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On March 18, 2025, Endeavor Health will be requesting approval to shutter the in patient services for mental health at NWC Hospital. It is not a large residential treatment facility, perhaps 20 beds.

I am writing to weigh in on this. I am active in the mental health community and believe me when I say there is a severe shortage of mental health beds across Illinois. I had two of my children admitted to this facility many years ago in very acute psychiatric situation. They had several additional psychiatric hospitalizations there but many years later I can say both of my children are stable, contributing members of society.

The services provided in that residential facility, including the talented, caring staff, saved my son's lives. I don't know where they would be today without that facility at NWC.

I beg you to consider the enormous needs for mental health beds in this area and vote no to the request for closure. Please feel free to contact me.