



# SINNISSIPPI CENTERS

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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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To whom it may concern,

As the primary provider of outpatient behavioral healthcare in northwest Illinois, Sinnissippi Centers' mission is to provide quality, coordinated, and responsive behavioral healthcare services to individuals, families, and the communities we serve.

It is with this mission in mind, that I am providing this letter in support of CGH Medical Center's application for an inpatient behavioral health unit. As an organization dedicated to serving the needs of the community, CGH has identified a noticeable disparity in the availability of access to inpatient behavioral health services. Sinnissippi shares this concern and believes the addition of a behavioral health unit at CGH will close that gap.

Sinnissippi currently provides Crisis Intervention services and inpatient placement for CGH. Our team is challenged daily with finding inpatient bed placement for patients presenting to CGH for behavioral health services. We know firsthand the number of patients who are referred away from our community. In many cases, these patients are placed one to two hours away. This impacts continuity of care and our ability to effectively follow up with outpatient care. This can result in bounce back of individuals into the emergency department with acute behavioral health needs.

As an independent organization serving both CGH Medical Center and KSB Hospital, we do not believe the addition of behavioral health beds to this area will duplicate services provided at KSB Hospital. The addition of beds will serve to augment further access.

Sinnissippi respectfully requests the Board to approve this application so we can effectively and successfully provide behavioral health services to our community on a local level.

Respectfully,

Patrick Phelan  
President, Chief Executive Officer