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AJ

- Good afternoon.
- I see many familiar faces but let me introduce myself. I'm AJ Querciagrossa, CEO of the Western Region for OSF HealthCare.
- Today, we're here about our certificate of need application with the state regarding our plans for OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center Peru campus.
- As you know, OSF acquired the former St Margaret's Health – Peru hospital in November, 2023, following its closure earlier last year. The investment OSF has made and will continue making in Peru – in all about \$60 million – is a big step toward maintaining a healthy and vibrant community. Just as you have trusted OSF to care for you and your families, we hope you will trust us in this endeavor.
- In terms of our certificate of need, specifically here is what is planned for the Peru campus – some of which already is operational:
 - Increasing medical/surgical beds from 38 to 45
 - Increasing ICU beds from 4 to 8
 - Maintaining the 11 OB beds at 11; 1 C-section room
 - 5 ORs and 1 procedure room
 - Maintaining 10 ER bays; adding 4 e-ED stations to accommodate surges in volume when needed
 - Diagnostic imaging: X-ray/fluoroscopy, mammography, MRI, CT, ultrasound, and nuclear medicine
 - Outpatient services
 - Lab
 - Pharmacy
- As I mentioned, some of these services are already operational and I'll let Dawn Trompeter go into more of that. Dawn is president of not only OSF Saint Elizabeth, but also OSF Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota.
- All along, our goal has been to preserve and sustain access to high-quality, local health care not only for the residents of the Illinois Valley but for the

entire region. The State's C02 planning area includes not only LaSalle County but all of Putnam and Bureau Counties plus two zip codes in Stark County. This Peru campus is centrally located within the planning area and is best suited for all residents as we considered the new regional model for health care in this area.

- OSF has had a strong commitment throughout this region and will continue to support the health care needs of residents for years to come. In addition to Peru, we also serve residents of Mendota, Princeton, Ottawa, Marseilles and Streator with 24/7 emergency services, primary and specialty care, prompt care, OSF OnCall Urgent Care and 24/7 digital urgent care, nurse triage and other types of care.
- How did we get here. In 2023 two hospitals closed in this area in the cities of Spring Valley and here in Peru. That left a void but OSF has been working very hard over the past year to re-establish and reinvigorate health care here. Because of the efforts of many people in the State of IL, and our own Mission Partners (our employees), on April 7 this year, we reopened the former St. Margaret's in Peru – that was a significant milestone in the history of our Ministry.
- As I mentioned the last year was challenging but following the closure of the St. Margaret's hospitals and health care offerings, OSF hired more than 450 former St. Margaret's employees, physicians and advanced medical providers to staff not only the Peru hospital but other locations as well. Providing local jobs kept many of these people from leaving the area, and helped maintain needed resources to serve area residents.
- If I may, I'd like to share a quote from Sister Judith Ann Duvall, chairperson of the OSF HealthCare boards, that I think is somewhat inspiring and sums things up.
- "We walk forward together hand in hand, united in our commitment to serve our community, and to do it with nothing less than the greatest care and love."
- Thank you.

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Dawn

- Thank you, AJ.
- Good afternoon.
- I'm Dawn Trompeter.
- As AJ mentioned, some of our plans here in Peru are already operational. In April we reopened the Emergency Department at OSF Saint Elizabeth in Peru, 2 inpatient medical beds as well as the ancillary services to support those two services. That was our primary focus in what we refer to as phase one of going live with services.
- And just less than two weeks ago, we moved into phase two by opening outpatient services and expanding to 12 inpatient beds.
- Residents are now able to access a broader range of outpatient diagnostic services at the West Street campus in Peru including X-ray, mammography, CT scans, MRI scans and ultrasounds, lab tests, outpatient infusions and EKGs.
- What we're doing in Peru, however, extends beyond the hospital and beyond one city.
- Last July, after acquiring real estate assets from St. Margaret's Health, OSF brought additional primary care, urgent care, occupational health and rehabilitation services to Peru. Soon after, an OSF Medical Group location opened – focused on Obstetrics & Gynecology.
- Now, as part of phase 2, on July 22, OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute will make care more accessible by opening an office in Suite 101 at 920 West St. This new location will offer convenience for patients, ensuring they can easily access the services they need.
- Similarly, OSF Medical Group – Orthopedics is expanding its services. Starting July 29, they will see patients in the newly renovated office space

in Suite 221 at 920 West St. Hospital outpatient X-ray services will be available adjacent to the orthopedics office for convenient access.

- We are excited to expand our reach for all the patients and their families within this community that we are privileged and honored to serve.
- Health care is forever changing, and OSF HealthCare is committed to creating a sustainable, long-term regional health care model our patients can count on.
- Thank you



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Good afternoon. My name is Jerry Neumann. I have been a member of the Princeton City Council for 9 years and I served with former mayor Joel Quiram during the negotiations to transition our city owned hospital to OSF Healthcare.

Joel was not able to attend today so I would like to share his thoughts about our experiences with the OSF team.



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Thank you for joining us today. I am reading on behalf of Michelle Conger.

- As the Chief Strategy Officer for our health care system, with more than 30 years of experience, I have seen firsthand the evolution and challenges of our health care landscape. Today, I want to speak about the crucial role of centralizing obstetrics (OB) services in our region and why it's more important than ever.
- Across the country, 217 hospital obstetric units closed between 2011 and early 2023, according to health care consulting firm Chartis, creating many “maternity care deserts.” Two-thirds of those closures are in rural areas. These closures are abrupt and devastating, especially for expectant mothers who find themselves without the necessary care and support during one of the most critical times in their lives. But we're not standing idly by while this happens. We're stepping up, going above and beyond to pick up the pieces and ensure that no one is left behind.
- Our commitment to centralizing OB services is about more than just maintaining a standard of care—it's about innovation and resilience. ~~By consolidating these essential services,~~ we're creating a hub of excellence, where our dedicated teams can focus resources, expertise, and cutting-edge technology to deliver the best possible outcomes for mothers and their babies.
- One of the key elements driving this initiative is our embrace of digital care. Telehealth and digital monitoring have revolutionized how we provide prenatal and postnatal care. Expectant mothers can now have consultations, receive critical health information, and even have routine check-ups from the comfort of their homes. This not only increases accessibility but also provides peace of mind, knowing that expert advice and support are just a click away.

- Moreover, digital care allows us to extend our reach far beyond the walls of our hospitals. We're able to support patients in remote and underserved areas, ensuring that they, too, have access to top-tier OB services. This is particularly vital in regions hit hardest by hospital closures, where our centralized and digital approach fills a critical gap, ensuring continuity of care. This service is available 24/7, 365 days a year. We are able to provide support and escalate needs as they arise to ensure moms and babies get the care they need.
- We understand that health care is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. Our centralized OB services are designed to be flexible and responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. We're developing creative solutions and partnerships, such as the Medicaid Innovation Collaborative, to provide comprehensive and compassionate care, no matter where our patients are located.
- In conclusion, centralizing OB services is a testament to OSF's unwavering commitment to supporting this entire region. By combining centralized resources with innovative digital care solutions, we are not only addressing the immediate challenges but also paving the way for a more resilient and accessible health care future. Together, we can ensure that every mother and child receives the care they deserve, no matter the circumstances.
- Thank you.

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**Remarks for the OSF Community Meeting
June 26th, 2024
Peru City Hall**

My name is Gary Bruce. I reside in Princeton. I served on the Perry Memorial Hospital Board for thirteen years and now serve as Chairperson for the St. Clare Community Council. I would like to share some thoughts regarding the OSF plans for healthcare in this region.

- **The investment and expansion of specialty care in Peru will be centralized geographically and to the population of the region.**
- **This is an advantage in driving time and access to primary and special care for the Princeton and Bureau County residents.**
- **The future of healthcare depends on a long-term plan and consensus, which is sustainable, staffable and accessible.**
- **Discussions and a sharing of concerns by all stakeholders should result in a healthcare plan with support by the population served, through a planned investment serving this region for decades to come.**
- **I support the investment and development of specialty services with Peru as a hub for this region.**

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

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Michael Cruz, MD
Chief Operating Officer
Peru meeting
June 26, 2024

- Good afternoon, everyone. I appreciate having the time to speak to you.
- I'm Dr. Mike Cruz, and I'm the chief operating officer for OSF HealthCare.
- While my title may give some of you pause that I'm an executive sitting behind a desk; that's certainly not how I see myself or conduct myself.
- As a physician, I spent more than 25 years working in the Emergency Departments at community hospitals – the majority in the OSF Ministry. I know firsthand not only the expertise of care givers at community hospitals, but I understand the passion they have for the work they do.
- The reality today is that to survive and thrive, health care organizations must innovate, transform, reinvent, even restructure how care is provided.
- Creating a regional health care model with Peru at the center will ensure residents have access to the care they need – whether that's a regular check up with their primary care provider, emergent care due to a stroke, heart attack or serious accident or cancer care for a loved one.
- It's also an opportunity to ensure residents in the region have access to the innovative, digital care options OSF has to offer.
- While today I no longer am in the ED as a practicing physician, I have the privilege to work with hundreds of our Mission Partners across the Ministry who are our boots on the ground, many of them in community hospitals just like Peru. They provide care – often life-saving care – to patients in the communities we serve.
- I'll close with a story recently shared by a patient.

- A local patient expecting twins began experiencing swelling and a spike in blood pressure.
- Concerned, she promptly reached out to the OSF OnCall Connect Pregnancy and Postpartum Support program. Our nurse provided her with much-needed reassurance and education.
- Despite these efforts, she was eventually admitted to OSF Saint Francis in Peoria with severe pre-eclampsia. Without the timely intervention and support of our care team, her condition could have worsened significantly.
- Thanks to the comprehensive care and services provided by OSF, lives will be saved, improved, and Peru and its surrounding communities will flourish.
- Thank you.



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OSF statement

Tom Payton

Peru Insurance Center

1301 Peoria St Peru, IL

Good afternoon, I am here to give a statement of support in the OSF business model to provide a healthcare network to the Illinois Valley residents.

We have a company willing to invest millions of dollars in the communities they serve. To reach as many residents as possible.

As a business owner who works with seniors and pre-retirees, my clients look at healthcare as part of the retirement solution. Just like managing your investments, people are looking at where healthcare will be provided.

Knowing that they have a regional healthcare system that will be able to meet their healthcare needs as they age provides sense of security.

With that being said, I support OSF in this regional healthcare network.

Tom Payton

Peru Insurance Center



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6/19/2024

Good afternoon. My name is Carolyn Clayton. I am writing this letter in appreciation for OSF in believing in me and taking a whole community of medical professionals in need of a job under their wing and giving them work, a family working environment, and a place to flourish in their skills.

I was an employee at IVCH for 20 years before it was taken over by St. Margaret's Health. This was a huge transition for me, being at IVCH for so long and following my mother's footsteps, where she was an employee/nurse at IVCH for 46 years. I had planned on working my entire career there as my mother did and retiring there. I loved the close-knit family of staff IVCH had and the community it served. Transitioning to St. Margaret's Health was a big change. I lost the security and comfort I had at IVCH. Transitioning to a new job, new place, fear of having the job you want, was devastating and worrisome. St. Margaret's Health gave me close to the position I held at IVCH, yet it wasn't my home I felt at IVCH, it was a job I was dedicated to. Fast forward a few years to when St. Margaret's gave the news of its closure, was again another nightmare I thought I would never have to endure again. This time I felt helpless, what would I do for work now, would I have the job I wanted, where I wanted, I needed to support my family and children. I just never thought I would do this for a second time. When the news came, I did what every other employee there was doing and looked for a job at other facilities.

I was able to get in contact with the Director of Emergency Services at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center-Amanda Los. We discussed volumes we had that may impact her ER in Ottawa or Streator.

She was kind, compassionate, considerate, and empathetic to my loss again. She listened and wanted to help. OSF immediately held job fairs trying to recruit and help the Illinois Valley Community of medical professionals find work. I went to those job fairs and was taken back by the friendly, welcoming, family community I was met with. It felt how it did years ago at IVCH. Everyone was so nice and understanding of what we were all going through, and they truly wanted to help.

I was hired by OSF and started on July 10th, 2023. I will never forget how valued I felt through the whole process. My experience, seniority, my place I had held for so many years, it mattered to them, and they valued me as an individual. I was able to keep my seniority in years of service, I was offered a sign on bonus, I truly felt they cared. I was hired to be Supervisor of the Peru Emergency Department. I could not believe it; I was going back to my roots where I started, and I couldn't be happier.

My training started in July 2023 and throughout the onboarding process I cannot explain the warm welcome I felt from OSF leadership and fellow Mission Partners. It felt like home again. There are so many resources and education offered, everyone within OSF wants to help. Peru ED opened April 7th, 2024. This was such an exciting time and truly a dream for me. My home base was open again and I was back home.

Since opening Peru, I again am so excited to come to work again. I love my work family and enjoy being a Mission Partner. Again, I cannot thank OSF again for believing in helping this community and the medical professionals providing care here. They have brought life back to this area and resources we never thought we would see again. Thanks for your time, Carolyn Clayton

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Peru Public Meeting / OSF

6/26/24

(2 minute limit)

My name is Tom Tester. I am the Plant Manager at MTM Recognition in Princeton, have been involved with local hospital governance for 27 years, and I am currently a member of the OSF St. Clare Community Council.

Over the past 27 years, I have witnessed the evolution of the health care system and the challenges it has dealt with. These challenges lead to solutions, which lead to change. In 2018, the Perry Memorial Hospital Board of Directors sought outside education to apprise us of forecasted health care trends and challenges. As a Board, our revelation was a deeper interpretation of our mission, which was to provide quality and compassionate health care to the communities we serve. The epiphany was that our mission was not to maintain a hospital with all the services the community required, but to provide ACCESS to these services. As a result, our decision manifested itself when we ^{CHOOSE TO} ~~joined~~ the OSF Health Care System in 2021, and we have never had cause to look back.

For the past three years, OSF St. Clare Medical Center has added services and grown through the OSF Health Care System network. Our performance indicators have never been better. The "hub and spoke" model for rural health care, with its "hub" being in Peru, will allow the communities and citizens in the Princeton market greater convenience in ACCESSING the health care services we don't provide locally.

As a representative of the Princeton community, I fully support OSF's plan.

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Ashley Freitag, and I am the Clinical Educator for the Emergency Departments and Hospital Outpatient Departments in the OSF I-80 region. Today, I am here to express my support for OSF's plan of care in the Illinois Valley. My nursing career began 11 years ago at IVCH, where I experienced the merger with St. Margaret's. In January 2023, just two years after the merger, the Peru hospital closed, ceasing all services, including the OB department. Less than five months later, the Spring Valley Hospital also closed. These closures caused immense devastation and uncertainty for hospital employees and the communities they served.

As a nurse, I never imagined a day would come when I would be jobless due to a lack of available positions in the area. The fear for myself, my family, and the community left without immediate healthcare was overwhelming. As an EMS provider, I worried about the extended transport times to emergency departments and the strain on surrounding emergency departments that experienced increased volumes. The initial phase saw those seeking emergency care or primary care nearly 25 minutes away.

OSF responded swiftly to the closure of St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley, onboarding over 400 Mission Partners to the I-80 region. The closures had strained area hospitals, increasing emergency department and admission censuses. While the additional staff helped, the need for more space for extra patients remained an issue. The announcement of the reopening of the Peru hospital as an ER with 12 inpatient beds and select services was met with elation, restoring emergency care access for the Illinois Valley and bringing hope amid the challenges.

Healthcare is ever-changing, and to remain sustainable, it must evolve. We are no longer in an era where providers make house calls and have multiple hospitals with all specialty services within miles of each other. It is not sustainable. OSF's plan for the I-80 region aims to provide the best care for all patients in the communities they serve while ensuring future sustainability.



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Public Participation Form

Facility or Project Name: OSF – St. Elizabeth Medical Center - Peru

Project Number: #24-014

I. IDENTIFICATION

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State

IL

Zip

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Contact Phone Number

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II. REPRESENTATION

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

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Public Participation Form

Facility or Project Name: OSF – St. Elizabeth Medical Center - Peru

Project Number: #24-014

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

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Dr. Bob Morrow

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State

IL

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61354

Contact Phone Number

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OSF Healthcare

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

SUPPORT

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Brodbeck, Karen B.

From: Bob Morrow <bob.morrow18@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:32 PM
To: Morrow, Robert W.
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: OSF Support

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Bob Morrow, M.D.

Begin forwarded message:

From: L Urbanski <lurbanski@gmail.com>
Date: June 25, 2024 at 10:29:23 PM CDT
To: bob.morrow18@gmail.com
Subject: OSF Support

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Laura Urbanski. I am a pharmacist in the city of Peru, a wife and the mother of 4 children. I would like to show my support for the OSF proposal to place the hub hospital in Peru. Having more services at the St. Elizabeth- Peru campus will benefit virtually all residents of Peru and the surrounding areas. There are patients I speak with each day who struggle to get to Ottawa from their rural towns. Having services in a central location is a fantastic solution. I firmly believe the healthcare of our entire area will improve with the "hub hospital" location in Peru. Thank you for working to improve the lives of our central Illinois residents.

Sincerely,

Laura Urbanski

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Public Participation Form

Facility or Project Name: OSF – St. Elizabeth Medical Center - Peru

Project Number: #24-014

I. IDENTIFICATION

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OSF St. Claire Community
Council

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

SUPPORT

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OSF Public Hearing – Comments- June 26th- City of Peru Location

~~My name is Vanessa and~~ I am here today to express my support of OSF's Regional Plan for providing expanded medical services, including obstetrics at the Peru location.

I know first-hand the impacts of changes in medical services as I was impacted personally when St. Margaret's Hospital closed. This had been my primary medical provider for over 25 years. I gave birth to two sons at that hospital and experienced having to have C-sections for both births.

Knowing that other pregnant mothers in my area would now have to be faced with traveling greater distances to receive services concerned me greatly. Especially those with high risk pregnancies.

OSF's regional plan for services in Peru ensures that all pregnant mothers in the area have equal access to these critical services. The driving distance and or transport times for those at risk is equal across the region.

Living in Princeton, I have been able to witness OSFs ability to bring specialists to the area and having additional specialists at the Peru hospital will help meet the more specialized medical needs of the citizens of our area.

Respectfully submitted:

Vanessa Hoffeditz

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Public Participation Form

Facility or Project Name: OSF – St. Elizabeth Medical Center - Peru

Project Number: #24-014

I. IDENTIFICATION

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Zip

61301

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

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1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 at Peru City Hall

Good afternoon,

My name is Alexandria Braboy, and I am here to give my support for OSF's plans to modernize St. Elizabeth Medical Center-Peru.

For over a year, the Illinois Valley region went without quality and accessible healthcare after we lost two hospitals within six months of each other.

OSF's plans include 45 medical/surgical beds; 8 ICU rooms; 11 obstetric rooms; surgery and procedure rooms; diagnostic imaging and emergency services.

These services are desperately needed for our entire region, which includes residents in La Salle, Bureau and Putnam counties.

Health infrastructure is considered critical infrastructure and understood as facilities and services vital to the basic operations of society. ~~We are only able to have a strong economy if~~

~~We have healthy residents. We need these services if we want to attract families to live here.~~

We appreciate OSF for the

We need these services to protect

~~Thank you to OSF for your \$5.6 million investment in Peru and the Illinois Valley.~~

*our residents, especially mothers
children, the elderly
+ sick*

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Public Participation Form

Facility or Project Name: OSF – St. Elizabeth Medical Center - Peru

Project Number: #24-014

I. IDENTIFICATION

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Comments oral

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

SUPPORT

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Public Participation Form

Facility or Project Name: OSF – St. Elizabeth Medical Center - Peru

Project Number: #24-014

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Ken Kolowski

City Peru State IL Zip 61354

Contact Phone Number

815-303-6707

Contact E-Mail Address

N/A

II. REPRESENTATION

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Mayor of Peru

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

SUPPORT

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Public Participation Form

Facility or Project Name: OSF – St. Elizabeth Medical Center - Peru

Project Number: #24-014

I. IDENTIFICATION

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City Peru State IL Zip _____

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Contact E-Mail Address

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

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From: lmclinton@comcast.net

Date: June 24, 2024 at 3:09:05 PM CDT

To: dph.hfsrb@illinois.gov

Subject: 24014 Peru June 27, 2024

Debra Savage, Chairwoman

Illinois Healthcare Facilities and Services Regional Board

As a former manager at St Margaret's Health and community member I have a grave concern for the potential healthcare dessert in the West Central Illinois Valley. In order to fulfill a balanced, centrally located healthcare facility I believe the Peru area is ideal to support the community's need.

I know each city would want to have their own hospital as in the past but the current healthcare climate can no longer support that structure. Ideally if you use simple geography the center of population previously served by the local hospitals (Streator, Ottawa, Peru, Spring Valley, Mendota, and Princeton) is the LaSalle Peru area.

After serving on the Regional Transportation board for a number of years I am aware of the difficulties Illinois Valley residents may have with traveling to medical appointments and services. A centrally located facility would lessen the overall travel and supply a central travel hub.

Over the years, in my position as Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, I have worked with leaders from all the local hospitals in our area and regionally to help prepare our staff and

first responders to meet medical challenges that may present in natural and manmade disasters. A central medical facility would aid in prompt access to medical care and ease the coordination and transportation efforts of the response teams.

I was a former EMT for 1033 and a current board member and I know the importance of centrally located advanced medical support. We would be happy to provide medical transportation between hospitals and tertiary facilities.

I am sorry I cannot, due to personal commitments, be present for the public forum, but I believe that if our communities set aside their prior preferences we could support an ideal centrally located healthcare facility that could provide our communities with excellent healthcare. It would be my hope that expanded services that community members currently drive a distance to receive could be provided by just such a location.

Sincerely

Lisa Clinton

Former Director of Health Promotions, Transportation,
Emergency Preparedness, Safety and Occupational Health