



Friday, April 15, 2022
Debra Savage, Chairperson
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project No. 22-008, Montrose Behavioral Health Support Letter for Modernization of Hospital

Dear Chairperson Savage:

I am writing to you in support of Acadia Healthcare's ("Acadia's") efforts to modernize and operate the behavioral health hospital located at 4840 N. Marine Drive in Chicago, under the name Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital ("MBHH"). Rosecrance is a leading child and family service agency in Illinois that has helped children and families recover their health, hope, and faith in the people around them for many years in the Rockford community. We understand behavioral health services to be vital in the development of children and youth and their families and Montrose's contributions in this space holds significant value to our shared community.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, the mental health crisis among young people caused in part by the COVID-19 pandemic continues to grow at an alarming rate. In the Greater Chicago area alone, there is an estimated need of more than 2,000 beds for patients struggling with behavioral health matters, based upon the industry recommended standard of 50 beds/100,000 people. Acadia treats patients of all ages and of particular interest is their pediatric inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services. MBHH offers a full continuum of behavioral health and substance use disorder services in addition to specialized treatment services for trauma, post-traumatic stress, eating disorders, and more. Young children and adolescents in our community have unique needs, especially during this challenging time, that Montrose is well positioned to assess and treat with their substantial resources and expertise.

Rosecrance is encouraged by Acadia's commitment to provide inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services at MBHH and we look forward to their contributions in improving the behavioral health of Illinois' youth and adults alike.

Rosecrance respectfully urges your favorable consideration of Project #22-008.

Sincerely,
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