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John P. Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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Re: US HealthVest and OSF Healthcare System Adult Behavioral Hospital, to be named Meadowview Behavioral Hospital, Project: 23-008 Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Kniery and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

This letter is in support of the proposed 100-bed adult behavioral health hospital in Peoria, Illinois through the joint venture between US HealthVest and OSF Healthcare System.

There is an unmet need in the surrounding area for adult psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Mattoon, IL is home to one adult psychiatric unit (Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center), however, there are only two other adult psychiatric units in the state of Illinois (The Pavilion in Champaign, IL and OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center in Urbana, IL) that are located within a 2-hour radius relative to our rural community. Approval of this application will increase access to important psychiatric 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
- Cost and difficulty associated with arranging transportation services to treatment facilities located several hours from a patient's local community

Approval of this application will increase access to these important services in our area.

Sincerely,

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