



May 11, 2023

VIA EMAIL DELIVERY and U.S. Mail

Mr. Mike Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street – 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: HSHS St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur
Notice of Temporary Suspension: Adult Acute Mental Illness**

Dear Mr. Constantino:

This letter is to provide notice to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board that HSHS St. Mary's Hospital is temporarily suspending its Adult Acute Mental Illness ("AMI") Services due to lack staffing, low volumes, and financial conditions.

On January 23, 2023 we notified the public and our colleagues of our application to discontinue these services. We committed to our patients and our staff that we would work in good faith to keep these services operating through May 9, 2023, and we have fulfilled that commitment. In order to do so we had to provide incentive payments to staff, and also hold open positions for staff at other HSHS facilities. Even those efforts did not prevent many staff from resigning and seeking employment elsewhere. The remaining staff collaborated with us to continue AMI services at St. Mary's to May 12, 2023. At that point, we need to transition this staff to the other facilities or else face staffing shortages there.

As noted in our May 3, 2023 update on temporary suspensions to the Review Board, we had in place plans of care to discharge all adult AMI patients by no later May 12, 2023. This letter is to advise that our last AMI patient was discharged today, May 11, and we are temporarily suspending all adult AMI services effective May 12, 2023.

We continue to collaborate with members of our community to support outpatient services for behavioral health services and will continue to provide emergency services for our community. We currently have a pending application to discontinue the service (Project #23-006) which was deferred from the Review Board's May 9th meeting to its meeting on June 27, 2023.

HSHS St. Mary's Hospital will keep you informed of the status of the service as required. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paige Toth at 217-814-8467.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Theresa J. Rutherford", is written over a horizontal line.

Theresa J. Rutherford
President & CEO
HSHS St. Mary's Hospital

cc: karen.senger@illinois.gov