

March 29, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Kniery:

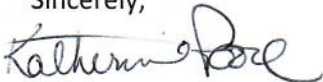
My name is Katherine Poore, I am writing in support of granting a certificate of need for Meadowview Behavioral Hospital in Peoria.

I am a patient at Chicago Behavioral Hospital, and I had to be driven all the way to Des Plaines, Illinois because of the lack of treatment resources in the area that I live. It is very inconvenient for me to have to go all the way to Des Plaines due to the lack of mental health care in the Peoria area. We need a place like this in the Peoria (Central Illinois area).

I have seen doctors/psychiatrists who are helpful and understanding of mental illnesses, and they seem like they want the best for their patients. It would be better to have this type of care closer to my physical home where I have family that could work with me on my care and wouldn't have to drive so far to see me. There are caring nurses and staff that don't treat the patients like they don't know what is going on. They have worked on coping skills like stress ball and stretching exercises which helps with the mind and body, helps with memory and muscle weaknesses.

I fully support and urge you to grant permission for OSF in the US HealthVest to build Meadowview Behavioral Hospital in Peoria, Illinois. This will greatly improve the availability of treatment for many people like me who need this type of help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Poore", with a stylized, flowing script.

Katherin Poore
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