

THE CITY OF
SOUTH BELOIT
I L L I N O I S



May 24, 2024

Debra Savage, Chair, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Dear Chair Savage:

I am writing to express my strong support for the development of a neighborhood hospital with a 24-hour emergency department on the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus in Roscoe, Illinois. This project is vital to meeting the healthcare needs of our rapidly growing community.

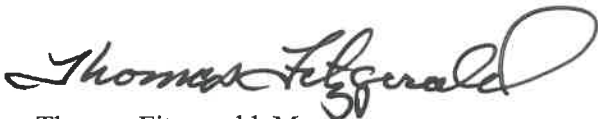
Timely access to emergency medical services is essential for maintaining the quality of life in any community. Beloit Memorial Hospital has a proven track record of providing high-quality emergency care to regional residents. The proposed Neighborhood Hospital would continue this commitment, offering crucial emergency services closer to home.

NorthPointe and Beloit Memorial Hospital have already contributed valuable health and wellness resources to the community by offering assisted living communities for seniors on the NorthPointe campus and in Beloit. These communities provide an ideal environment for older adults to thrive and maintain their health and independence for as long as possible. NorthPointe Terrace offers a comprehensive range of services and amenities designed to support the unique needs of seniors. Assisted living empowers residents to live their best lives while aging gracefully. With personalized care plans and a focus on promoting an active, enriching lifestyle, assisted living communities enable seniors to live life to the fullest while ensuring their safety, comfort, and overall quality of life.

A neighborhood hospital with a 24-hour emergency department would enhance these resources, making our area a safer and healthier place to live. It is crucial for residents to have access to prompt and efficient emergency care without the need to travel long distances, especially during critical situations.

Thank you for considering my support for this vital addition to our healthcare infrastructure. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Thomas Fitzgerald, Mayor
City of South Beloit

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May 23, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage
Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for the Establishment of NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital

Dear Ms. Savage:

It has come to my attention that NorthPointe Health & Wellness is planning the expansion of the inpatient services that its institution currently provides in Beloit to the NorthPointe campus in Roscoe. Of great interest to our fire protection district is that those plans include establishing an emergency department. It is my belief that the residents within the Rockton Fire Protection District who frequent Beloit Hospital would benefit from this facility. It is also our policy that we transport critically ill patients to the closest medical facility improving their chance of survival and quality of life.

First and foremost, the ambulance transport times to this small hospital facility would be cut dramatically. This would be a tremendous benefit to our customers by providing a much closer emergency room facility and reducing lengthily ambulance transport times to other area health care facilities. We also know that wait times at emergency departments in the area are often far longer than is optimal for care intervention and providing emergency medical services at the Roscoe campus of Beloit Health System will help to alleviate that issue.

At this time, I would like to give my support to NorthPointe and hope that the reality of this project graces our community. I urge you and your fellow Board members to approve this proposal. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact during business hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirk Wilson

Kirk Wilson, Chief
Rockton Fire Protection District

"Loyalty - Pride - Tradition"

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May 23, 2024

Debra Savage
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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Dear Chair Savage:

On behalf of the fire protection district, I am writing to express my support of the development of a neighborhood hospital with an emergency department on the North Pointe campus located in Roscoe Illinois. This campus is in our fire protection district.

Timely access to healthcare, especially emergency medical services is vital to a community and its quality of life. Beloit Health System has continually demonstrated its commitment to providing high-quality health care services to all regional residents. This has become more evident with the completion of the North Pointe Birth Center.

Our fire protection district and the region has seen substantial population growth, which has increased the demand for emergency services. As a direct result of this growth, increased call volume and roadway traffic congestion has increased first responder times. Having an emergency department in Roscoe will enhance access to vital community-based emergency services by reducing travel times and keeping our advanced life support (ALS) units in the district to benefit the residents.

North Pointe and Beloit Health System already provide valuable health and wellness resources to the community and region. Adding a neighborhood hospital with an emergency department will make our area a safer and healthier place to live.

I ask you to support this addition to the emergency care resources.

Sincerely,



Chief John Bergeron

The Protection of Life and Property is our Business

May 31, 2024

Debra Savage, Chair
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Beloit Health Systems Proposed Neighborhood Hospital Development for
Roscoe

Dear Chair Savage,

I am honored to submit this letter of support for the proposed Neighborhood Hospital project for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus.

I have recently retired as the Fire Chief of the Harlem Roscoe Fire Protection District. Over the past 15 years of being the Fire Chief, our fire protection district has seen and continues to go through substantial growth. Every year this growth has increased the demand for emergency services. At the time of my retirement, we were experiencing 12 to 15 calls a day with 82% of them being medical. At any given time one of our three staffed ALS ambulances can be out of service on a call for two hours as we transport to one of three hospitals located in Rockford or Beloit. It is not uncommon to have all three ambulances out simultaneously on calls at any given time. As we all know, time can be, and in some cases have a large impact on patient treatment and a positive outcome. The opportunity granted to have a facility of this type in our district could have a direct result in reducing transport times along with keeping our ambulances in the district which will also benefit our residents by allowing a quicker response to address their medical needs.

The Beloit Healthcare system is a system that has embraced a strong focus on wellness and patient-centered care which is truly commendable. By prioritizing preventive care, holistic well-being, and empowering patients to be active participants in their health journey, such a system demonstrates a deep commitment to improving overall community health outcomes.

I hope that the State of Illinois' Health Facilities Planning Review Board will approve this important project to allow for a Neighborhood Hospital on the NorthPointe Campus with the ability to include a 24-Hour Emergency Department.

Keeping our residents who utilize Beloit Memorial Hospital in Wisconsin in Illinois for their care at the NorthPointe Campus will reduce their need to travel outside of their hometowns. It would also make it easier for their loved ones to visit them.

NorthPointe is a strong community supporter; their presence here continues to be good for both local business and our customers. I believe that having a Neighborhood Hospital on the NorthPointe Campus would benefit us locally.

The center would also create new jobs in the community.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe proposal.

Respectfully,

Donald R. Shoevlin

Chief Donald Shoevlin (ret.)

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May 23, 2024

Debra Savage, Chair
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Beloit Health Systems Proposed Neighborhood Hospital Development in the Village of Roscoe

Dear Chair Savage,

I am pleased to provide a letter expressing my support for the proposed Neighborhood Hospital project for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus. This is a healthcare system that has embraced a strong focus on wellness and patient-centered care, which is truly commendable. By prioritizing preventive care, holistic well-being, and empowering patients to be active participants in their health journey, such a system demonstrates a deep commitment to improving overall community health outcomes.

It is my hope that the State of Illinois' Health Facilities Planning Review Board will approve this important project to allow for a Neighborhood Hospital on the NorthPointe Campus, including a 24-Hour Emergency Department. Keeping our residents who currently utilize Beloit Memorial Hospital in Wisconsin in Illinois for their care at the NorthPointe Campus will reduce their need to travel outside of their hometowns. It would also make it easier for their loved ones to visit them.

NorthPointe is a strong community supporter; their presence here continues to be beneficial for both local businesses and our customers. I believe that having a Neighborhood Hospital on the NorthPointe Campus would greatly benefit our community. The center would also create new jobs in the community.

We urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Gustafson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Carol Gustafson
Village President
Village of Roscoe, IL