this letter in support of Cook County Health's (CCH) Certificate of Need application to construct a modernized replacement of Provident Hospital facility.

As a partner to Provident Hospital in the Washington Park community, we recognize the need to bring a new modern facility to fill the medical needs of the residents in the Southside of Chicago. Provident Hospital has served as a community and health anchor institution in the African American community by providing access to people in need. From its yearly "4 Men Only" Health Fair in April, to managing the first aid stations along the Bud Biliken Parade route, Provident Hospital's staff are committed to changing and improving people's lives.

As a fund-raising support organization based in the Southside of Chicago, we have collaborated with Provident and can attest to the benefits that a new building will bring to the community. We understand that existing Provident Hospital is dated and requires significant financial investment to modernize. Building a replacement Provident Hospital facility, with expanded inpatient and outpatient services, will allow Cook County Health to better invest limited financial resources, while continuing to provide patients with comprehensive, high quality healthcare access in close proximity to where they reside. It will also further eliminate the need for many existing Cook County Health patients to travel to John Stroger Hospital for more complex care.

On behalf of Provident Women's Auxiliary, I am encouraged by the great future that this new facility, when approved and built, will bring to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nailah S. Muttalib  
President, Provident Women's Auxiliary

  
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