

April 6, 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 Melody Kearney. 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 my experience there was irritable I was told that I was untruthful by the emergency department staff I felt very mistreated there. My experience in transport I couldn't recall due to sleeping, and then waking up at Lake Behavioral Hospital.

I'm from the Pekin Illinois area and yes having a facility that could treat the community on a broader scale would be wonderful. I know so many people in that area that would benefit from having additional support especially with substance abuse their so many people battling with drug use that could benefit from your services along with mental health.

I'm in full support and urge you to grant permission of OSF in US HealthVest to build Meadowview Behavioral Hospital in Peoria IL. This would greatly improve the quality of care and availability of treatment for many in the community of Peoria and other surrounding town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melody Kearney', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Melody Kearney

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