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VIA US MAIL

Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, Project #19-059 - Letter of Support -Dr. Tracy Poolevoerde, Chancellor, Trinity College of Nursing & Health

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Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, Project #19-059 from Dr. Tracy Poolevoerde, Chancellor, Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the project, please feel free to contact me via phone at 312-212-4967 or via email at JMorado@beneschlaw.com. You can also contact my colleague Mark J. Silberman, via phone at 312-212-4952 or via email at MSilberman@beneschlaw.com with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer



10 March 2020

Courtney Avery
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Re: The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's Proposal to Establish a 40-bed Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Hospital in Rock Island County, HSA10

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing today in my capacity as Chancellor, Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, to express my support for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's certificate of need request to build a new, free-standing Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Hospital in Rock Island County. With a presence in the Quad Cities for 122 years, Trinity College has become the community leader in developing experienced and knowledgeable health professionals for our community and beyond. Through our affiliation with Trinity Regional Health System, our students learn using some of the most technologically advanced equipment in the medical field, in both simulated and clinical settings.

The health sciences programs at Trinity College, particularly our nursing and radiography programs, have a long standing reputation for graduating quality students who are highly educated and prepared to professionally perform in their respective fields. By providing students learning experiences in the live clinical setting, inclusive of inpatient rehabilitation, students are exposed to a diverse medical population which enriches their educational knowledge and clinical practice. The proposed partnership between Encompass Health and UnityPoint-Trinity to build a state-of-the-art free-standing rehabilitation hospital will further enhance our students' exposure and learning experience in this innovative interdisciplinary and advanced rehab specialty setting for patients needing this level of care.

For these reasons and many more, I hope you will seriously consider the granting of a Certificate of Need to The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC for a comprehensive physical rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County, IL. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tracy L. Poelvoorde, PhD, RN

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