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Dear Board Chair

I'm Harlan Johnson, MS, LMFT, LCPC. I'm a mental health practitioner in private practice. I sat in on the Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Board meetings for several years, and I am pleased that finally Winnebago County has a taxpayer-funded Mental Health Board.

Please conduct public hearings regarding the request to close the Mercy Health System [Javon Bea] inpatient mental health unit on North Rockton Avenue in Rockford. I am concerned about the well-being of Rockford's residents, particularly those living in this part of Rockford, near the hospital. Their needs are real, and they have been underserved in many ways.

Please let me know when and where the hearing will be conducted so I can attend and address the Board regarding the need to maintain the unit, particularly during this time of health and mental health crises.

If you have any questions, please call me at 815-494-5666.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harlan Johnson".

Harlan Johnson, MS, LMFT, LCPC