

June 24, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to convey my strong support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as the Medical Director of the Northpointe Birthing Center and a practicing OB/GYN physician who has seen firsthand the critical need for enhanced maternity and women's health services in our community. The expansion proposed by Beloit Health System will have a profound impact on the quality of care we can provide to our patients.

The proposed neighborhood hospital will address care gaps by providing state-of-the-art emergency and inpatient services. A neighborhood hospital in Illinois will provide a much-needed alternative for local residents who currently have to travel to Wisconsin for certain healthcare services. This will not only improve accessibility but also ensure continuity of care for patients who prefer to receive treatment within their own state.

Having reviewed the proposal, I am particularly impressed by its alignment with best practices in patient care and its potential to significantly enhance the healthcare landscape in our community. The expansion of NorthPointe will facilitate better access to high-quality care, especially for women.

I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. This expansion will be a crucial step forward in improving healthcare delivery and patient experience in our community.

Sincerely,



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Medical Director, Northpointe Birthing Center
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June 21, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
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Re: Support for NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital (Project #24-018)

Dear Chair Savage,

My name is Dr. Marek Bentkowski and I'm a family practice physician. I am writing to support Beloit Health System's request to update its NorthPointe facility in Roscoe by building out a shelled portion of its facilities to be designed for inpatient care with a dedicated emergency department and inpatient surgery to treat acute emergency medical conditions for patients presenting with severe symptoms. This small format neighborhood hospital, will be an important resource for patients in need of emergency department services on the Illinois side of the State Line Community. The current lack of immediate emergency medical attention is a serious concern for area residents.

As a primary care physician in Roscoe, Illinois, I am proud of the care we provide to the residents of Winnebago County. My patients already have the benefit of a good number of healthcare services on the NorthPointe Health and Wellness Campus. NorthPointe Wellness is the only fitness facility in State Line Community offering a medically integrated approach to wellness. Members have access to a team of certified and degreed fitness specialists, dietitians and health educators who can help develop personalized fitness and wellness programs. This campus also houses an immediate care center, various healthcare related ancillary diagnostic services, an ambulatory surgery center, a newly opened birthing center, physician offices/clinics as well as Northpointe Terrace, an assisted living facility.

Given the Beloit Health System has been vital healthcare provider in our community for over 15 years and its immediate care facility is already staffed with board-certified emergency room physicians, adding emergency department and inpatient services is a natural next step in the continuum of care. With a program that can admit patients and perform inpatient surgeries, the NorthPointe campus will be able to better serve the area communities and will also be better positioned to facilitate ambulance or helicopter transports when a higher level of care, including tertiary care is required.

With these points in mind, I sincerely urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this CON Permit Application.

With regards,



Marek Bentkowski, MD
Department of Family Medicine



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June 27, 2024

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for approving the establishment of our new birthing center at NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus. As a nurse midwife who has recently joined the dedicated team here, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact this birthing center has had on our community.

Since its inception, the birthing center has provided expectant families with a supportive environment for safe and personalized childbirth experiences. The compassionate care and holistic approach offered by our team have empowered mothers and families, fostering a sense of confidence and security during one of life's most transformative moments.

I am privileged to be part of a facility that prioritizes patient-centered care, respects cultural diversity, and celebrates the uniqueness of each birthing journey. The collaborative spirit among our healthcare professionals ensures that every mother receives comprehensive prenatal, labor, and postpartum care tailored to her individual needs.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the prospect of further enhancing our community's healthcare landscape with the proposed neighborhood hospital and emergency room. This expansion will undoubtedly complement our existing services, allowing us to provide seamless continuity of care for women and families beyond childbirth emergencies. By expanding our capabilities, we can continue to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our diverse community.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support the approval of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project. Together, we can build upon the success of the birthing center and further elevate the standard of care for all residents in our wonderful community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Camilla Roe, CNM
Nurse Midwifery

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

As a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Radiation Oncology at Beloit Memorial Hospital, I am privileged to support the proposed project. As a member of the Beloit Health System team, I am dedicated to delivering high-quality cancer care to our patients. In my role, I work closely with oncologists, surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, nurses, social workers, and palliative care specialists to ensure comprehensive, multidisciplinary care throughout each patient's cancer journey—from diagnosis to survivorship or end-of-life care.

Many of our patients, in addition to battling cancer, also cope with chronic conditions and comorbidities. Therefore, access to hospital and emergency services close to their homes in Illinois is vital when urgent medical attention is needed.

The establishment of a hospital and emergency room in Roscoe by Beloit Health System is an essential step towards meeting these healthcare needs. It will enhance accessibility to critical care services, ensuring our patients receive timely and effective treatment in familiar surroundings.

I strongly advocate for the approval of this Certificate of Need application, as it aligns with our commitment to providing comprehensive care and improving health outcomes for our community.

Thank you for considering the welfare of our patients and supporting this important initiative.

Warm regards,

Michelle Basye, NP
Radiation Oncology

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June 26, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to voice my enthusiastic support for the proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, aimed at enhancing access to emergency and inpatient services for residents of Roscoe, Illinois, and neighboring areas.

As an emergency medicine physician and 30-year Roscoe resident who has dedicated my career to serve the Stateline community, I have seen the critical impact of timely medical intervention on patient outcomes. Unfortunately, many residents of our community face significant hurdles when seeking emergency care, often having to travel considerable distances to Rockford, Illinois, or across state lines to Beloit or Janesville, Wisconsin. This journey, coupled with consistent long ER wait times, is far from ideal, particularly in emergencies where every second counts.

I have also seen firsthand the toll that these delays have taken on my own family in times of medical crisis. By providing a more conveniently located emergency department, the proposed hospital will not only improve outcomes for patients but also reduce the stress and burden on their loved ones.

Despite recent expansions to the emergency room at Beloit Memorial Hospital, these measures have not fully met the needs of our patients from Illinois. The proposed neighborhood hospital by Beloit Health System represents a vital step toward addressing these issues by providing local, immediate care for acute and life-threatening conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, severe trauma, and respiratory emergencies. Having quick access to these critical interventions will not only save lives but also help preserve long-term health and function.

This new facility promises to offer state-of-the-art emergency care, backed by a dedicated, multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals. It will significantly improve the quality of care and patient outcomes in our region, bringing much-needed relief and better service to our community.

I am wholeheartedly in favor of this initiative and eagerly anticipate the positive changes it will bring to our emergency medical services.

Sincerely,

Michael Abernethy, MD
Emergency Medicine

June 21, 2024

Chair Debra Savage
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Support for NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital
Roscoe, Illinois
Project 24-018

Dear Ms. Savage,

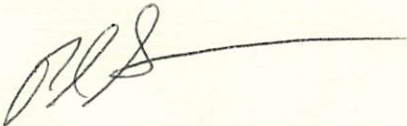
I am writing to request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the plans at the NorthPointe Health and Wellness Campus in Roscoe to enhance its existing services and establish a small neighborhood hospital that provides inpatient services and emergency medical services. My patients will benefit greatly from having a local hospital option so they do not have to travel to Wisconsin for these services.

I am a dermatologist who practices on the NorthPointe campus in Roscoe, Illinois. A significant segment of our surrounding communities is aging, including those individuals residing in assisted living at NorthPointe Terrace on the NorthPointe campus. Unfortunately, with aging comes a variety of illnesses, many of them chronic. While the campus does operate the NorthPointe Health and Wellness Center to keep our seniors healthy, inevitably other NorthPointe healthcare services are needed. There is not currently an Illinois option for these folks to obtain emergency or inpatient services nearby.

By adding a small format neighborhood hospital in Roscoe, Illinois, my patients will be able to obtain care closer to home and without crossing the state line.

I encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Beloit Health System's proposal to expand access to inpatient and emergency services for residents of Roscoe and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,



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Dermatologist

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am reaching out to share my heartfelt support for Beloit Health System's plan to open a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. I've been working as a palliative care nurse practitioner at Beloit Memorial Hospital and see firsthand how important it is for patients and their families to have easy access to compassionate and comprehensive care.

I spend my days helping patients with serious illnesses manage their symptoms and navigate the tough times that come with their conditions. It's not just about medical treatment; it's about providing emotional and spiritual support too. I work closely with an incredible team of doctors, social workers, and other specialists to make sure our patients feel as comfortable and supported as possible. But sometimes, a patient's condition can change suddenly, and having quick access to emergency care is absolutely critical.

This is why I am so excited about the idea of a new hospital and emergency room in Roscoe. It would mean that our patients, who are already going through so much, would not have to travel far to get the urgent care they need. Just being closer to these services can make a huge difference in their quality of life. It can help us manage their symptoms better, stabilize them quickly when needed, and prevent unnecessary trips to the hospital, which is always stressful for everyone involved.

Plus, having a neighborhood hospital right here would make it easier for us to coordinate care. It would help create a smoother healthcare experience for our patients, ensuring they get the right care at the right time without all the hassle. I really believe that this new hospital would make a big difference in our community, especially for those who need it most.

So, I strongly encourage you to approve Beloit Health System's proposal for the neighborhood hospital. It's a project that will bring much-needed care and comfort to our patients and their families. Thank you so much for considering this important initiative.

Best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Trisha Field, NP

Trisha Field, NP
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