

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 express my wholehearted support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as an ENT (Ear, Nose, and Throat) surgeon specializing in facial plastic surgery. The proposed expansion of NorthPointe to include a neighborhood hospital will significantly benefit our community by enhancing access to specialized medical services and improving patient care outcomes.

I frequently treat patients with complex ENT conditions, facial trauma, and cosmetic concerns. NorthPointe currently offers essential healthcare services such as a fitness center, urgent care, diagnostic and treatment facilities, a surgery center, physician offices, and a birthing center. However, the addition of a neighborhood hospital will allow for the integration of advanced ENT and surgical services closer to home.

One of the key advantages of the neighborhood hospital will be its ability to provide comprehensive emergency and inpatient care. Currently, patients often have to travel long distances, which can delay critical treatment and compromise outcomes. Having a local facility equipped to handle cases will ensure that patients receive timely and appropriate care, reducing the burden on families and caregivers.

Furthermore, the neighborhood hospital will support a multidisciplinary approach to patient care. This collaborative environment is essential for managing complex ENT conditions, including head and neck cancers, sinus disorders, and facial deformities, where integrated care pathways can significantly improve treatment outcomes and patient satisfaction.

Having reviewed the details of the proposal, the proposed expansion underscores NorthPointe's commitment to patient-centered care and evidence-based practices.

I am confident that the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project will address critical healthcare needs in our community and enhance our capacity to deliver services the stateline community deserves.

Please approve this important initiative.

Sincerely.

Zachary Zimmerman, MD

Otolaryngology / Facial Plastic Surgeon

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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to advocate for the approval of Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe. As an orthopedic surgeon who has spent my entire career in this community and serving patients from the stateline community, I have witnessed firsthand the pressing need for enhanced emergency and inpatient services in our community.

Orthopedic injuries, whether they involve fractures, dislocations, or severe sprains, demand immediate evaluation and intervention to prevent complications and ensure the best possible recovery. The role of emergency departments in promptly assessing, stabilizing, and imaging these injuries is critical. These initial steps are vital in setting the stage for subsequent orthopedic care and intervention.

Additionally, emergency rooms are often the first point of contact for patients suffering from orthopedic injuries who may not have access to primary care or orthopedic specialists right away. By providing swift evaluation and treatment, my colleagues in Emergency Medicine help alleviate pain, restore mobility, and improve the overall patient experience. When needed, they efficiently refer patients to my care for further specialized orthopedic treatment.

My experience underscores the importance of having robust emergency room capabilities to manage acute musculoskeletal injuries effectively. Therefore, I strongly believe that the establishment of a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe will significantly enhance healthcare delivery in our community. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital proposal, Project 24-018, as it will be a valuable asset in meeting the healthcare needs of the Stateline area.

Thank you for considering this essential project.

Sincerely,

Ajmal Matloob, MD Orthopedic Surgery



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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. As a nurse practitioner specializing in cardiology, I have witnessed firsthand the critical need for accessible and timely emergency care in our community.

In cardiology, seconds can make the difference between life and death. Patients experiencing heart attacks or other acute cardiac events require immediate intervention to minimize damage and improve outcomes. Having a nearby emergency facility at NorthPointe will allow us to provide the rapid, life-saving care that these patients need without the delay of transporting them to a distant hospital.

The addition of a neighborhood hospital will also enhance our ability to provide comprehensive care for chronic conditions. such as hypertension and heart failure, which are prevalent in our community. By offering a full range of services, including emergency care and inpatient treatment, NorthPointe will enable us to manage these conditions more effectively, improving the overall health of our residents.

Lurge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal. The new hospital will be a valuable asset to our community, ensuring that all residents have access to the high-quality care they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Anny Nguyen, NP Cardiology



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Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe Campus. As an interventional pain specialist at Northpointe, I have dedicated my career to managing chronic pain and improving the quality of life for my patients. Pain management often requires a multidisciplinary approach, and timely access to comprehensive medical care is critical for the success of these treatments.

In my practice, I work with patients suffering from a range of painful conditions, from chronic back pain to complex neuropathic disorders. These conditions often require immediate medical attention to prevent exacerbation and complications. Quick access to emergency services can be a lifeline for these patients, ensuring they receive the necessary interventions to manage acute pain flare-ups and other related medical emergencies.

The proposed neighborhood hospital will provide vital emergency and inpatient services to residents of Roscoe and the surrounding communities. This facility will be equipped to handle a variety of medical emergencies, including those related to acute pain conditions. By offering immediate medical care, the hospital will help reduce suffering and prevent complications that could lead to long-term health issues or hospital admissions.

Furthermore, the NorthPointe Campus already houses several essential medical services, and adding a neighborhood hospital will create a more cohesive and comprehensive healthcare network. Patients will benefit from the convenience of having access to a wide range of medical services in one location, reducing the need for travel and the associated stress.

The Beloit Health System's proposal represents a significant step forward in addressing the healthcare needs of our community. By enhancing the availability of emergency and inpatient services, this new hospital will play a crucial role in improving patient outcomes and quality of life for many individuals.

For these reasons, I urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the proposal for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital.

Best regards.

Alfred Rosche, MD Interventional Pain



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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to convey my strong support for Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. As an ophthalmologist who has been practicing at NorthPointe, I have had the privilege of witnessing the profound positive impact this facility has on our community's health and well-being.

In my practice, I manage a wide spectrum of eye conditions, ranging from routine vision issues to more complex cases such as cataracts and glaucoma. The proximity to comprehensive healthcare services at NorthPointe has been invaluable for my patients. It allows for a coordinated approach to their care, facilitating access to diagnostic services, surgical treatments, and necessary follow-up care. The introduction of a hospital would significantly enhance this patient experience by providing timely and convenient care.

One of the most compelling aspects of the proposed neighborhood hospital is its potential to offer critical and immediate care. In ophthalmology, early intervention is crucial for conditions such as sudden vision loss or severe ocular pain, where delays can lead to irreversible damage. The availability of an emergency department at NorthPointe would ensure that my patients receive the urgent medical attention they require, enhancing their outcomes and overall wellbeing.

Furthermore, the proposed hospital addresses a growing need for expanded emergency and inpatient services within our community. The development of these services at NorthPointe is essential for meeting the increasing healthcare demands of the region. It would significantly improve the accessibility and quality of care for our patients, aligning with the high standards they deserve.

I urge you to support this project, which has substantial benefits to the residents of our region.

Sincerely

Alice Townshend, MD

Ophthalmology



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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to show my full support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. As a nurse practitioner in family practice, I see many patients every day who would benefit from having more healthcare services nearby.

Right now, NorthPointe offers a lot of helpful services, such as a fitness center, urgent care, different diagnostic tests, a surgery center, a birthing center, doctor's offices, and an assisted living facility. These services are very useful for my patients, especially those with long-term conditions like diabetes and heart disease, who need regular and coordinated care.

One thing I really appreciate is that Beloit Health System is changing double rooms at Beloit Hospital into private rooms. This means fewer beds, but it is not about making more money. It is about giving patients a better experience with more privacy and comfort. It shows they care about the patients' wellbeing, not just profits.

Having a neighborhood hospital in Illinois is also very important. Many of my patients are from Illinois and have to go to Wisconsin for some of their healthcare needs. This can be hard for them and their families. An Illinois-based hospital will make it easier for them to get the care they need close to home. It will make healthcare more accessible and save them the trouble of traveling far.

I have looked at the proposal and think it's a great idea. It focuses on evidence-based practices and putting patients first, which is essential for providing high-quality care. Expanding the services at NorthPointe will really help our community. I strongly encourage you to approve this project so that we can continue to provide excellent care to our residents.

Thank you for considering my letter of support.

Sincerely,

Family Medicine Nurse Practioner



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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as a practicing podiatrist in our community. My work involves treating patients with various foot and ankle conditions, many of whom have chronic diseases such as diabetes that require comprehensive and timely medical care. The expansion of NorthPointe to include a neighborhood hospital is a critical step towards meeting these needs and improving healthcare access for our community.

Currently, NorthPointe provides a range of essential services, including a fitness center, urgent care, diagnostic and treatment facilities, a surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living facility. These services are invaluable for managing chronic conditions that affect the lower extremities, such as diabetic foot ulcers and peripheral neuropathy. However, the proposed expansion will significantly enhance our ability to deliver integrated and continuous care, especially for patients who need specialized treatments or emergency interventions.

One of the key advantages of the neighborhood hospital is the provision of comprehensive emergency and inpatient services locally. This is particularly beneficial for my patients with diabetic complications, as timely access to care can prevent serious infections and amputations. The presence of a well-equipped hospital nearby will enable quicker responses to medical emergencies and better management of chronic conditions that impact foot health.

Furthermore, the expansion aligns with NorthPointe's commitment to providing patient-centered care. By offering a broader spectrum of medical services, the neighborhood hospital will help streamline patient care pathways and reduce the need for patients to seek treatment far from home.

The project will improve healthcare accessibility and quality, particularly for patients requiring specialized podiatric and chronic disease management. I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project, which is essential for enhancing the health and well-being of our residents

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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to strongly endorse the proposal for a new neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus by Beloit Health System. As an interventional cardiologist practicing in the region, I have seen firsthand how critical it is to have rapid access to emergency medical services, especially for heart-related conditions.

In my field, time is truly of the essence. When a patient experiences a heart attack, every minute that passes can mean more damage to the heart muscle. The quicker we can treat these patients, the better their outcomes. Currently, many of my patients have to travel considerable distances to get the emergency care they need, which can be a matter of life and death. A hospital at NorthPointe would drastically reduce this response time and will save numerous lives.

Additionally, having a local hospital would allow us to treat patients close to their homes, reducing the stress and inconvenience of traveling far for medical care. This not only improves patient outcomes but also enhances their overall healthcare experience. I am confident that this project will bring significant benefits to our community, providing timely and effective treatment for cardiovascular emergencies and beyond.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal. The establishment of a neighborhood hospital will greatly enhance the healthcare infrastructure of our area and ensure that residents have access to the life-saving care they need.

Thank you for considering this critical initiative.

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Sincerely,

Charles Laham, MD

Interventional Cardiology



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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Northpointe neighborhood hospital. As an optometrist practicing at NorthPointe, I have witnessed firsthand the crucial role that accessible healthcare services play in our community's well-being.

In my optometry practice, I routinely encounter patients with a variety of eye conditions, from simple vision corrections to complex ocular diseases. Many of these conditions, such as severe eye infections or acute vision loss, require prompt medical attention. Having immediate access to comprehensive emergency services on the same campus would significantly enhance the quality of care I can provide to my patients. This is especially true for those who may need urgent interventions to prevent vision loss or other complications.

The establishment of a neighborhood hospital will not only provide essential emergency and inpatient services but also enhance the overall healthcare infrastructure at NorthPointe. The integration of a hospital with our existing healthcare services will facilitate better management of urgent cases and improve health outcomes for the community.

Moreover, I have seen the challenges faced by many of my patients who need emergency care but are currently required to travel significant distances to access these services. The new hospital will alleviate this burden by offering immediate medical care closer to home, reducing wait times and the stress associated with travel. This is particularly important for residents of Roscoe and nearby areas who might otherwise have limited access to timely medical interventions.

The NorthPointe Campus is already a cornerstone of healthcare in our region, and the addition of a neighborhood hospital will further solidify its role as a comprehensive healthcare hub. This project is a significant step forward in meeting the growing healthcare needs of our community, and I am confident that it will have a lasting positive impact on the lives of our residents. I urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Beloit Health System's proposal for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Rehbein, DO

Optometry



June 21, 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 love the idea of the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. In my practice, I treat a variety of musculoskeletal issues, including fractures, joint replacements, and sports injuries, which require both immediate and ongoing care.

NorthPointe currently offers a comprehensive range of services, including a medically integrated fitness center, immediate care center, various diagnostic and treatment facilities, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center. These integrated services are crucial for my patients, who often need continuous care and rehabilitation to recover fully from injuries and surgeries.

Given the increasing incidence of musculoskeletal problems in our community, there is a significant need for expanded resources to provide timely and adequate emergency and inpatient care. The proposal from Beloit Health System for a neighborhood hospital is a forward-thinking solution that addresses the growing healthcare demands in our area.

Having reviewed the proposal, I am impressed by the emphasis on evidence-based practices and patient-centered care. The proposed expansion of inpatient and emergency services will greatly benefit my patients, providing them with the essential healthcare infrastructure required for effective treatment and rehabilitation. I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal to improve healthcare access and quality for our community.

Thank you

Dr. Derek Damrow Orthopedic Surgeon

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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 support for the proposed neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. I've been an internal medicine nurse practitioner in our community and I've seen just how crucial it is for folks to have easy access to good healthcare.

Every day, I work with patients dealing with chronic illnesses like diabetes, heart problems, and breathing issues. When emergencies pop up, like sudden chest pains or breathing troubles, they need help fast. Unfortunately, many of them have to travel quite a distance to get the care they need, which is tough, especially when time really matters. Having a hospital close by at NorthPointe would make a world of difference. Imagine the peace of mind knowing that help is just around the corner!

This new hospital would mean guicker treatment for emergencies and better overall care for our community. It would take some of the load off of the Beloit Memorial Hospital, making it easier for everyone to get seen. For example, if someone has a sudden asthma attack or a heart scare, they could get the emergency care they need right away, and that can be a lifesaver.

I really believe that this project will do a lot of good for our area. So, I'm hoping you'll give a thumbs-up to Beloit Health System's proposal for the new hospital. It's a big step toward making sure our community gets the healthcare support it deserves.

Thanks a bunch for taking the time to read my letter and for considering this important project.

Sincerely.

Erin Clayton, (NE Internal Medicine

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

Re: NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital

Project 24-018

Dear Ms. Savage,

As a Radiation Oncologist at the Beloit Health System University of Wisconsin Cancer Center, I am grateful for the opportunity to provide comment in support of this project. I have been a part of the Beloit Health System family for six years and am proud to serve my patients with high quality cancer care. In doing so, I understand the importance of ensuring that patients receive comprehensive, multidisciplinary care throughout their cancer journey, from diagnosis through survivorship or end-of-life care. Since my patients often suffer from other chronic conditions and comorbidities in addition to cancer, it is critical that they have access to hospital and emergency services when facing symptoms that warrant immediate medical attention.

With this in mind, I fully support Beloit's proposal. By establishing a hospital and emergency room in Roscoe, the health system will allow my patients to receive care closer to home and in their home state of Illinois. In advocating for my patients, I urge the Board to approve this Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely

Eric Xanthopoulos, M.D. Radiation Oncologist



June 28, 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 express my enthusiastic support for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project, particularly in its commitment to improving emergency care in our region.

As a psychiatrist, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by individuals and families seeking urgent psychiatric assistance. The establishment of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital will provide a dedicated space for psychiatric emergencies, ensuring prompt evaluations and interventions for patients experiencing acute mental health crises.

The integration of emergency psychiatric services within a medical setting enhances collaboration among healthcare providers, leading to more effective crisis management and better outcomes for patients. This initiative reflects a proactive approach to addressing mental health needs in our community, emphasizing early intervention and support during times of acute distress.

I urge the Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project, recognizing its potential to significantly enhance emergency care and support mental health wellness in Roscoe and surrounding areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bleak, MD

Psychiatry

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

Re:

Support for Project 24-018

NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital-Roscoe, Illinois

Chair Savage,

I am an orthopedic surgeon who practices on the NorthPointe campus in Roscoe, Illinois. Among many other services, the NorthPointe campus houses NorthPointe Terrace, an assisted living community. Unfortunately, I often see NorthPointe Terrace residents in my practice, as seniors are more susceptible to falls and other injuries due to reduced mobility. While the NorthPointe campus does operate the NorthPointe Health and Wellness Center to give our community the best opportunity to maintain strength, mobility and flexibility, there is not currently an Illinois option for my patients to obtain emergency or inpatient services nearby.

Throughout my career, I have sent many of my patients to the affiliated hospital in Beloit, Wisconsin. Whenever I do so, I always know they will receive high quality care and that Beloit Health System will accept most of the insurance plans covering this region, including Medicaid and Medicare managed care plans. That, coupled with my ability to monitor their progress through Beloit Health System's electronic medical record, is invaluable to me as the one who is ultimately responsible for their care.

By adding a small remote location of the Beloit hospital in Roscoe, my patients will be able to obtain care closer to home in a state-of-the-art facility and without crossing the state line. With this in mind, I fully support the proposal to increase access to inpatient and emergency care and ask that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON Permit Application.

Regards,

Dr. Jamie Fr Orthopedic Surgeon



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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to extend my sincere gratitude to the Board for approving the NorthPointe Birthing Center project, a milestone that has already begun positively impacting our community's maternal and newborn care. As a recently hired Nurse Midwife at Beloit Health System, I have witnessed firsthand the profound difference this center has made in providing compassionate and comprehensive care to expectant families.

The NorthPointe Birthing Center stands as a testament to Beloit Health System's commitment to excellence in healthcare, offering a safe, supportive environment where families can experience the joy of childbirth under the guidance of skilled professionals. This facility not only meets but exceeds the expectations of families seeking personalized, family-centered care during one of life's most transformative moments.

I commend the Board for recognizing the importance of such initiatives in enhancing community health services. Building upon this success, I wholeheartedly support Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital with emergency services on the NorthPointe campus. This expansion will further bolster our ability to respond swiftly and effectively to the diverse healthcare needs of our community.

In my role as a Nurse Midwife. I understand the critical role that immediate access to emergency care plays in ensuring the safety and well-being of community members. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit application (Project 24-018). Your continued support will not only advance our ability to deliver exceptional healthcare services but also reinforce Beloit Health System's dedication to serving this wonderful community.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important matter.

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Warm regards,

Jamie Turner-Rose, CNM

Nurse Midwifery

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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing in full support of Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe. As a Physician Assistant specializing in orthopedic surgery at Beloit Memorial Hospital, I have had the privilege of serving our community.

Orthopedic injuries, ranging from fractures and dislocations to complex trauma cases, require timely intervention to ensure optimal recovery and prevent long-term complications. The emergency department serves as a crucial entry point for patients with acute musculoskeletal injuries, providing initial assessment, stabilization, and diagnostic services that are essential for effective treatment planning.

Having collaborated closely with the emergency department staff, I have seen firsthand their dedication to delivering prompt and effective care to orthopedic patients. This collaboration not only reduces patient discomfort and disability but also improves overall satisfaction with care outcomes. The proposed neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe will further enhance our ability to provide seamless care transitions and comprehensive orthopedic services closer to home.

I believe that expanding emergency and inpatient services through this project will significantly benefit our community by improving access to specialized orthopedic care and enhancing patient outcomes. Therefore, I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Beloit Health System's application for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit (Project 24-018).

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely

Kristin Lietzau, PA Orthopedic Surgery



June 25, 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 wanted to drop you a note expressing my support for the neighborhood hospital proposal that's up for review. As an OBGYN nurse practitioner, I've seen firsthand how important it is for women in our community to have easy access to quality healthcare.

In my practice, I focus on providing prenatal care, family planning services, and helping women manage their reproductive health throughout different stages of life. Having a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, would be a game-changer for us.

Imagine being able to offer moms-to-be a nearby facility for routine check-ups, labor and delivery, and emergency services if needed. It's all about making sure they feel supported and have the care they need, right here in our community.

I truly believe this initiative will improve healthcare access and outcomes for women in our area. So, I'm all in for supporting the neighborhood hospital plan and hope you'll consider backing it too.

Thanks for listening to my thoughts on this!

Best regards

Kari Ziemba, NP

OBGYN



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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 lend my full support to Beloit Health System's proposal for a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. In my dual role as an interventional cardiologist and the president of the medical staff at Beloit Health System, I have a comprehensive understanding of the pressing healthcare needs in our community and the critical importance of accessible, high-quality emergency care.

In my practice, I frequently encounter patients who experience acute cardiac events, such as heart attacks, where every second counts. The sooner these patients receive medical intervention, the better their chances for survival and recovery. Currently, many individuals in our community must travel considerable distances to receive this urgent care, which can lead to devastating outcomes. Establishing a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe will significantly reduce these delays, providing immediate access to lifesaving treatments and enhancing overall cardiac care in our region.

As the president of the medical staff, I have seen firsthand how the availability of local, comprehensive healthcare services improves patient outcomes and community health. This new hospital will not only serve those experiencing emergencies but will also alleviate the burden on our main facility, allowing us to deliver more focused and timely care. This will allow us to provide a higher level of service to a broader population. ensuring that all patients receive the care they need when they need it most.

Furthermore, the establishment of a neighborhood hospital will greatly assist in attracting top medical talent to our region. The presence of a modern, well-equipped facility is a significant draw for skilled healthcare professionals who are looking for opportunities to work in a community-focused setting with the support of a reputable health system. This project will enhance our ability to recruit and retain exceptional providers, ultimately enriching the quality of care available to our community.



Moreover, the neighborhood hospital will reinforce our commitment to delivering patientcentered care by integrating seamlessly with our existing services. This holistic approach will enable us to provide continuous and coordinated care, enhancing the overall patient experience and contributing to better health outcomes for our community.

Given my professional experience and leadership role at Beloit Health System, I am confident that this project will address critical gaps in our healthcare infrastructure and significantly improve access to emergency services. Therefore, I strongly urge you to approve this vital proposal. It is an essential step towards a healthier, more resilient community.

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Sincerely

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June 27, 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 voice my strong endorsement for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project, which aims to improve access to emergency and inpatient services for residents in Roscoe, Illinois, and the surrounding areas.

As an emergency medicine physician, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges our community faces in accessing timely emergency care. Many patients are forced to travel to Rockford, Beloit, or Janesville, often experiencing significant delays in receiving critical medical attention.

Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital represents a crucial opportunity to address these challenges head-on. By providing immediate medical care for individuals with acute conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, severe injuries, and respiratory distress, this initiative will undoubtedly save lives and improve health outcomes.

The new hospital will not only enhance access to high-quality emergency care but also integrate advanced facilities and a collaborative team of healthcare professionals. This comprehensive approach ensures that patients receive the timely interventions necessary to preserve health and well-being.

I fully support this initiative and its potential to significantly benefit our community. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Liova Rivera, MD

Emergency Medicine



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 express my strong support for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project as a urologist practicing in our community. The expansion of NorthPointe to include a neighborhood hospital is essential for addressing the increasing demand for emergency medical services and the treatment of low medical acuity cases.

As a healthcare provider, I understand the critical need for accessible emergency care services. Currently, our community relies on limited resources, and the addition of a neighborhood hospital will ensure3 prompt and efficient care for patients requiring urgent medical attention. This includes managing conditions such as kidney stones, urinary tract infections, and other acute urological emergencies that benefit from immediate intervention.

The neighborhood hospital will improve continuity of care for Illinois residents by offering local access to emergency services, reducing the need for travel across state lines for medical treatment. This is particularly beneficial for patients requiring timely interventions and follow-up care, ensuring they receive comprehensive support close to home.

Having reviewed the details of the proposal, I am confident that the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project will address critical healthcare needs in our community. It will enhance our capacity to deliver efficient emergency services and manage low medical acuity cases effectively, thereby improving patient outcomes and satisfaction.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this important initiative, which will benefit our community by providing accessible, high-quality healthcare services when they are needed most.

Sincerely,

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June 21, 2024

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

Re: Support for Project #24-018 (NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital)

Dear Ms. Savage,

In my ophthalmology practice, I perform procedures at NorthPointe Surgery Center in Roscoe, Illinois. Through this experience, I have developed a strong working relationship with the specialists at Beloit Health System and have come to depend on their ability to provide specialty care when my patients need access to rehabilitation, infectious disease services, wound healing, or other ancillary services. Beloit provides my patients with an extended continuity of care while allowing me to specialize in my area of expertise.

Fortunately, as a non-profit health system, Beloit Health System accepts most of the insurance plans covering this region, including Medicaid and Medicare managed care plans. This allows me to treat my patients regardless of their payor source so they can focus on getting better. This region relies on Beloit Health System for its unique strengths, and that's why improving access to care on the NorthPointe campus is crucial.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Michal Gutowski Ophthalmology



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,

As a family practice physician in our community, I am writing to express my strong support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project proposed by Beloit Health System. This initiative is crucial for providing accessible and high-quality healthcare services to our patients.

NorthPointe currently offers a comprehensive range of services including a medically integrated fitness center, immediate care, various diagnostic facilities, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center. The proposed expansion will include much-needed emergency and inpatient care, which is critical given the rising prevalence of chronic diseases in our community.

Importantly, Beloit Health System is also converting double rooms into private rooms at their Beloit Hospital to enhance patient comfort and privacy, even though this reduces the overall number of beds. This decision reflects a commendable focus on improving patient experience rather than increasing profits, and it underscores the system's dedication to patient-centered care.

Moreover, the establishment of an Illinois-based neighborhood hospital will significantly benefit our community by allowing Illinois residents to receive more timely care within their own state. thus avoiding the need to travel to Wisconsin. This will make healthcare more accessible and convenient, ensuring better utilization of local healthcare resources and ultimately a higher level of care.

Having reviewed the details of the proposal, I am impressed by its emphasis on evidence-based practices and a commitment to enhancing patient care. I strongly urge the board to approve this proposal to ensure that our community continues to receive the quality healthcare it deserves.

Sincerely.

Meredith Maxey, MD

Family Medicine Physician

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June 28, 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 express my enthusiastic support for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project and its potential to enhance emergency and inpatient care services for residents of Roscoe and surrounding communities. As an occupational health provider, I have witnessed firsthand the impact of accessible healthcare facilities on employee health outcomes and workplace productivity.

The establishment of NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital will improve access to essential medical services, ensuring prompt treatment for workplace injuries and acute health conditions. This accessibility is vital for supporting the health and safety of our workforce and minimizing disruptions in job performance.

I believe that endorsing the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project is a testament to our commitment to community health and wellness. By expanding healthcare options locally, we empower employees to prioritize their health while contributing to a thriving workplace environment.

Thank you for your attention to this important initiative. I wholeheartedly support the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project and its potential to strengthen our community's healthcare infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Molly Stelter, PA

Occupational Health



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 express my strong endorsement of the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as both a General Surgeon and the Medical Director of the Surgery Department. The expansion of NorthPointe to include a neighborhood hospital is a crucial step towards meeting the evolving healthcare needs of our community and ensuring comprehensive surgical care closer to home.

As a General Surgeon, I have witnessed firsthand the impact of accessible and timely surgical interventions on patient outcomes. NorthPointe currently provides a range of essential healthcare services, including a fitness center, urgent care, diagnostic and treatment facilities, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center. However, the addition of a neighborhood hospital will significantly enhance our ability to deliver comprehensive services and emergency care.

The neighborhood hospital will play a pivotal role in enabling us to provide timely interventions and reducing the need for patients to travel long distances for care.

In my role as the Medical Director of the Surgery Department, I have reviewed the details of the proposal and am impressed by NorthPointe's commitment to patient-centered care and evidence-based practices. The neighborhood hospital will not only enhance patient safety, surgical outcomes, and overall patient satisfaction.

I strongly urge you to approve the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. This expansion is critical for enhancing access to high-quality care and meeting the growing healthcare needs of our community. It represents a significant investment in our healthcare infrastructure and will undoubtedly benefit our patients and their families.

Sincerely

Neel Karne, MD Surgery Medical Director

General Surgeon

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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to support the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as a nurse practitioner specializing in podiatry. In my practice, I see many patients with foot problems, especially those with diabetes and other long-term health issues. This project is very important because it will help us take better care of our patients who need more medical services.

Currently, NorthPointe offers many good services, such as a fitness center, urgent care, different medical tests, a surgery center, a birthing center, offices, and a place for people who need more help with their health. These services are very helpful for people with foot problems who need regular care and checkups.

Many of my patients have serious foot issues that can get worse if they don't get quick and good care. The new hospital will give us more places to help people who need emergency care and who need to stay in the hospital. This will make it easier for us to take care of patients with problems like infections or wounds that need special attention.

Having a neighborhood hospital nearby will also help people who have trouble moving around. It will make it easier for them to get the care they need without having to travel far. This is very important for patients who have trouble walking or need to see a doctor often for their foot problems.

I think the new hospital is a great idea because it will help us take better care of our patients and make sure they get the best care possible. I hope the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board will approve this project so we can help our community get the care they need.

Thank you very much,

Robert Derby, NP

Podiatry

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

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing in support of Beloit Health System's proposal to develop a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. As a cardiology nurse practitioner, I understand the vital role that comprehensive and readily available healthcare services play in maintaining the well-being of our community.

Many of my patients suffer from chronic cardiovascular conditions that necessitate frequent monitoring and sometimes urgent care. The establishment of a neighborhood hospital would greatly enhance our ability to deliver prompt and effective treatment for acute cardiac events, such as heart attacks, where every minute counts.

Moreover, a local hospital will facilitate better collaboration among healthcare providers, ensuring that patients receive coordinated and continuous care. This will not only improve patient outcomes but also foster a healthier community by providing more opportunities for preventive care and early intervention.

I believe that this project is essential for meeting the growing healthcare needs of our area and strongly urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve it. The new hospital will significantly enhance the quality of care available to our residents and support the ongoing health of our community.

Sincerely.

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

Dear Chair Savage,

As a dedicated primary care physician in the Stateline community, I am writing to express my unwavering support for the proposed neighborhood hospital. I am intimately involved in managing chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and heart disease among my patients. My role entails creating tailored treatment plans, tracking disease progression, adjusting medications as needed, and providing consistent care to ensure the best health outcomes.

However, the unpredictable nature of healthcare means that emergencies do arise. When my patients experience symptoms like chest pain, severe shortness of breath, or other urgent medical issues, having access to prompt emergency care is crucial. The establishment of an emergency department and hospital at the NorthPointe Campus is an essential step toward addressing these urgent needs effectively and efficiently.

The Beloit Health System's proposal for this neighborhood hospital clearly demonstrates a thorough understanding of our community's healthcare challenges. By utilizing existing space at the NorthPointe Campus, they aim to deliver necessary medical services in a cost-effective way without the burden of a large, expensive facility. This approach not only addresses immediate medical needs but also ensures sustainable healthcare solutions for our region.

Moreover, having a new hospital and emergency department at the NorthPointe Campus will significantly enhance the attractiveness of our area for healthcare professionals. The availability of state-of-the-art facilities and a supportive medical community can be a decisive factor in attracting top talent. By offering advanced infrastructure and resources, we can draw in specialists and primary care providers who are eager to deliver high-quality care, thereby strengthening our local healthcare system and improving patient outcomes.

I believe this project will significantly improve access to both emergency and inpatient services, ultimately saving lives and reducing complications for our community members.

Sincerely,

Thuy Nguyen, DO **Family Medicine**



June 28, 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 lend my full support to the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project.

As a psychiatrist, I recognize the critical need for accessible and responsive psychiatric services during crises. The NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital's focus on emergency care will ensure that individuals facing acute mental health challenges receive timely assessments and interventions, fostering better outcomes and recovery.

The project represents a significant advancement in our ability to meet the urgent mental health needs of our community. By facilitating rapid access to emergency care and support, this initiative will mitigate the impact of psychiatric crises and promote overall mental health wellness.

I urge the Board to approve this vital project, recognizing its potential to enhance emergency care and improve the quality of life for individuals experiencing mental health crises in Roscoe and neighboring communities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely.

Yehia Khoga, MD

Psychiatry



June 26, 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 lend my full support to the proposed neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. As a physician assistant with a focus on cardiology, I see patients daily who would greatly benefit from more accessible healthcare options in our area.

In my practice, I treat many individuals with serious cardiac conditions who often require urgent care. The addition of an emergency department at NorthPointe would significantly improve our ability to provide timely and efficient treatment for cardiac emergencies, reducing the need for patients to travel long distances for

This new hospital would also be a boon for our community by making healthcare more convenient and reducing the burden on patients and their families. It would allow for better management of chronic cardiac conditions through closer monitoring and easier access to follow-up care, ultimately leading to better health outcomes.

Approving this proposal is crucial for enhancing the quality of healthcare in our community. I strongly encourage you to support this initiative.

Warm regards,

Cardiology

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