

Testimony for Weiss Memorial Hospital

Greetings. I am Dr. Yolanda Coleman, the Chief Nursing Officer at Weiss Memorial Hospital. I have had the pleasure of having my nursing and leadership career start in the Chicago area. I also serve in my community on numerous boards and healthcare activities, including founding a scholarship program that supports those who are affected by gun violence in the Cook County area.

Throughout my leadership career, I have had the opportunity to work for academic and community hospitals, for profit and non-profit. I recently joined Weiss with an expectation of a change in partnership and with a vision for building a sustainable future.

Discussing the sale provides an open line of communication to our patients and community audience. I have been a part of the Weiss Memorial Hospital for approximately six months. We are building trust with our patients, community, and other stakeholders.

I appreciate the fact that this decision can have a profound and positive effect on the healthcare needs of the community. Patients and the community are the beneficiaries of the services of the hospital, and we want to ensure a continued valued relationship that represents service excellence and high-quality outcomes.

The sale of a hospital in general may bring about concern and uncertainty, which is understandable. However, this sale positions Weiss Memorial Hospital for the future to develop objective growth strategies, stability, and profitability with the support of the medical and patient community.

I hope to see Weiss Memorial Hospital and the community we serve work collaboratively in support of our new owners to concentrate on developing Weiss as a premier healthcare organization on the northside of Chicago. I look forward to our continued success. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Chief Nursing Officer

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