

Debra Savage, Chairperson  
Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Project 22-008: Montrose Behavioral Health Support Letter for Modernization of Hospital**

Dear Ms. Savage:

Trauma affects nearly every aspect of a person – physically and mentally. One person's trauma can affect everything and everyone around them. Trauma can happen to anyone and so can healing. Behavioral health matters because recovery is possible and when it takes place within a relationship of support. Positive emotional and mental health improves quality of life, affects how we handle stress, how we relate to one another, and allows us to make better life decisions. Community Counseling Centers of Chicago ("C4") is a community partner in behavioral health healing. I write this letter to urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the modernization of the adult inpatient building for the behavioral health hospital located at 4840 N. Marine Drive in Chicago, operating as Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital ("MBHH"), under the new ownership of Acadia Healthcare ("Acadia").

Like C4, Acadia provides a broad range and full complement of services reflect best practices in mental health. Acadia, through its adult and pediatric programs at MBHH, will be a key contributor to health and wellness in Chicago by providing a broad continuum of behavioral services for patients of all ages in the community. C4 strongly believes that Acadia, through MBHH, will be a critical and innovative partner in providing healing services for Chicagoland residents. C4 fully supports this project and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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