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

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

Dear Ms. Savage:

Being a community behavioral health provider continues to be challenging in meeting the everevolving needs of our patients. We all work diligently to manage the gaps in service, but it is evident that more providers and levels of care are still needed in Illinois. Since 1966, Sinnissippi Centers has provided quality, coordinated and responsive care to individuals, families and communities in Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties. This quality of care has built a strong reputation for Sinnissippi Centers across the state and nation. Behavioral health matters in all communities because recovery is possible, particularly when it takes place within a relationship of support. Sinnissippi Centers prides itself on the quality work and the community partners it aligns itself with to serve the full needs our clients.

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").

Acadia is a nationally recognized leading provider of inpatient and outpatient behavioral health and substance use treatment services and has vast resources to meet these needs. Acadia's national platform operates 230 treatment facilities (including approximately 46 inpatient hospitals), with 10,200+ beds, treating over 70,000 patients each day across 40 states and Puerto Rico. Over 20,000 dedicated employees provide the full continuum of care services including residential treatment, partial



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hospitalization (PHP), intensive outpatient (IOP), and telehealth. Acadia also provides access to specialized treatment programs in areas including Med-Psych, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress, military designated units, substance use disorders, and medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

Like Sinnissippi Centers, Acadia provides a broad range and full complement of services that 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. Sinnissippi strongly believes that Acadia, through MBHH, will be a critical and innovative partner in providing healing services for Chicagoland residents. Sinnissippi Centers fully supports this project. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacie Kemp

Vice President/Chief Operating Officer

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

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