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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
Attn: Mr. Michael Constantino

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**Re: CGH Medical Center, Sterling (Proj. No. 19-049)**

Dear Mr. Constantino:

This office represents CGH Medical Center and City of Sterling (collectively, the "Applicants"). In that capacity, we are submitting letters of support for CGH Medical Center, Sterling (Proj. No. 19-049) from the following:

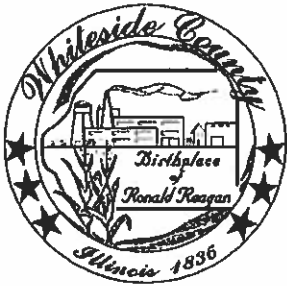
- James Duffy, Chair, Whiteside County Board
- Everett Pannier, Mayor, City of Morrison

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding the letters of support.

Sincerely,

Lynette Kelecich

Attachments



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**JAMES C. DUFFY, CHAIR**

November 15, 2019

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Certificate of Need Application for CGH Medical Center

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of CGH Medical Center's Certificate of Need to open a behavioral health unit.

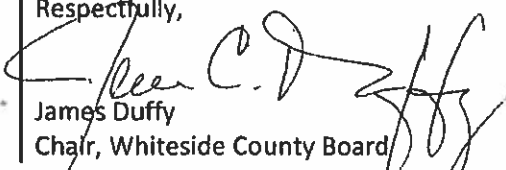
As Chair of the Whiteside County Board, I am committed to the ensuring the health and social services of the residents in Whiteside county are met, especially in the area of mental health. We work closely with the health department, law enforcement, and emergency medical services (EMS) in budget planning and resource allocation to meet the needs of our County.

In Whiteside County, the estimated percent of adults with any mental illness is 18.6% for ages 18 and older and suicide is a leading cause of death for ages 15-44. Further, of the individuals who report mental illness, 71% do not seek care.

Each day, law enforcement and EMS team work with residents struggling with mental health disorders. Many are known to our community and simply lack access, transportation, or the means to maintain stability. Because CGH lacks a dedicated behavioral health unit, these residents are subsequently transferred out. The CGH Medical Center EMS, which is funded by Whiteside County, provides these transfer services around 43% of the time. Transports into Chicago for inpatient behavioral health services take approximately 5 hours to complete and costs taxpayers \$359,142 per year.

Please help our community and approve the application to open a behavioral health unit at CGH Medical Center. Providing these services within our community would improve the lives of the residents and more effectively utilize our services.

Respectfully,

  
James Duffy  
Chair, Whiteside County Board