

**Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
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PROJECT #E-008-25

Date: September 16, 2025

Address: 901 Wellington Avenue
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NAME: Alexian Brothers Medical Center
discontinuation of obstetric
service

Time: 4:00 PM

ATTENDANCE/NO TESTIMONY ON PROJECT

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Polly Bauerport	Ascension	Chicago	X		
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Kyrah Bookler	EG Resident	Elk Grove Vll		X	
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(1) question on Dept's Plan & Actuals
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Polly Davenport
Introductory Statement
IHFSRB Public Hearing September 16, 2025

Good afternoon, my name is Polly Davenport and I serve as senior vice president and market CEO for Ascension Illinois and as the interim chief executive officer at Ascension Alexian Brothers.

I appreciate the opportunity to address you this afternoon, and the effort that the CON Board's staff has gone through to organize this session.

I want to assure you that we have not taken lightly the concerns that have been raised in earlier forums concerning Ascension Illinois's plans to focus its provision of inpatient obstetrics and newborn services in the northwest suburbs at the Women and Children's Hospital at Ascension Saint Alexius. Additionally of note, most high risk deliveries are already being transferred to or are planned at Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital including transfers to the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit given the high degree of specialized care offered. This decision and the subsequent plans are the culmination of months of planning, involving system and hospital management as well as the obstetricians and neonatologists and nurses practicing in our hospitals; and we are confident that once the community in general becomes comfortable with this approach, it will realize the patient care benefits of consolidating services into centers of excellence.

We are seeing a movement from the community hospital concept, where hospitals have been attempting to address all needs of a community to the centralizing of expertise, programs, and facilities in a reasonably accessible manner. And, Ascension Illinois and its northwestern suburban patients are

fortunate to have two related hospitals in such close proximity to one another, as to be able to provide reasonable accessibility as well as the expertise of a center of excellence.

We made the decision years ago to centralize our cardiovascular surgery at Ascension Alexian Brothers and our pediatric programs at Ascension Saint Alexius, and that has been well accepted by the community. And we anticipate and look forward to the community becoming comfortable with a consolidated inpatient obstetrics program.

We have had numerous discussions with local leadership and external stakeholders, and we are confident in our ability to smoothly make this move. I can assure you that we are doing everything reasonable to address concerns that have been raised. For example, I can tell you that Ascension Alexian Brothers Medical Center will have the necessary resources and equipment to deliver babies in those rare instances when patients arrive in the emergency department ready to deliver or are in need of delivering immediately. We have arranged for transportation from Alexian Brothers to Saint Alexius when appropriate and necessary with no cost to the patient. The two hospitals operate with a common electronic medical records system that provides seamless access to patient information. We have extended employment offers to the Ascension Alexian Brothers labor and delivery nursing staff to transition to Ascension Saint Alexius. To date, 89 percent of the staff have agreed to transition to the women and children's hospital. Physicians currently delivering babies at Ascension Alexian Brothers that are not already on staff at Ascension Saint Alexius are welcome to transition their deliveries and join the medical staff to ensure continuity of care for patients. We appreciate the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's recent approval to add 14 Level III Neonatal Intensive Care beds at

Ascension Saint Alexius. We expect this expansion to be fully operational before the potential transition of deliveries from Ascension Alexian Brothers. Lastly, it is important to note, we have strong partnerships with federally qualified healthcare centers with documented letters of support. We have been working with them in advance of any transition of labor and delivery services to ensure culturally competent and quality access is readily available at Ascension Saint Alexius. Broad multilingual communication regarding this transition will be made available throughout the community.

Our overall goal is to continue to have two strong hospitals in the northwestern suburbs, and this is a major step in that direction.

Thank you for your attention.

My name is Ellen Herbert. I'm here to oppose the proposed closing of labor and delivery services at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elk Grove Village.

For the last 13 years, I have been a full-time in-home caregiver for a severely disabled adult. In 2020, her parents and I bought a house here in Elk Grove Village together. One of the things we like the most about it is that it's half a mile from the fire station in one direction and half a mile from the hospital in the other direction. As a family with complex medical needs, we know the importance of living within easy access of a quality hospital. We've been to the ER four times in five years, once by ambulance, and expect that we will be there again. It concerns me that the closing of one department in the hospital could be the beginning of other closings and restructurings that could impact the quality of other services, services that my family and I are likely to need.

My experience as a caregiver has inspired me to continue my education. I'm currently a graduate student at the University of Chicago Divinity School, where I'm studying religion and bioethics.

This is a very difficult time to be a **woman**, to be **Hispanic**, to need **healthcare**.

Ascension Alexian Brothers Hospital serves an **underserved community** of women, specifically Hispanic women.

All over the country, hospitals are closing labor and delivery because it is not profitable.

Women are losing control over their own health. Doctors are afraid to provide life saving care to women in need. And here, even in Illinois, we want to solve the health care crisis by eliminating care tailored specifically to women and children. And we want to do it at a hospital that serves an **underserved Hispanic community**.

Here in Illinois, we value women. We value families. When a hospital says they can't afford to provide **these essential services to women and children after they have also cut pediatric services**, we need to challenge that assertion. Surely this is not the only possible answer to our healthcare crisis. If it is, we are doomed.

When Ascension announced they would be building a center of excellence for labor and delivery, we thought that was a wonderful thing. But they did not clarify that they would be doing this **at the expense of this service at other hospitals**. I argue that the need for a **skilled and knowledgeable labor and delivery department** at every hospital is more valuable and will save more lives than the convenience of having a center of excellence near you.

I realize that the health care industry is stretched thin. The answer to that problem is **not cutting more and more services**. It is figuring out a way to **fund those services**. It is **not cutting care from women and children**. We are not expendable.

Here in Illinois, we can do better.

2 minutes in front of state board on Hospital

We need the Labor and Delivery unit to stay open at Alexian Bros because is not only services Elk Grove Village, Schaumburg, Addison, Wood Dale and Itasca. So, for the department to close is ridiculous. We have people who move to our area because of the closeness of the hospital We should be making improvements to the hospital not tearing it down.

Consequences of what happens to a mother or baby in distress and the only dr who is maybe at the hospital but maybe on call. There aren't many dr. at the hospital that are staff anymore. So what happen then?

The nurses I have met from Labor and Delivery are some of the most kind and caring people. I can't say that for the rest of the hospital. The almighty dollar is more important than the health and welfare of the community.

The ride to St Alexius is 20 to 30 minutes and the patient get stuck with the ambulance bill. Add insult to injury.

Living here for 52 years my fear is that this is the first step to closing Alexian Bros down completely

Good afternoon. My name is Kaylyn Krolicki, and I'm here today as a concerned resident, Labor and Delivery nurse, and advocate for maternal and infant health. Members of the board, I urge you not to approve the closure of the labor and delivery services at Alexian Brothers.

This is not just a budget decision or a claim to strive for excellence. It is a life-and-death decision for mothers and babies in our community.

Elk Grove Village and the surrounding areas are home to thousands of families. For many, Alexian is their closest hospital — If this ward closes, expecting mothers will be forced to travel farther, often during emergencies, in traffic, or unpredictable Illinois weather.

At a recent meeting, many questions asked were left unanswered. A very important one being: Why is this "transition" occurring NOW before either hospital is properly prepared. If the plan is to close Alexian, then careful time and consideration should be taken during the projected two-year expansion period for additional NICU beds already needed at St. Alexius. By then, both hospital's staff in all areas of care that will be impacted would obtain the type of education and training associated with the safety and excellence that is proposed and expected.

To be clear: this creates a real risk of delayed care, increased complications, and poor outcomes — especially for vulnerable low-income families, and those without reliable transportation. The plan for a 10-mile transfer to Hoffman Estates may not sound far on paper, but in labor, MINUTES MATTER.

Ascension claims this is about efficiency — but what about Illinois's initiatives for Birth Equity? What about safety? What about the obligation to serve the community “**throughout the life cycle**” like Ascension's mission states?

Denying this closure is understanding this is not a duplication of service, but a commitment to protecting maternal and infant health in Illinois, and setting an example to cease this dangerous healthcare trend.

Please, do not allow this vital service to disappear from our community.

Written comments with supporting documentation will be submitted soon.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Good afternoon. My name is Angela Filpi. I am a former Alexian Brothers labor and delivery nurse, here not only to support my courageous and impassioned former colleagues, but to be a voice for women's health.

My nursing career has allowed me to gain knowledge in a variety of settings including neurology, orthopedics, outpatient care, and home health. While each of those experiences provided me with an invaluable foundation, none of them ignited the intense zeal I felt for labor and delivery. The orientation was 12 weeks just to be able to care for uncomplicated cases. Many of my fellow labor and delivery nurses can attest to not feeling confident until at least a year of practicing. This is a highly specialized area of healthcare that should not be dismissed as something anyone can do. We have heard the response, "the providers in the emergency are qualified to deliver babies". Correct, but there is a difference between being "qualified" and having amassed expertise that only comes with experience. Expertise and experience promote quality. Don't the women who receive care at Alexian Brothers deserve quality without having to travel to an unfamiliar hospital? The haste with which this decision was made reflects the flippant attitude and insufficient understanding of how to manage those deliveries when they don't go as planned. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "state maternal mortality review committees have reported missed opportunities to identify pregnancy-related emergencies in non-obstetric settings". This includes Illinois, which has one of the worst rates of maternal and infant mortality and morbidity in the nation. Approving this closure completely contradicts the research and evidence that the state of Illinois has identified. What will happen when a mother presents to the emergency room at Alexian Brothers in active labor and the umbilical cord has prolapsed. Who will get on the gurney to move the baby's head (without causing injury to the baby mind you) to avoid cord compression until the mother can be taken to the operating room. The person on the gurney stays there under the sterile drape until the obstetric surgeon reaches the baby and gives the ok for that person to come out from under that drape. That person is a labor and delivery nurse. The average amount of time from identification of an umbilical cord prolapse to the start of a c-section is 7 minutes. What is the plan to manage this mother? How will she be transported to "one of the 7 hospitals that are 30 minutes or less"? How is the nurse's safety ensured during that transport? If the nurse isn't going who is? If the emergency c-section is to be done at ABMC and the operating rooms are full of elective surgeries, where does she go? How is the baby being assessed and monitored? Who is circulating in the operating room that has the training and expertise to identify the insidious signs of a maternal complication? What is the plan when a baby dies as a direct result of inexperience and ill-preparedness? What happens when a mother precipitously delivers, and everything appears fine at first but then she starts hemorrhaging uncontrollably (due to

a myriad of reasons) and the early signs were missed, or worse yet the risk wasn't even identified? Who will be there with the expertise in addition to the qualifications to identify those early signs? Who can facilitate that early intervention? What happens when that mother dies because of inexperience and ill-preparedness? Will one sentinel event be enough or is there an allowable number of maternal and or infant deaths that need to happen before the reality of the situation takes hold and the decisionmakers are forced to acknowledge that perhaps despite the prestige and business degrees, this was wrong. The arrogance to all but shrug shoulders, throw hands up and essentially say, "come on, how often does that really happen" while simultaneously using the increase in obstetric emergencies and high risk pregnancies as a reason to close is not only contradictory, it's confusing. All of this to reduce duplication of services and allow a more efficient use of resources, which as we all know translates to dollars saved.

I was one of those mothers. I suffered a ruptured ectopic pregnancy because of inexperience, lack of resources and my concerns for my safety being dismissed. When the physician could not figure out what was happening, I was told to "find an obstetrician". I spent an afternoon cold calling offices because the office I went to did not offer obstetric care anymore. Luckily the last practice I called took me in immediately. I was given an ultrasound and they identified an ectopic gestation of 10 weeks. A baby about the size of a grape developing inside my left fallopian tube. I was taken into surgery 7 pm that night and started bleeding intraoperatively. A year later I would be told by the doctor that saved me that the outcome would have been devastating had they been unable to control the bleeding.

We come together today to respectfully request a denial of Ascension's application to close the Labor and Delivery unit. Ascension's responses to the questions posed by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ironically hold within them information to support how wrong this closure is. What Ascension's explanations lacked in specificity, depth, and integrity, they made up for with redundant, cursory, one-dimensional remarks. My written comment includes a thorough inquest of these remarks complete with evidence to support my concerns as well as references to support that evidence. I hope the board will take the time to read and consider what I submit. I want to extend my sincerest gratitude for allowing me the opportunity to speak today.

On Wednesday, May 22, 2024, representatives from Ascension showed up unexpectedly at my children's pediatrician's office in Elk Grove Village to inform them that their office would close on June 28, 2024, and that they would no longer be employed with Ascension. Ascension also closed the office of my son's podiatrist, my pulmonologist, as well as countless other doctors. My neighbor, who is fighting cancer, was informed by Ascension that his insurance would no longer be accepted after a certain date, causing him additional stress. My parents, both seniors, received a letter stating that their insurance would no longer be accepted with Ascension, despite living two blocks away from the hospital.

When our family physician, Dr. Richard Cash, unexpectedly passed away a couple of years ago, Ascension told his family, including his ninety-seven-year-old mother, that there would not be a public memorial service because he had too many patients. This despite Dr. Cash's forty years of service to Alexian Brothers. He passed away on a Sunday at home while working on his patients' charts.

I know for a fact that Ascension has told multiple doctors that they need to spend less time with their patients. When a doctor retired a few years ago, she referred her patients to doctors outside of Ascension to provide the best care, but Ascension did not like this and made it known to the doctor.

Ascension claims that closing the labor and delivery unit is what's best for patients, which is simply not true. In fact, it's laughable. Ascension has repeatedly shown that they do not care about patients, doctors, nurses and support staff. *the health is well being of* I urge you to reject the proposed closing by Ascension. Thank you!

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Ascension Illinois Closing Statement DRAFT

David Bordo, M.D.

Public Hearing, September 16, 2025

Good afternoon, my name is David Bordo and I serve as the Ascension Illinois chief clinical officer, interim chief medical officer at Ascension Alexian Brothers and I am a board certified emergency medicine physician. I also thank the Illinois Health Facilities Services Review Board for providing us the opportunity to hear from our community today during this public hearing.

It is important to re-iterate that access to labor and delivery services is readily available in the northwest suburbs. In fact there are seven hospitals within 30 minutes or less of Elk Grove Village including Ascension Saint Alexius that provide labor and delivery services. Ascension Saint Alexius itself is located within 15-20 minutes from Ascension Alexian Brothers Medical Center. There are no obstetric related services offered at Ascension Alexian Brothers that are not already offered at Ascension Saint Alexius. Unlike other hospitals throughout the state that we have seen diminish accessibility to specialized services like obstetrics, we have the ability to consolidate services within our system.

Additionally, emergency deliveries will continue at Ascension Alexian Brothers consistent with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) state and federal requirements. We will have emergency protocols and practices in place in our emergency department to address

the various labor and delivery scenarios that may present in the emergency department supported by an obstetrics and gynecology specialty clinician team that will remain at Ascension Alexian Brothers.

The transition of labor and delivery services from Ascension Alexian Brothers to Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital will result in a comprehensive and sustainable approach to obstetric care for the northwest suburban communities we are privileged to serve.

We look forward to continued engagement with our staff, local leaders and community stakeholders as well as appearing before the Board to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals to advance the consolidation of labor and delivery services.

Thank you.