April 5, 2023
John P. Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Heath Facilities and Service Review Board
525 Jefferson St., Second Floor
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Dear Mr. Kniery,

My name is Jade Sellers. 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 to Lake Behavioral Hospital due to not having the space to accommodate new patients. This made me feel very uncomfortable and anxious I was nervous to the point I felt like I did something wrong by trying to get help. I arrived at Lake Behavioral Hospital by medical transport my driver was nice, but the drive was very uncomfortable my knees continued to hit the back of the front seat and the car had a fenced divider this made me feel like I was a prisoner.

I currently live in Henry Illinois area and yes having a facility that could help the community on a more treatment related specific program would be beneficial because going to the emergency department you have people that don't understand what you're going through mentally and how to respond to certain behaviors. Having a facility that could support you and build a treatment team available to your needs is defiantly needed.

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.

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