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John P. Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Kniery:

My name is Baljit Singh, MD and I am President and Managing Partner of Associates in Mental Health, SC specializing in Psychiatry. We support the proposal to establish a 100 bed Acute Mental Illness hospital in Peoria as a joint venture of US HealthVest and OSF Healthcare System.

There is an unmet need in the surrounding area for psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied inpatient treatment. Approval of this application will increase access to these important services in our community and help provide relief from the following current situations:

- Patients waiting for psychiatric beds in hospital emergency departments
- Patients in need of psychiatric services and unable to find treatment close to their communities
- Health care professionals unable to find patients beds at existing facilities
- Local psychiatric recidivism due to lack of aftercare services near patients' homes
- Lack of family involvement during inpatient treatment due to distance or travel time

Based on the patients we currently provide care, our experience in referring patients to the nearest hospital and the growing demand for inpatient behavioral health care, we are certain that the community could benefit greatly from this new proposed facility.

Sincerely,



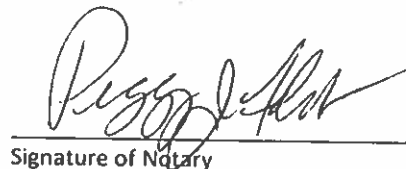
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Notarization:

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 4th day of Nov 2022



Signature of Notary

