



Senior Village



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Our Mission: We aim to promote self-sufficiency through an innovative and comprehensive network of supportive housing, employment, and educational services.

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August 19, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. 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 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 South Side of Chicago. As an anchor institution in the African American community, Provident Hospital keeps being a good neighbor and providing access to people in need. From their yearly "4 Men Only" Health Fair in April to managing the first aid stations along the Bud Billiken Parade route, Provident Hospital's staff are committed to changing and improving people's lives.

As a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing and comprehensive supportive services to the formerly homeless and to low-income seniors based in the South Side of Chicago, we have collaborated with Provident for over a decade and can attest to the benefits that a new building will bring to the area. Provident was a vital partner in the planning of our Senior Village housing development and after we opened they provided statistical data about the health outcomes of our residents. They have also provided support for our agency in a variety of other ways, including attending our annual gala and setting up a booth at our employment fair.

We understand that existing Provident Hospital building 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 and increasing access to care



close to where they live. It will also eliminate the need for many existing Cook County Health patients to travel to Stroger Hospital for more complex care.

I am encouraged by the great future that this new facility, when approved and built, will bring to my/our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia Abrams
Executive Director