

March 24, 2023

John P. Kniery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board  
525 Jefferson St., Second floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Kniery,

My name is Serenity Lopeman. I am writing in support of granting a certificate of need for Meadowview Behavioral Hospital in Peoria.

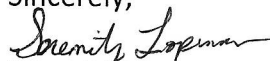
I am a patient at Lake Behavioral Hospital in Waukegan, I was transferred from unity point hospital because there were no available beds. I was told in advance by staff at Unity Point that I would be transferred to Lake Behavior Hospital in Waukegan IL. My experience with transport was ok due to the fact that I slept the whole trip which took about 3 hours to get to, but I didn't understand why I had to come so far for treatment.

I feel it would be a big benefit if there was an inpatient facility in Peoria because people wouldn't have to travel so far from home to obtain treatment.

There's a lot of people inside the Peoria community that would benefit from having additional services for mental health and substance abuse.

I fully support and urge you to grant permission for OSF in US HealthVest to build Meadowview Behavioral Hospital in Peoria IL. This would greatly improve the availability of treatment for many in the community of Peoria and surrounding towns.

Sincerely,

  
Serenity Lopeman

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