

April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
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Date: 4/5/2022

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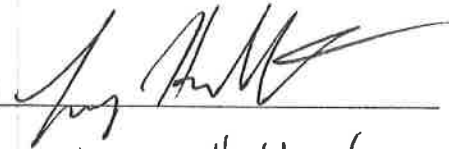
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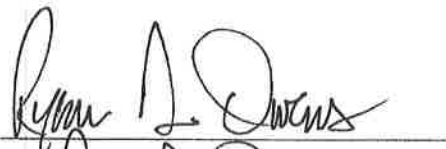
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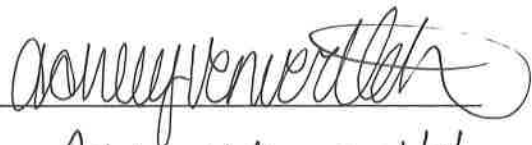
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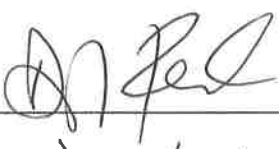
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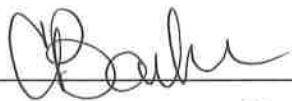
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Printed name: Melissa K. Barry

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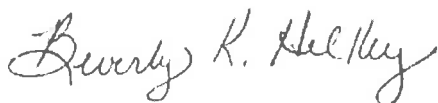
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A Birth Center in Quincy, IL will be an asset to birthing people in our region, and advance the progressive innovation as in the State of Illinois, HEALTH FACILITIES AND REGULATION (210 ILCS 170/) Birth Center Licensing Act.

**Please VOTE YES to approve the QMG Hospital, Project #21-029.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly K. Helkey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Beverly K. Helkey

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Printed name: Rachel Bock

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Re: Quincy Medical Group Birth Center, Project #21-029

Date: 3-30-22

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Signature: 

Printed name: Ivannia Dethrow

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Talyr Barry



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Printed name: ERIN Reece

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Sincerely,

Signature: 

Printed name: Niki Willis

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525 W. Jefferson, 2nd floor

Springfield, IL 62761

April 3, 2022

RE: Quincy Medical Group Birth Center, Project #21-029

Dear Ms. Simmons,

On behalf of the Health & Medicine Policy Research Group's Birth Center Task Force, we are writing in strong support of the Quincy Medical Group Birth Center application.

We have been advocating for the establishment of additional birth centers in Illinois for over 30 years, including advocating for new birth center licensing legislation, establishment of reasonable safety-based administrative rules, and the expansion of providers throughout the state.

With the well-studied and established benefits of birth centers (positive health outcomes, lower overall costs, high patient satisfaction) for pregnant clients, their families, and the state, the opening of a birth center in the Quincy area would certainly address a need that exists.

While the opportunity to establish birth centers in Illinois has existed for over 15 years, it has only been recently that providers, purchasers, and payers have recognized the significant value that it adds to the continuum of maternity care options available.

Please VOTE YES to approve the Quincy Medical Group Birth Center application, Project #21-029, because this would not only enable patients in QMG's service area to take advantage of this cost-effective option, but it would reduce overall Medicaid and insurance costs as well.

We'd be happy to provide further background research and information about any of the above if needed.

Sincerely,

Lon Berkeley, MS & Gayle Riedmann, CNM (Co-chairs, Birth Center Task Force)



July 20, 2021

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

RE: Support for Quincy Medical Group Birth Center

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

I would like to express my support for the development of a Freestanding Birth Center by Quincy Medical Group in Quincy, Illinois.

The center will offer a new service to which Adams County nor the surrounding counties have previously have had access. It will allow families to have a safe out-of-hospital birth experience. These services will complement existing services already offered at Quincy Medical Group.

The birth center will be another asset to Illinois, as it is a great alternative. Statistics for birth centers in Illinois and nation-wide show lower rates of induction, pre-term deliveries and C-Section rates.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura S Wiegand".

Laura S Wiegand  
COO  
Birth Partners, INC



1454 North County Road 2050  
P.O. Box 160 • Carthage, IL 62321  
(217) 357-8500 • MHTLC.ORG

July 12, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Memorial Hospital Association in Carthage, Illinois, I am writing this letter of support for a birth center being proposed by Quincy Medical Group to be located in Quincy, Illinois. This birth center will provide a home-like setting that will provide patients a choice on the type of birthing experience they would like with the comfort and safety that expecting families desire.

The current Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted even more the importance of community-based care settings like birth centers. Birth centers keep healthy folks out of the hospital and help to reduce transmission to vulnerable populations like pregnant clients. More than ever before, individuals are seeking out of hospital care and birth and there are just not enough safe options for them in our area.

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Sincerely,

Ada Bair  
Chief Executive Officer

AB/sf



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July 23, 2021

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Sincerely,

Lila Brooks Fritz  
Certified Nurse Midwife

LBF/sf



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Quincy Medical Group's application to open a Birth Center as part of their intent to expand services in our community. While I could speak at length about the need for improved access to healthcare and lower cost for women in our community, I will instead take this opportunity to impress on you the importance of this endeavor to improve the quality of life for both women and their families.

The Midwifery Care model takes a holistic approach putting the patient and their family at the center of every decision when it comes to bringing life into the world. Each patient is educated about their bodies and the changes that happen throughout and after pregnancy. They are encouraged to take control of their healthcare and become active leaders in the decision-making process. The birth process is the first time many women are faced with healthcare choices not only for themselves, but for their baby. With the Midwifery model of care, women are provided choices for how they choose to bring life into their world. They have a say in what elective screenings and tests are performed. They are encouraged to make decisions that are best for their bodies and themselves. They are prepared and knowledgeable about what is happening to their bodies. They are prepared to bring life into the world without fear.

For me, this Birth Center application is truly a labor of love and one that I am most passionate about. I have been in healthcare for 13 years. I worked initially in a physical therapy setting and had the privilege of working with women antenatal and postpartum. After having my first child in 2014, I became even more passionate about Women's Health. I was fortunate to have a foundation of knowledge regarding access to resources on how to improve my physical and mental wellbeing before, during, and after pregnancy. I was my own advocate because I understood my choices.

In May 2020, I graduated with my Bachelors of Nursing from Blessing Riemann. I entered nursing school in the accelerated program two years' prior with the intent that I would not stop with just a simple career change. My goal has always been to serve my community as a Certified Nurse Midwife and, today, I am one step closer. I started classes this summer toward that goal.

I would also like to add that the Obstetricians and Gynecologists that work for Quincy Medical Group provide the highest quality of care for their patients. These providers will be excellent partners in providing support and an extension of care for the birth center, when needed. This partnership will result in the continued improvement of women's healthcare for generations to come.

In closing, I am reminded daily that many women feel uncomfortable with their own bodies, unsure of normal, and unsure of themselves. Every day, I come to work with a smile and a goal to change someone's day. To learn something new. To empower. To advocate. This Birth Center will do many things for our community, but more importantly, it will do many things for mothers, daughters, families by giving them an active voice and additional birth choices. Please allow their voices to be heard.

Sincerely,



Amelia D. Hobbs, BSN-RN, ATC  
Future Midwife

April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Quincy Medical Group Birth Center, Project #21-029

Date: 4/4/22

Dear Ms. Simmons,

I am writing in support of the proposed plans for the Quincy Medical Group to develop and build a birthing center in Quincy. As a nurse and a health care executive, I believe that women deserve a choice of where they plan to deliver their babies.

The QMG has done an excellent job planning for a comfortable birthing environment where low risk laboring mothers will be able to safely give birth. The benefits of such an experience include decreased risk of cesarean sections, lower hospital expenses and better neonatal health outcomes.

Birthing centers have become an integrated part of the health care system respecting a woman's choice to partner with her healthcare provider to make an informed choice about the care of herself and her newborn.

I was disappointed to learn that Blessings Hospital rescinded the transfer agreement between the proposed QMG birthing center and the existing hospital. I do not feel that decision was made in the best interests of the safety of the women and newborns in the community.

**Please VOTE YES to approve the QMG Hospital, Project #21-029.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry J Swanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kerry" being more prominent.

Kerry J Swanson  
SVP Healthcare - ERDMAN

April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Re: Quincy Medical Group Birth Center, Project #21-029

Date: 4/4/22

Dear Ms. Simmons,

I am writing in support of Quincy Medical Group Birth Center because I strongly believe that the women in this community deserve and need healthcare that allows them to empower themselves to have the birthing experience of their choice.

Data shows that birth centers are as safe as hospitals for low risk pregnancies. They result in lower rates of C-Sections, are less expensive, have higher patient satisfaction, result in quicker healing after birth, and allow women to share their birth experience with their families in a comfortable setting. In the past year, I've had an opportunity to visit a birth center myself. I've also met with and gotten to know several certified nurse midwives in the Midwest. Every individual I met with was passionate about what they do, and the impact they have on their patients and the community as a whole. There is a unique connection between certified nurse midwives and their patients. This kind of care is a calling, not merely a job.

In this diverse world, not all women want to make the same health choices. The QMG Birth Center will provide choice in this community. Please vote yes for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Selena Stegeman".

Selena Stegeman  
Director Business Intelligence, QMG

TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-244

DATE: 3-24-22 (must be submitted by April 6, 2022)

Dear Ms. Simmons,

I am writing in support of the Quincy Medical Group (QMG) Hospital because, (check all that apply) as a member of this community, I believe the QMG Hospital will:

- ☒ establish Quincy and the surrounding area as a regional medical hub focused on innovation and affordable care
- ☒ allow me to be a part of an important and positive change for our community
- ☒ be welcoming and inclusive in order to address health disparities and health inequities
- ☒ save my family and me (and employers) healthcare costs
- ☒ create local jobs through construction of the hospital and permanent hospital positions
- ☒ contribute to the continued reinvigoration of the Quincy Mall campus and QMG's previous investments
- ☒ provide additional local educational opportunities for healthcare careers
- ☒ contribute to the economic development of our community
- ☒ increase our population census as the QMG Hospital attracts more workers and patients
- ☒ encourage additional recruitment of QMG physicians and their families to the area
- ☒ provide our community's children and grandchildren more reasons to stay in Quincy
- ☒ break up the monopoly of only one hospital and the chokehold that places on the community
- ☒ provide the community a choice in affordable hospital care led by QMG physicians
- ☒ Provide home birthing mothers a safer, yet still  
□ holistic option and support

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please VOTE YES to approve the QMG Hospital, Project #20-244.

Sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

J Copeland LPN  
Jalynn Copeland

TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-244

DATE: March 29, 2022 (must be submitted by April 6, 2022)

Dear Ms. Simmons,

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Additional Comments: I want more affordable, local options to have a baby or procedures where my physicians can and do practice.

Please VOTE YES to approve the QMG Hospital, Project #20-244.

Sincerely,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Brianna Anderson

TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-244

DATE: 3/24/22 (must be submitted by April 6, 2022)

Dear Ms. Simmons,

I am writing in support of the Quincy Medical Group (QMG) Hospital because, (check all that apply) as a member of this community, I believe the QMG Hospital will:

- ☒ establish Quincy and the surrounding area as a regional medical hub focused on innovation and affordable care
- ☒ allow me to be a part of an important and positive change for our community
- ☒ be welcoming and inclusive in order to address health disparities and health inequities
- ☒ save my family and me (and employers) healthcare costs
- ☒ create local jobs through construction of the hospital and permanent hospital positions
- ☒ contribute to the continued reinvigoration of the Quincy Town Center (formerly the Quincy Mall campus and QMG's previous investments
- ☒ provide additional local educational opportunities for healthcare careers
- ☒ contribute to the economic development of our community
- ☒ increase our population census as the QMG Hospital attracts more workers and patients
- ☒ encourage additional recruitment of QMG physicians and their families to the area
- ☒ provide our community's children and grandchildren more reasons to stay in Quincy
- ☒ break up the monopoly of only one hospital and the chokehold that places on the community
- ☒ provide the community a choice in affordable hospital care led by QMG physicians
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
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Additional Comments: As a young woman looking to start a family, I want to have different options of places to give birth & not be relegated to a single hospital. Also, we saw first-hand how Blessing is ill-equipped to handle a large scale pandemic on its own. More doctors will always be a good thing for this community!

Please VOTE YES to approve the QMG Hospital, Project #20-244.

Sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lacey Hubbert

TO: April Simmons, Legal Counsel  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-244

DATE: 3/31/22 (must be submitted by April 6, 2022)

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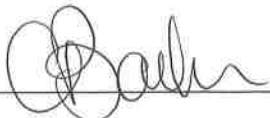
Additional Comments: If this was available at the time that I had my children, I would have loved being able to have the option of choice in deciding our birthing plan instead of being forced to go to the only birthing facility in the area!

Please VOTE YES to approve the QMG Hospital, Project #20-244.

Sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Crystal Barker