

John Kniery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Mr. Kniery,

It is my pleasure to offer full support for the Northwest Community Certificate of Need application to centralize and expand our cancer program in the proposed Cancer Center in Schaumburg, Illinois.

I have been involved with Northwest Community for twenty years, first serving on the Northwest Community Healthcare Foundation Board and later as chair during the campaign to build the South Pavilion at NCH. Prior to the end of my term, I was invited to join the Governing Board and have served on a number of committees over the years including quality, community health and outreach, planning and business and governance. I also served as Board Chair of the for three years. Once again, I have been appointed to serve as Chair of the NCH Foundation Board. I also Co-Chair the Cancer Center campaign committee.


During this arc of service to NCH, I have seen the organization remain consistently focused on its mission to provide access to the highest standards of healthcare services and technological advances to the community. More specifically, as NCH has grown, providing facilities close to home has been a driver of expansion. Now we have the opportunity to bring expert cancer care and expanded services together in one location to best serve our community. We have listened to our patients and their families, engaged with our physicians and studied best practices. As a result of this in-depth exploration, collectively, we have come to appreciate more acutely the need for coordination of care in one location in a timely manner. Both our Governing Board and Foundation Boards are in full support of this momentous step to transform cancer care for our community.

It is clear, even at this early stage of fundraising, that the community is solidly behind the development of this proposed state of the art patient centered cancer center offering coordination of care from diagnosis through treatment and follow up. Our patients and their families named three top priorities for the creation of a Cancer Center at NCH: all services in one location, specialized and accessible expert care, and coordination of services. Beyond these priorities, the proposed cancer center provides for an additional broad scope of supportive services. Our donors have provided significant support for our nurse navigator program. The center will continue this distinctive aspect of care for all major types of cancer as requested by the community.

It is the desire of the NCH Board to fulfill the mission of providing access to the highest standards of expert, coordinated cancer care to an expanding number of future patients close

to home. Further, this expanded center will allow us to realize One Vision, One Goal, One Location.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane G. Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diane" being more prominent than the last name "Hill".

Diane G. Hill, MA
NCH Governing Board Member
Chair, Northwest Community Healthcare
Foundation Board