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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

**Memo**

**Re:** Public Hearing

**Date:** February 16, 2011

**Place:** Huntley Municipal Building, 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Hearing Officers:** Courtney Avery, Frank Urso

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- 153 Individuals were in attendance but provided no testimony
  - 134 Individuals provided support testimony
  - 85 Individuals provided opposition testimony

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PUBLIC HEARING REGISTER**

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 Project #10-090

Address: 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois      Time: 10AM  
 NAME: Centegra Hospital-Huntley

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✓ #	NAME (Please Print)	AGENCY, ORGANIZATION OR INSTITUTION REPRESENTED (PLEASE PRINT)	CITY (Please Print)	(S) SUPPORT (O) OPPOSE (N) NEUTRAL
1	Matt Johnson	Centegra Health System	Spring Grove	S
2	<del>Shane GUSTAFSON</del>	<del>Centegra Health System</del>	<del>Peoria</del>	<del>S</del>
3	Anne Haslinger	Centegra Health System	CAFEY	S
4	Mike Schinski	Centegra Health System	Hebron	S
5	David Aboutorabi	Clark Construction Group	Chicago	S
6	Astid Larsen	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	S
7	LOREN TOWMAN	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	MENARD	S
8	TIM DEGARD	CENTEGRA	LITH	S
9	Erika Garbrecht	Centegra	Huntley	S
10	JAMES GARBRECHT	Centegra	Huntley	S
11	Cynthia Galeski	Centegra	McHenry	S
12	Heather Guelke	Centegra	McHenry	S
13	Sandra J. Guelke			
14	Eric Guelke	Centegra Health System	Spring Grove	S

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1	Laura Mensching	Centegra	McHenry	S
2	Ananna Fontana	Centegra	Huntley	S
3	Amber DEAN	Centegra	Spring Grove	S
4	Dana Conway	Centegra	Riverwood	S
5	Deuisa LaMont Meyer	Centegra	Jonestown	S
6	Barb Wasilk	Centegra	Cary	S
7	Duan Ceron	Centegra	Marengo	I
8	Frances Kreutgen	Centegra	<del>McHUNTLEY</del>	S
9	Beverly Auerbach	Centegra	Centegra Lake	S
10	ANNE LEVERENZ	SUN CITY	HUNTLEY	S
11	John Anderson	Am City	Huntley	S
12	James M. Kaysman	Centegra	Crystal Lake	S
13	John Wolf	Self	Huntley	S
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1	Emby Jayara	CHS	McHenry IL	S
2	K. Krupinski	CHS	Woodstock	S
3	Karal Friedman	Polsinelli	Chicago	
4	Nicki Wheaton	CHS	Brenda City, IL	S
5	Cindy Haste	CHS	Belvidere, IL	S
6	Victoria Hughes	CHS	Marengo, IL	S
7	DAN LAWLER	KRLGATES	Chicago, IL	S
8	Marianne Yakoubek	CHS	Gen Elgin, IL	S
9	RHIENNA KUMANA	WOODSTOCK CENTRAL AUXILIARY	CL, IL	S
10	RICHARD J. HATTAN	WARRICK FIRE-EMS ASSOCIATION HEALTH CARE COMMUNITIES	WOODSTOCK	S
11	Richard A. Curtis	Huntley Community	Woodstock	S
12	DAVID A. NEATH	Huntley Chamber	Huntley	S
13	Calvin Pope	Centegra	Woodstock	S
14	JoAnn Bennett	CHS	Woodstock	S

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15	Lynn Cowlin	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
16	DARRICK MINTOY	CHI's	McHenry	Support
17	Kate Brennan	Crystal Lake Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
18	Sherry Lege	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
19	Maribel Lara	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
20	Robin M. Gault	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Support
21	Janet <del>Stewart</del>	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
22	Jeff Kase	Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
23	REG CONNOR	McHenry	Elmhurst	Support
24	LARRY <del>STUBBINS</del>	MERTENSON CONSTRUCTION	Like in the Hills	Support
25	Wm Stepanik	CHS	Woodstock	Support
26	Annemarie Capporaso	Centegra Health System	Woodstock, IL	Support
27	DANIEL V. LEMANSKI	Centegra Farm	Woodstock	Support
28	TODD WENIGER	CHS	Woodstock	Support
29	Ronald J. Schutte	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
30	Lee Ann Attwood	Wellness Place	Palatine	Support
31	Judith A Frazier	Resident	Huntley	S
32	Edward C. Frazier	Resident	Huntley	Support
33	James Withkamp	CHS	McHenry	Support
34	Ann Koberger	Dejeva	Palatine	Support
35	Kim Valby	Centegra	Cary	Support
36	Jill Sundelin	DWI	McHenry	Support
37	LILLI-JAYNE MARIANO	3861 WILLOW VIEW DR.	L.I.T.H.	Support

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38	Joy Bereolos	CENTEGRA/RESIDENT	HUNTLEY	S
39	Deleen Ochoa	centegra	CARY	S
40	Marilyn White	Centegra	WONDER LAKE	S
41	LINDA POTTER	centegra	burnce	S
42	John Ross	AET Engineering Design	Chicago	
43	Seannimwe Norfolk	Centegra	Huntley	S
44	Kathleen Gokun	Centegra	Round Lake	S
45	Sharon Lora - Carter	Duke Realty Corp.	Rosemont	S
46	Kathleen Tischer	Centegra	Woodstock	S
47	Elizabeth Sienkowsk	Centegra	Lake Geneva, WI	S
48	Debbie Schmidt	Alexian Brothers <sup>hospital</sup>	Schaumburg	
49	FRIGGBRAUN	CENTEGRA	NONBOR LAKE	S
50	BRIDGET MESSING	Centegra	MENRY	S
51	Dylan DeStam	Centegra	Woodstock	S
52	Mike Buchanan	Centegra	WOODSTOCK	S
53	Mike Heraty	Centegra	LITH	S
54	Susan BARTOSZEWSKI	CENTEGRA	WOODSTOCK	S
55	Joyce Comrod	Centegra	MENRY	S
56	Jim Koller	Centegra	Woodstock	S
57	Chris Dunge	Centegra	Meffery	S
58	Margaret Gallagher	Centegra	McHenry	S
59	Sandy Anderson	Centegra	FOX RIVER GROVE	S
60	DONNA KISSANE	CENTEGRA	HUNTLEY	S

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15	Lorene Komorita	Resident	Algonquin	S
16	Brad Boelkens	Centegra Healthbridge Fitness Center	Huntley	S
17	KEITH ABRAHAM	CENTERGRA	SPRINGWOOD	S
18	Becky Backs	Centegra Health System	McHenry	S
19	Joan Luxford	Centegra Health Sys	Crystal Lake	S
20	DAVID CONROY	HANNES COMPANY	BROOKFIELD, WI	S
21	caitlin Nember	centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
22	Melissa Holbrook	Centegra Health System	Huntley	S
23	Gargi Kumar	Centegra Healthbridge	Huntley	S
24	John Heinrich	Centegra Health System	Huntley	S
25	Leanne Winters	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
26	Robin Stoen	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
27	Julia Condon	Centegra Health System	South St, Woodstock	S
28	Jennifer Baker-Gross	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
29	Patricia Herbst	resident	Woodstock	S
30	Theresa Bahl	resident	Woodstock	S
31	KARA WILLIAMS	CENTERGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
32	Anne Wysock	Centegra Health System	Huntley	S
33	JENNIS L. Endler	CHS Foundation	Crystal Lake	S
34	Erin McGrary	Centegra Health System Foundation	Crystal Lake	S
35	SPRO GERHARTON	RADIOLOGIST CENTERGRA	BARRINGTON	S
36	Deb Kerr	Centegra Health Bridges	Huntley	S
37	SAM ESSAK	Resident	Warrenville, IL	S

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38	Sesth Sullivan	Aspen Lawn & Landscaping, Inc	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
39	DIANE LOGSDON	CENTEGRA	WOODSTOCK	S
40	JOHN KISSANE	CENTEGRA	HUNTLEY	S
41	MARY KOZP			
42	Sandy Odance	Alg/LITH Chamber	LITH	S
43	<del>Denise</del> Brausen, DENISE	Centegra	LITH	S
44	JACK FORTEN	CKS	WOODSTOCK	S
45	NINA PARIKH	Centegra	McHenry	S
46	Kathy Young	DEM/Centegra	McHenry	S
47	Scott L. P. djan	Centegra	McH/Woodstock	S
48	LOBI SULLIVAN	CENTEGRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
49	Bridget Prate	Centegra	Algonquin	S
50	Ashley Alexander	Centegra	Gilberts	S
51	Joseph Blawie		Huntley	S
52	Danette Santana	Centegra	Huntley	S
53	Gary Busch	McHenry County Building TRPS	Woodstock	S
54	PATRICK NOHL	IBEW 117	BUKLINGTON	S
55	BRIAN McSHERRY	SHEET METAL WORKERS L. U. #265	ISLAND LAKE	S
56	Kate Halma	Resident	Woodstock	S
57	Christie Pennel	Centegra	Crystal Lake	S
58	Berni Szezagalski	Centegra	McHenry	S
59	Rosa Jeschka	Centegra	McH	S
60	Michelle Green		Crystal Lake	S

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15	LISA GASIOR	CHBFC	Huntley	S
16	Anne Marie Wynn	CHBFC	Huntley	S
17	DELAIS GRASSOR	CHBFC	Huntley	S
18	Debbie Ratliff	CPC	Huntley	S
19	Evika Cloutier	resident	Huntley	S
20	Marianne	CHS	Crystal Lake	S
21	Tom W. Tausch	McHenry Co. BID. TRDS	Crystal Lake	S
22	TOM MANAK	PROVENA HEALTH	PROVENA	OPPOSED
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# Attendance No Testimony

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15	ANDREW J WIPPERFURTH	CENTEGRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
16	Beslie Behring	Centegra	Huntley	S
17	Kathleen Kudlo	Centegra	Huntley	S
18	TOP ZACK	Centegra	Crystal Lake	S
19	Giuseia Vega	Centegra	Elgin	S
20	Jill Weidner	Centegra	Marengo	S
21	Renee Hauck	Centegra	Johnsburg	S
22	Lisa O'Neil	Centegra	Lake Villa	S
23	<del>Anna</del>	Centegra	Bull Valley	S
24	DAVID RUSOUPH	Centegra	Huntley	S
25	Denise Herman	Centegra	Huntley	S
26	Michelle Glendon	Centegra	Huntley	S
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1	Dee Tailon	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	Both
2	RITA SLANEK	HUNTLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	HUNTLEY	Both
3	MICHAEL HUNK	HUNTLEY POLICE DEPT.	HUNTLEY	BOTH
4	JIM SALEZZA	HUNTLEY FIRE DEPT.	HUNTLEY	BOTH
5	ETED LOREIC, M.D.	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	CRYSTAL LAKE	B
6	ERIC ROTH	ADVANCE CMT. CENTEGRA	HUNTLEY	BOTH
7	DAVID KIRLINSKI	IT'S ALL ABOUT KIDS	RICHMOND	BOTH
8	Jim Wiseman	N.I.S.R.A	Crystal Lake	BOTH
9	Laune Dayer	Girls on the Run NW IL	Crystal Lake	Both
10	Barbara Jo Johnson	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	both
11	Stephen White	HOSPICE & Palliative Care of NE IL	Crystal Lake	both
12	Eileen K. Britzke	Resident	L.I.H	B.M
13	LORI KIRKELIE	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	McHenry	Both
14	Robert Rasenberger	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Both

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38		MCO	Crystal Lake	B
39	<del>Kristin Kersch</del>	CHBPC	Huntley	B
40	Judy Andronowitz	Centegra Health System	McHenry	B
41	Trisha Musick	Centegra Health System	McHenry	B
42	Jason Shanks	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	B
43	Mary Lou Kroll	Sherman Hosp.	Huntley	O
44	Becky Lampe	Self + PartTime Centgra	ALCONQUIN	B
45	Barb Read on behalf of Great Rivers	Readers Alconquin FPD	Alconquin	B
46	Tom McTavish - Great Rivers	McHenry Co. BID Tools Care	Crystal Lake	O
47	JACK POETZ	Resident	Woodstock	O
48	Paul Rudolph	Centegra	Huntley	B
49	Sheila Senn	Centegra	McHenry	B
50	Rawena Werner	Centegra		
51	Gerald D. Sogona	Village Administrator	Lake in the Hills	Written
52	Bob Blauer	Citizen/Commer	Crystal Lake	B
53	John Perkins statement read by →	Kluender		
54	Nelvin Wiley	Citizen		B
55	Mayor John Pile	The McHenry Salvation Army		B
56	Chip Butler	Blk Hawk Am Council		B
57	Amy Piekos	Leadership Greater McHenry City	Woodstock	B
58	Arad Shepley	Centegra		W
59	Dr. Ted Lorenz	Centegra		B
60	Kenneth Kory	Citizen	Huntley	B

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✓ 1	Mike Esley			
✓ 2	ERRY SAGONA	Village of Lake in the Hills	LIH	B
✓ 3	Pam Cumpote	McHenry County EDC	McHenry	B
✓ 4	Chuck Sass			
✓ 5	Susan Milford			
✓ 6	Chris Newkirk			
✓ 7	Chami Ench Zande			
✓ 8	<del>Pam Fendler</del> Harry Leopold			
✓ 9	Suzanne Hoban			
✓ 10	Hadley Strong			
✓ 11	<del>Rita Stewek</del> Rita Stewek			
✓ 12	Chuck RUTA (envi-som presented)	Bd of Director Centega		
✓ 13	Eileen Breitzke			
✓ 14	Tina Hill	read statement		
✓ 15	Dr. Marietta Abraham			

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✓ 15	Sandy Osance	Algonquin Chamber of Comm	Lake in the Hill	Written
✓ 16	Dr. Spiridon Gerolimatos	Centegra (indep. radiologist)	McHenry	Written
✓ 17	Mary Ann Welch	Jane Ann Farmer - Turney Pt.	Woodstock	Written
✓ 18	Brian Shakhin read my proxy	NW 26 Special Recreation Assoc	Crystal Lake	Written
✓ 19	Bekky Lampe		Algonquin	B
✓ 20	Tom Hollet	Centegra	Huntley	B
✓ 21	Cindy Amore		McHenry	B
✓ 22	Angie Mc Aubrey	Centegra Bd Member		B
✓ 23	Robert Rosenbarger	Centegra		
✓ 24	Barbara Johnson	VP HR - Centegra		
✓ 25	Jason Searro			
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31 Lawrence Howell

Rent 32 Pam Althoff

Rent ~~33 Melvin Long - Tim Hill~~

Rent 34 Mike Teyon

~~35 Rachel Sebastian Kevin Ryndaras~~

Rent 36 Mark Kirk & Beubien

Rent 37 Ralph Webster (

38 Brian Thompson - Not present

~~39 Mary Ann Welter~~

40 Gordy Smith

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~~40 Brian Shahinian Wista~~

✓41 Tom Halat

Rent 42 Dr. Lisa Glosson

(1W)

Rent 43 Dr. Leo Reyes 815-236-2579 (cell)

✓44 Jason Sciarro

Rent 45 ~~Aaron Shepley Rachel Sebastian~~

Rent 46 Eileen Andrews

✓47 Cindy Amore

48 Terry Egan

✓49 ~~Dr. Ted Levene~~

50 Barb Johnson

Becky Lampe

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~~Tom Halat~~

~~Cindy Amore~~

~~Angie McAuley~~

~~Robert Rosenberger~~

~~Barbara Jo Johnson~~

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Last: Jason Sciarro

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# Centagra Support

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51 Jeff Batt

52 Ted Pillow

✓ 53 DR. Spiridon Gerolimatos

54 Tom Carey

✓ 55 Bob Rosenberger

✓ 56 Angela McAuley

57 Dr. Yvonne Yao

58 Matthew Towler

59 Nancy Turngren

60 Joseph Emmons

- 61 Laura Wolejak
- 62 Dr. Steven McCarthy
- 63 ~~A~~ Jeffrey Neis
- 64 Dr. Elissa Brebach
- 65 Glenn Barnes
- 66 Dr. Terrence Bugno
- 67 Chad Alexander
- 68 Kathy Kozak
- 69 Dee Tallon
- 70 Robert Teeper

71 Trisha Musich

72 Bonnie Saban

73 Connie Secore

74 Dan Byars

75 Mike Fleck

76 David skinherr

77 Dr. ~~Amir~~ Amir Heydari

78 Dr. Fernando Lamounier

79 Ed Grogg

80 Floyd Evans

- 80 Gail Rudolph
- 81 Dr. William Cox
- 82 Gina Heiny
- 83 Dr. A. Narang
- 84 Dr. Robert Nixon
- 85 Gretchen McCracken
- 86 Hector Flores
- 87 John Heinrich
- 88 Judi Jefko
- 89 Russell Dinsmore
- 90 Kathy Young

- 91 Leslie Phillips
- 92 Lynn Griesmaier
- 93 Marianna Wolfmoyer
- 94 Jack Porter
- 95 ~~AJ~~ Luke Johnsons
- 96 Randy David
- 97 Ryan Nestrick
- 98 Scott Padjen
- 99 Sheila Senn
- 100 Steve Gavers

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✓ 1	Rick Floyd	Sherman Hospital	Elgin	B
✓ 2	Karen Lambert	Good Shepherd	Elgin	B
✓ 3	Ed Goldberg	St. Alexius	Hoffman Est.	B
✓ 4	Dan Colby	Mercy Health		B
✓ 5	Terry Duhning	Sherman	Elgin	B
✓ 6	Bill McLeod	Hoffman Estates		B
✓ 7	Rich Grubner	Melby		B
✓ 8	Dr. Puffer	Advocate H.C.		B
✓ 9	Rep. Fred Crespo - read by	Math Wakely		B
✓ 10	Dr. Nathan Katersch	Mercy / not present		B
✓ 11	Tom Nitz	Sherman	Elgin	B
✓ 12	Babette Sherfield	Woodstock resident		B
✓ 13	Chubrey Reed	Sherman Health		B
✓ 14	Marcy Traxler	Alexian Bros,	Elk Grove	B
✓	Dr. Nathan Katersch	Mercy		B

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✓ 1	Gene Dawson	Barrington Township	Barrin	W
✓ 2	Ed Schoch, Mayor	City of Elgin		W
✓ 3	Kelley Clancy	Alexian Brothers		B
✓ 4	Dr. John Lee	Advocate Doctor		B
✓ 5	Eric Krueger	Sherman		B
✓ 6	Dr. Matt Stilson	ER Doctor		B
✓ 7	Dr. Sol Secemsky *	Cardiologist		B
✓ 8	Dan Isachsen	Alexian Brothers		B
✓ 9	Dr. Louise Fox	Advocate		W
✓ 10	Beth Tze	Alexian Bros.		W
✓ 11	Katie Bata	Sherman		B
✓ 12	Scott Fowler	Advocate		B
✓ 13	Ellen Beier	Crystal Lake Resident		B
✓ 14	<del>Patricia</del>			

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✓ 15	Clay Cihra	Alexian Bros		B
16	Robert Nunamaker, Pres. w	Fox River Grove (read by Jack Boepke)		B
✓ 17	Dr. Andy Ward	<del>St. Alex's</del> Algonquin Rk. Surgery		B
✓ 18	Scott Powley	St. Alex's		B
✓ 19	Nancy Delonave	Crystal Lake resident		B
✓ 20	<del>Steve</del> Dr. Giagrasso	Advocate - Good Shepherd (group)		B
21	Steve Valentine	The Camden Group		B
22	Linda Gump	St. Alex's		B
23	Dr. Hoeltgen (read by Emily Wyter)	Advocate		B
✓ 24	Mary Martini	Sherman		B
✓ 25	Mahilyn Parnizan	Advocate		B
✓ 26	Keith Golden	Sherman		B
27	Patrick Flanigan	Mercy doctor		B
28	Robbin Anfelt	Alexian Bros		B
29	Jenny Elrod	Cary resident		B
30	Jullie Mayer	Crystal Lake		B
✓ 31	Claudia Larsen	Sherman		B
✓ 32	Chris Lipkrent	Mercy		B
✓ 33	Milk Ploszek	Advocate		B
34	Cheryl Vanderlaan	Sherman	Advocate	B
✓ 35	Dr. Pesavento	(read by Kelly Stallbaum)		B
✓ 36	Chris Huecksteadt	Metro Study		B
37	Dr. Palmer	Advocate		B

by Mike Deery

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Opponents  
Sheridan, N/A, Advocate / Alexi-Alex

① Jean Marie Sadler

② Dr. Giangrasso

③ Steve Valentine

④ Marilyn Parezan<sup>Parezan</sup>

⑤ Chris Huecksteadt

⑥ Claudia Larson

⑦ Mike Ploszek

We are OK with  
Alternating Cont.  
Time Runs Out

oppose

~~Patrick McNulty~~

Gail Rudolph

Luke Johnson

Laura Walzak

# Community List

(People we are familiar with)  
(But who signed in as opponents)

add to  
oppositon

1. Jennifer Whitwell  
Citizen oppositoin

2. Laura Dickman  
Citizen oppositoin

3. Val Johns  
oppositon     Director @ Perry  
Citizen     woodstock

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Daniel Hoeltgen  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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My name is Daniel Hoeltgen, and I'm a surgeon on staff at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. I would like to take this time to express my opposition to the construction of the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

One of my concerns with the proposed Centegra hospital is that it is not needed. The intended market area for the proposed Centegra facility is already well-served by a number of regional medical centers, including Good Shepherd. Given the proximity of the hospitals in northern Kane County - including the location of Good Shepherd just a mile from the McHenry County line - residents are already surrounded by convenient as well as excellent health care choices.

The Centegra facility would hurt hospitals like Good Shepherd that provide a comprehensive level of care. Centegra's proposed basic hospital would offer a limited amount of care.

I specialize in providing laparoscopic surgery as well as robotic-assisted surgery. These tools help us to provide the best patient outcomes with the least pain and shortest hospital stays.

For example, robotic-assisted surgery requires a high degree of specialization. It is not a skill that can be learned and then set on the shelf.

Medical research supports the theory that surgeons and facilities that perform the highest numbers of the same types of surgeries have the best success rates. It comes down to the adage of "practice makes perfect."

A hospital the size of the one proposed by Centegra would be unable to match the frequency of advanced surgeries that are already available in the area adjacent to Centegra's proposed McHenry County site.

In addition, one of my specialties at Good Shepherd is gastric bypass surgery. Currently I'm one of the few doctors in the state who performs totally robotic laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery for patients who require this type of bariatric procedure. This is a surgery that patients receive with a great amount of counseling and other support services, and so this type of surgery can best be provided in a high-volume setting. Advocate Good Shepherd is equipped to offer bariatric patients all the services they need, including a support group led by a registered nurse and nutritionist.

In closing, I'd like to reiterate that the proposed Centegra hospital represents a needless duplication of services and should be rejected.

Thank you.



Daniel T. Hoeltgen, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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*Daniel Hoeltgen*

**TOM ZANCK'S**  
**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CENTEGRA**  
**PROJECT NO. 10-090**

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you regarding Centegra Hospital's Huntley project identified as Project No. 10-090.

Except for college and the military, I have lived in the McHenry County area since 1951. I resided in Lake in the Hills for many years and thereafter in the Woodstock area.

Unfortunately, on numerous occasions, my wife and family have had the need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to take care of our needs.

Centegra was instrumental in saving my wife's life by having an emergency room doctor promptly diagnosis toxic shock syndrome and, years later, she has been successfully treated for cancer challenges.

Centegra promptly diagnosed my heart attack and provided that immediate care I needed to allow me to continue to live a full and fruitful life.

There is a culture of quality caring with a sensitivity to the patient and the patient's families' needs and desires which radiates from Centegra's caregivers.

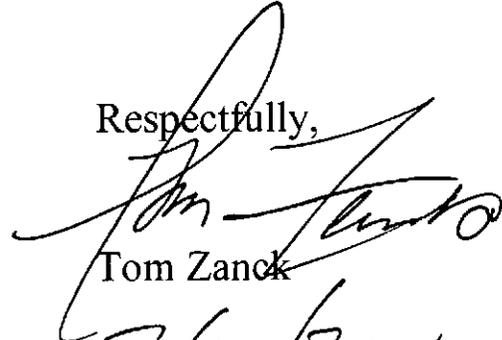
As a former Lake in the Hills resident, I am encouraged that a local not-for-profit entity is willing to invest millions of dollars in a hospital which is so sorely needed for the residents of Lake in the Hills, western Algonquin, as well as all of the Huntley area. Obviously, the people from the south side of Crystal Lake and all of Lakewood would benefit from this project as well.

It is my belief that Centegra's strategic choice of this Huntley site is an important step in providing quality health care for all the citizens of McHenry County and it should strengthen Centegra Health System as a whole.

I urge you to approve this application.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this application, I can always be reached at my office at 40 Brink Street in Crystal Lake, Illinois, by phone at 815-459-8800.

Respectfully,



Tom Zanck

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Dr. Shawn Palmer  
Centegra-Huntley Testimony  
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My name is Dr. Shawn Palmer. I'm a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, fellowship-trained in reconstructive joint surgery at the University of Chicago. I'm also a partner at Midwest Bone & Joint Institute, with offices in Algonquin, Barrington and Elgin. I practice at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Sherman Hospital and Provena-St Joe. In addition to caring for my patients, I am a consultant to the biomedical industry, an invited lecturer and published author on topics important to the healthcare industry.

I oppose this project, because the communities that the applicant, Centegra, proposes it will serve, already have access to hospital care, and the project can only have an adverse impact on the area hospitals currently caring for these residents. This is to say nothing of the additional costs that will be realized by the local healthcare system, and in turn by the patients it intends to serve.

On the surface, area residents may understandably view a new hospital as a good thing, something that offers further convenience. They should however, understand the realities of the proposal and of healthcare today. Will this proposed hospital offer new or exclusive services that aren't available within a short drive already? No. Will this proposal help reduce the cost of healthcare? Certainly not, in fact it will do just the opposite. And, if a Sun City resident experiences a heart attack, will this new hospital be able to treat them? Unlikely, given that without a catheter lab to intervene, precious time may be wasted having to transfer the patient from the new hospital's ER to another existing area hospital that offers cardiovascular services.

I may disagree with the current state of healthcare reform, but one issue is undeniable. We must manage down the costs of healthcare through innovation, patient safety and improving our quality of care. Spending a quarter-billion dollars on an inpatient bricks-and-mortar project alone represents "old thinking" and lacks the vision necessary to contribute to cost control.

The dilution of volume that this proposal represents for the region will also weaken the financial stability of hospitals like Sherman and St. Joseph's, whose construction and expansions were previously approved by the board using volume and revenue assumptions based on serving these very communities.

Lastly, as a surgeon, I'm acutely aware of the importance that patient volume plays in delivering quality outcomes. Studies bear out that an operating room team needs adequate patient care experience to maintain quality. The proliferation of hospitals in the area will reduce volumes at others, which may in turn negatively affect patient safety and quality. That negative impact would further add cost to our healthcare system.

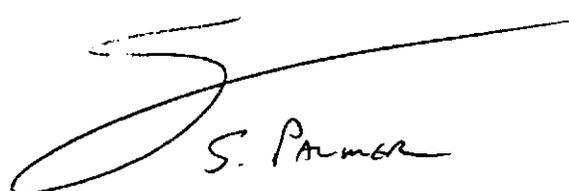
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It's my understanding that the purpose of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board is to limit health care expenditures on unnecessary duplication of resources. This proposal is the poster child for the Board to meet that mission. Considering the proximity of nearby hospitals to Huntley and the potential jeopardy that a new hospital will cause them, I urge the Board to deny this application.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Therese Preusker, McHenry County resident  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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My name is Therese Preusker, and I am a resident of McHenry County. I'm here today because I'm against the proposed Centegra hospital. It's an unnecessary addition to the community, and would have negative effects on nearby hospitals.

Unlike many other parts of the state, McHenry County and the surrounding areas are lucky to have several hospitals that are close and offer comprehensive care to residents. There simply isn't a need for an additional hospital, especially one that does not offer the same range of health services as the existing facilities.

As we discuss this issue today, I cannot help but be reminded of the saying: "Don't fix what isn't broken." The fact of the matter is the area's health system is not broken. For example, Sherman Health recently built a new, state-of-the-art hospital in Elgin, and Provena St. Joseph has poured millions of dollars into improvements for its hospital. Then, there's Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital that's just a short distance away from Centegra's proposed Huntley location.

Taking away from the quality health care services these hospitals already provide would be a detriment to our community. Why weaken a system that already provides for the area and serves it well? It would be a shame to let superior health care go to waste because Centegra chose to build a hospital without worrying about whether it's really needed.

I can't believe that the area is going to grow nearly as much as Centegra says it is. As I drive around, I often see incomplete subdivisions that are mostly abandoned. And, I know we've had a lot of foreclosures around here.

A new hospital would simply be a misuse of time and funds. I ask that you please reject Centegra's proposal.

I appreciate your consideration. Thank you.



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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
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Dear Ms. Avery:

Good day, my name is Jean Marie Saidler. I live and work in McHenry County and have been an active participant in many community organizations throughout the years.

I am here today as a small business owner, and resident, to express my concern over the building of yet another Centegra hospital - it's third - in McHenry County. I strongly believe this represents unnecessary and costly duplication of services in our area and further burdens our critically overextended state budget.

Today, residents throughout our area certainly have immediate access to an exceptional inventory of outstanding health care. In addition to the two Centegra hospitals already well established in our area, southeast McHenry and northern Kane county residents are able to choose from the brand new Sherman Health Medical Center just 20 from here, not to mention Provena St. Joseph, St. Alexius and Good Shepherd Hospitals all located within 30 minutes of the proposed Centegra Huntley Hospital. In addition, the new hospital proposed by Centegra would not bring any services to the area that are not already available at the facilities I previously mentioned.

Months ago, Centegra launched a very well orchestrated media campaign package that focused on its commitment to various organizations and its need for space. This campaign came neatly wrapped with an attractive bow that focused on the short term job impact due to construction. However, that package did not include one word of information as to how Centegra Health system will manage its hospitals' destiny in this new post-healthcare-reform world. Nor, did they mention how they will manage the cost/value equation, reduce defects in care that increase costs, and create accountability for physicians' patient care decisions.

*THIS* is the future of our healthcare and *THESE* are the elements that will be critical for success for any healthcare system.

I urge you to be thoughtful, strategic, and realistic about our current situation and deny this proposal for yet another new hospital in McHenry County.

Sincerely,

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**Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

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**In support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project # 10-090**

Name: Spiridon Gerolimos, MD  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Medical Director, Medical Imaging

**Testimonial:** My name is Dr. Spiridon Gerolimos and I am an independent radiologist and the medical director for Medical Imaging at Centegra Health System. I proudly offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Centegra Health System is currently the leader in providing state-of-the-art medical imaging equipment and services to the people of northern Illinois. As we planned five years ago to extend Centegra's high quality services to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, we invested in several equipment acquisitions, including a 128-slice CT scanner. This financial commitment ensured people of our region would have access to the best-available technology near their homes. We also installed a 3.0 Tesla MRI in Huntley to round out our complete continuum of medical imaging. Now, as we look to the future, Centegra Health System needs to fulfill a promise it made to the people of the region to continue to provide improved healthcare access for all medical services. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will provide our patients the outstanding services and quality they deserve near their homes.

One of the main reasons I support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley is because I know that Centegra will remain committed to delivering the newest technology to the people of our region. A beautiful new facility will be constructed; however Centegra understands the importance of putting the newest resources into the hands of the skilled physicians and Associates who deliver care to patients. That commitment to excellence is essential to the provision of high-quality healthcare, and Centegra embodies this dedication.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve project 10-090. Thank you.

**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: John Heinrich  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Director, Medical Imaging

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Testimonial: It is a great honor for me to be able to share my thoughts with you today at this hearing. I am proud to be part of a team of healthcare professionals that is an Illinois leader in the provision of Medical Imaging services. Centegra Health System offers comprehensive Medical Imaging services to the members of our growing community. At Centegra's Health Campus in Huntley, we currently provide state-of-the-art technology in both our 128-slice CT scanner and our 3.0 Tesla MRI. Our goal as a system is to provide the highest level of care to our patients and in doing so, to remain a leader in healthcare in our region. To accomplish the level of care we strive to provide, we as a system must invest in the tools necessary that will help our physicians and Associates succeed.

In greater McHenry County, only one healthcare system has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to bringing the best technology to the community -- Centegra Health System. The technology that we offer in our 128-slice CT is an excellent example. Another healthcare system that seeks to expand into our region currently offers CT technology with the use of a 16-slice scanner at its nearest location. Our awesome technology allows for reduced radiation exposure dosage, enhanced image quality, and offers improved speed, which equates to shorter scan times. As Centegra develops new services to meet and exceed the needs and expectations of the people of southern McHenry and northern Kane Counties, we will deliver on our promise to provide leading healthcare services to our community members. When Centegra sets a goal, we aim high while always keeping the patient at the forefront by keeping them "the main thing" and our top priority. The new Huntley hospital will help us to better accommodate our growing community by providing an array of medical imaging services including X-Ray, Nuclear Medicine, Mammography, Bone Density and Ultrasound. I hope that you agree with me and will support our effort to bring the new Huntley hospital to life. Thank you.

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**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Leslie Phillips  
Address: 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102  
  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

**Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.

**Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital**



**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

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Laura Dickman

On behalf of Mercy Health Systems.

Centegra is the wrong project in the wrong location. The need for competition in McHenry County for health care services is now - please do not allow this

monopoly. Having the privilege of having worked for both health systems I know the need for another hospital in McHenry County. The location proposed by Centegra is not where the greatest need exists. Having been an ER nurse @ Centegra McHenry I know the need for a new hospital.

We spent many nights on bypass due to lack of inpt. beds for hospital admissions thus clogging the ER and causing long ER wait times, to be seen

one of the largest EMS providers affected by Centegra McHenry being on bypass was Crystal Lake, so I know the direct need for a hospital in Crystal Lake. Please deny the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley as it is the wrong project in the wrong location.



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## **Claudia Larsen, Executive Director of Sherman Health off-site locations PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**

As the executive director of Sherman Health's off-site locations, I am very familiar with the health care services available in this area by Sherman as well as by other area providers. Today you are hearing a lot about the six hospitals that serve this region and the high level of inpatient care that is available to residents of Huntley and other nearby area. What you haven't heard much about is that those hospitals also offer a network of urgent care centers and other outpatient facilities that meet residents' outpatient health care needs.

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While many of the smaller communities like Huntley don't warrant an inpatient facility, existing providers in the community, like Sherman, have ensured that a network of adequate outpatient services are available close to home for residents of the Fox Valley and nearby communities. There are four immediate care centers within eight minutes of the proposed hospital in Huntley and sites that provide routine, specialized and urgent physician care, imaging and other diagnostic and treatment services exist throughout all of the populated areas of McHenry County.

Additionally, there are eight immediate care centers within the proposed hospital's primary service area. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding area go to these immediate care centers for treatment of non-life threatening injuries and minor illnesses such as broken bones, cuts and burns, flu symptoms and ear aches. And, often an immediate care center can treat you faster than if you went to the ER. Additionally, other types of outpatient care offerings in McHenry County provide many other services beyond urgent care, such as sophisticated imaging services, other diagnostic testing, a variety of therapies, health screenings, women's health services including mammography, vascular screening and a whole host of other services.

The location for this hospital proposal is the site of a currently open immediate care center with medical imaging and lab services, as well as a HealthBridge fitness center. The hospital proposed will be a limited service hospital that provides routine care. When patients have major health concerns or need treatment for a life-threatening injury, they want to go to a hospital that can treat all of their needs from emergency care to heart surgery and cancer treatments to stroke rehabilitation. You can receive all of these specialty services plus routine health care at Sherman's new hospital, a mere 12 miles from Centegra's proposed site.

A patient wants to get the best care when their health and life are at stake. Traveling to Elgin to save one's life is hardly a compromise or a health threat, and here in metro Chicago, people are happy to have the host of options that the academic medical centers



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and other specialty institutions provide even if it means traveling an hour or more. McHenry County residents are in good hands with existing local hospitals and the resources in the region.

I am here today to oppose Centegra's proposal to build a limited service hospital in Huntley because I believe this area already has a strong network of inpatient facilities, immediate care and other outpatient facilities and doctor's offices.

Thank you for your time.

Parenzan, Marilyn

Director, Quality

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Good afternoon my name is Marilyn Parenzan and I am the Director of Quality at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. This project will dilute volumes among hospitals that will negatively impact patient quality and patient safety. There are numerous studies by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality and the Institute of Medicine demonstrating that hospitals with higher volumes of particular cases tend to have better outcomes than those hospitals with lower volumes. This proposed hospital will add nearly 50% more beds to McHenry County. As you know, our hospital is located less than one mile away from McHenry County. There's little doubt that adding another hospital with that many beds in the region will negatively impact the volumes of area hospitals and may impact quality of care. Clinical staff need adequate patient care experience to maintain competencies.

I'm sure that when Sherman forecasted their volumes for their new hospital, when St. Joseph forecasted their volumes for their new bed tower and when St. Alexius forecasted their volumes for their new children's hospital, they forecasted certain volumes not only for financial reasons but

also to ensure adequate staffing and training of staff. This proposed hospital would jeopardize those financial and staffing projections. It's important for McHenry County residents to feel like they have adequate access to health care resources, but it's more important that residents feel like they have access to quality health care resources. There is bed capacity at both Centegra hospitals and the Mercy hospital in Harvard. A more prudent approach would be to add beds to those facilities.

To summarize, one purpose for the Review Board looking at utilization and the appropriate allocation of resources is to ensure quality care. Approval of this project may jeopardize that care because it will significantly dilute volumes across a number of hospitals. I urge the Board to deny this proposal. Thank you.



# Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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Dear Board members and participants,

My name is Dr. Giangrasso and I am the Medical Director of Emergency Medicine at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less one mile from McHenry County. Due to another commitment I am not able to attend this hearing but wanted to make my views heard. There is already sufficient Emergency Department services in McHenry to well serve the current and future population and we do not need additional Emergency Departments in McHenry County. Building expensive new inpatient facilities with emergency departments is an expensive proposition. My department is proud to serve McHenry County patients every day, both through the hospital's emergency room and Good Shepherd's immediate care center in Crystal Lake.

Existing hospitals in the area have more than enough capacity to serve the emergency needs of McHenry County residents. Last year, Good Shepherd was able to serve additional emergency patients 99.9% of the time. This means that we were rarely on bypass and for only 5 hours all

year had to direct ambulances to other hospitals due to capacity constraints in the emergency department. Three hospitals serving the area were not on bypass at all during 2010, including Centegra-McHenry, Alexian Brothers and Northwest Community. Three other hospitals (Centegra-Woodstock, St. Alexius and Sherman) averaged only 10 hours on bypass for the entire year. Existing hospitals, such as Good Shepherd and Centegra, also provide urgent care at their five immediate care centers and various ambulatory centers located throughout McHenry County. Over 85% of the patients seen in our Crystal Lake immediate care by board-certified emergency medicine physicians are McHenry residents. They have chosen to receive their care in our immediate care setting rather than seeking care in one of the three emergency departments. This is not because the existing hospital emergency departments are at capacity, but, rather, they recognize that they can receive this care in a non-hospital based setting.

I'm also concerned at the limited number of services that will be provided at the proposed hospital and how that will impact patient care. Patients experiencing life-threatening symptoms such as a heart attack or stroke will have to be stabilized at the proposed hospital and then be transferred to a full-service hospital that can service these patients. Patients would be

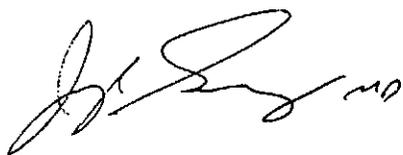
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better served bypassing this hospital and going straight to a facility that can handle all their needs, without having to transfer them.

In summary, I urge the Board to reject this application as it will be an expensive duplication of services that are not needed. My department and I look forward to continuing to serve the acute needs of McHenry County residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Giangrosso MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "J", "G", and "M" being particularly prominent.

Joe Giangrosso, MD

**Hearing for Huntley hospital  
Presented to the Health Facilities Board  
February 16, 2011  
Huntley, IL**

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Nancy DeLuca

I am speaking today as a Crystal Lake resident for 40 years. I have watched repeated efforts to bring a hospital to the burgeoning community of Crystal Lake. We had an association of Crystal Lake, Woodstock, and McHenry. Then McHenry left the group to build a new facility in McHenry. Then Woodstock left to build a hospital in Woodstock. Then Sherman said they would build an emergency care center to provide services until a full hospital could be built. Crystal Lake disbanded their hospital association because now we would have a hospital. As you know, none of this effort resulted in a hospital for Crystal Lake.

I was very excited when I learned that Mercy was bringing a hospital to Crystal Lake. I joined the organization to be part of that effort. The Health facilities board and the city of Crystal Lake said yes, this was good for Crystal Lake. Political maneuvering took away the hospital that Crystal Lake so urgently needed.

So here we are today. The chance to bring a hospital to the heavily populated Crystal Lake/ Algonquin area is within our grasp. I shudder to think that we citizens of Crystal Lake could once again be denied these services.

I do not oppose Centegra/Huntley unless it precludes the opportunity for Crystal Lake to have a hospital after all these years.

Building a hospital in Huntley will not reduce wait times in McHenry emergency rooms. Spending hours in the ER waiting for admission will not change in McHenry with a facility in Huntley; having a facility in Barrington has not decreased wait times or increased bed availability in McHenry. Huntley may someday need a hospital, but Crystal Lake needs one now.

I am a nurse. I know the importance of minutes in an emergency situation. I have no emergency room less than 20 minutes away, and I live in the most populous city in McHenry County. I have used the immediate care facilities in town, and could not get a simple CBC done to determine the state of my illness in an urgent situation.

So, you see my frustration. I live in the most heavily populated area of the county with moderately good economics. Healthcare organizations want to be near me because I have insurance, and I pay my bills. But, no one wants to care for me in my town if I need emergency services or to be hospitalized.

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Don't let the Huntley of the future take away my chance for hospital beds and emergency services now when I need them in my community

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Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Delaware

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February 11, 2011

*Leo Kelly, MD*  
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Dear Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board,

I am a board certified internal medicine physician living in Algonquin. I apologize that I cannot speak in person due to patient commitments at the time of the hearing but I did want to express my opinion about this project. [If he lives in Algonquin, could she discuss the how the GSH Algonquin facility serves people in this area?] I oppose this project because I'm concerned about a dilution of volumes among hospitals will negatively impact patient quality and patient safety. The main point I want to make today is that a proliferation of new hospitals in a geographic area already well served by existing hospitals puts patient care and patient safety at risk.

There are numerous studies by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality and the Institute of Medicine demonstrating that hospitals with higher volumes of particular cases tend to have better outcomes than those hospitals with lower volumes. This proposed hospital will add nearly 50% more inpatient beds to McHenry County. That's a big increase in the number of beds for one county. There's little doubt that adding another hospital with that many beds in the region will negatively impact the volumes of area hospitals and may impact quality of care. Clinical staff need adequate patient care experience to maintain competencies.

It's important for McHenry County residents to feel like they have adequate access to health care resources, but it's more important that residents feel like they have access to high quality, affordable health care resources. There is bed capacity at both Centegra hospitals and the Mercy hospital in Harvard. A more fiscally prudent approach would be to add beds to those facilities. Centegra has chosen not take this approach and is abandoning their Women's project in Woodstock.

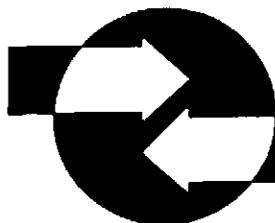
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To summarize, as I understand it, through the Certificate of Need process this Board not only helps to keep health care costs in check by controlling capital expenditures but also ensures that only high quality projects are approved. In my opinion, approval of this project will not add additional high quality health care services to my community and will jeopardize the quality of care being provided at existing hospitals, including the two McHenry County Centegra hospitals. On this basis I would request that the Board deny this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Leo Kelly, MD



## TURNING POINT

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February 8, 2011

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. Hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides.

Centegra Health System has long been a valued partner for Turning Point through our collaboration with the McHenry County Crisis Line, and their team that serves victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Centegra Health System contacts Turning Point when victims of domestic violence come through emergency rooms or are receiving hospital services. We depend upon the staff of Centegra Health System as they help us to fulfill our mission to **confront violence against women and children in McHenry County.**

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Jane Ann Farmer  
Executive Director



# Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
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**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. Based on this, I believe there is a need for a full-service hospital in this area.

The Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District provides not only traditional fire and rescue services to our District, but also paramedic ambulance service including transport to the nearest hospital. A new hospital facility constructed at the proposed site would significantly improve the transport time for many critically ill or injured patients from our District. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I support and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Rynders, Fire Chief  
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Ilene Steiner Testimony 2/16/2011

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My name is Ilene Steiner. I recently became a planning manager for Good Shepherd, returning to Illinois after many years out of state. In my twenty-three years as a health planner with national consulting firms and multi-state health care organizations, I have conducted many health care demand forecasts, feasibility studies, and impact analyses, including forecasts published in formal documents used for bond offerings to finance major hospital construction projects. I also have a master's degree in health planning from Johns Hopkins University.

I am concerned about the adverse impact that a new hospital will have on the nearby hospitals, including Good Shepherd. For this reason, I oppose this project. The application does not address the impact of the Huntley hospital on Good Shepherd, located less than a mile from McHenry County. I would like to offer my assessment of the impact of a Huntley hospital on GSH.

The population in the Centegra-Huntley market is indeed growing and aging, increasing the demand for health services. However, there is not nearly enough growth to support the appropriate occupancy level for a new 128 bed hospital without also taking volume from existing hospitals and adversely affecting performance, quality, and financial stability at existing hospitals. The proposed 128 additional beds will increase the acute bed count in McHenry by almost 50% over just a few years. This huge increase in supply will far outweigh the increased demand, resulting in low occupancy rates, underutilized resources, diminished quality, and increased risk to patient safety.

Located just a mile from GSH, McHenry County is a major source of patients for GSH, providing almost half of the GSH patients. The Centegra-Huntley service area significantly overlaps with the GSH primary service area. More than half of GSH patients reside in the Centegra-Huntley service area. GSH will be adversely affected by a 128 bed hospital located in Huntley in the next few years.

The applicant makes much of the issue that McHenry County residents leave the county for hospital services – as if this is a problem that needs a remedy. Outmigration is not due to lack of facilities or lack of available capacity within the McHenry County facilities. The fact that many McHenry residents choose to drive one mile across the county line to our hospital hardly seems to be a health care crisis requiring a \$200 million solution.

As indicated in the application, the hospital will not open for another five years. If there is such a great need for another hospital, why would the applicant delay the project? It doesn't take 5 years to build this hospital. Most applicants proceed from CON approval to occupancy in a much shorter time frame. Perhaps the applicant should defer until there is adequate demand and funding, and the project can move forward in an expeditious manner. The Board should not allow such a long period.

Even more troubling is that another CON application to serve a similar market has been submitted by Mercy-Crystal Lake. Should both the Crystal Lake and the Huntley applications be approved, the validity of the forecast volume of each will become invalid and the stability of the existing hospitals will be in serious jeopardy.

Dr. McElathy testimonial

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Sample: Feb 1/2010

Last April I was delighted to share Centegra's vision for increasing access to healthcare for the Southern McHenry County and Northern Kane County areas when Centegra Health System purchased Key Medical Group of which I was a member. Key Medical Group was a successful internal medical practice that was well respected in the community. Together, Centegra Primary Care and Key Medical Group have moved to the next level of patient satisfaction and quality healthcare. That integration demonstrates Centegra's continued commitment to providing access to the full continuum of care from wellness to comprehensive medical care to the residents of our community. Joining Centegra allowed us to join a health system committed to meeting the needs of the residents of greater McHenry County. Centegra provides services in multiple, convenient locations, including hospitals, Immediate and Primary Care Centers, Health Bridge Fitness Centers and more. Our patients are at the forefront of every decision. We believe our association with Centegra has allowed us to provide better continuity of care and enhanced access to local state-of-the-art services, including those at the Huntley Campus, such as digital mammography, 128-slice CT scanning and higher resolution MRI. Together, Centegra and Key Medical Group have moved to the next level of patient satisfaction and quality healthcare. This integration also has allowed us additional access to capital, technology, physician and provider talent. We truly believe that our partnership with Centegra has enhanced what we can provide for our employees as well as our patients. I fully support Centegra's plan to expand its Huntley Health Campus.

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**Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Katie Bata, <sup>VP</sup> Director of Human Resources, Sherman Hospital**

I'm Katie Bata and I'm the Sherman Hospital VP of HR. This proposal will harm Sherman Hospital's efforts to recruit and retain qualified clinical staff as well as exacerbate systemic nurse staffing shortage problems. This means higher health care costs and lower quality of care. Furthermore, since hospital bed utilization is not increasing in the region, a new hospital will create few new nursing jobs. Based on a duplication of services, there will be some redistribution of the health care workforce, however, which will result in increased staffing costs, creating less efficient care delivery.

A qualified nursing staff is critical to the success of any hospital, and Sherman is no exception. We are investing in our nursing staff in many ways including through our commitment to obtain magnet status. Magnet hospitals are recognized for the strength and quality of their nursing staff, for their high level of nurse job satisfaction, a low staff nurse turnover rate and appropriate grievance resolution mechanisms. Since moving to our new location, we have reduced our staffing vacancy rates by hiring qualified clinical staff. We are proud of the excellent care our nurses provide. They are integral members of our patient care delivery team, providing crucial information and feedback. To maintain this level of excellence we need to recruit and retain qualified nurses

A Huntley hospital will threaten many of our patient care staff recruiting accomplishments that we have achieved over the years and will hamper our ability to recruit and retain qualified nursing and patient care staff going forward. As I am sure everyone is aware, the overall industry is battling a nursing shortage with estimates of over 100,000 open nursing positions nationwide. Nurse staffing demand is nationally 6% higher than the available supply. In 2008, combined nursing home and hospital vacancies as reported by the national associations relayed an even larger shortage of over

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8 percent. The State of Illinois has identified an annual shortage of almost 2,000 RNs from 2006 to 2016. Also, based on the aging workforce and the need for more advanced RN training with expanded roles, a large and prolonged shortage of nurses is expected for years to come.

Establishment of a new hospital will increase competition for the limited number of qualified nurses and patient care staff, jeopardizing the ability of existing hospitals to maintain qualified nursing staff. Inadequately staffed facilities must resort to nurse staffing agencies, which are costly, impede continuity of care, and increase the risk of avoidable adverse events. As a result, quality of care declines while the cost of care increases.

The CON Board should deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Matt Stilson, Emergency Department Director  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Dr. Matt Stilson, and I am board-certified emergency physician. I serve as the Emergency Department Director at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. In that role, I oversee the Emergency Department at the hospital, as well as Sherman's Immediate Care Centers in Algonquin, Elgin and South Elgin.

Sherman Hospital's new, state-of-the-art Emergency Department serves more than 49,000 people each year. We have physicians specially trained in emergency medicine as well as certified trauma nurse specialists. We are also certified as an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics.

I was surprised when I heard that the State Board was considering an application for a new hospital in Huntley. Given Sherman's regional capabilities, excellent access from nearby communities and capacity for the future, I do not see a need for additional facilities.

Ambulances serving people who live in Huntley and the surrounding areas bring the vast majority of their patients to Sherman, because we are so close, and because we have a large, capable, and brand-new Emergency Department. With our location near the border of Kane and McHenry Counties, we are perfectly positioned to serve McHenry County residents.

Additionally, the most important factor for people in life-threatening situations is not how close their home is to a hospital, but how long it takes EMS and paramedics to reach them and stabilize them. And, Huntley is less than 14 minutes away from Sherman, a very reasonable transport time for patients needing emergency services.

Sherman works very closely with the EMS community. We have served as the area resource hospital for the training of paramedics for more than 25 years. Our new Emergency Department was designed with a dedicated entrance for ambulances, and because of our 24-hour communication network with paramedics and emergency transports, we always begin treating emergency patients before they even arrive at the hospital.



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Sherman is a major trauma and cardiac center so we also have the technology and the medical expertise to act quickly and effectively 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our surgery and cardiac catheterization suites are located immediately adjacent to the Emergency Department for quick transfers. And, unlike smaller, more limited community hospitals, we have the diagnostic treatment capabilities of a leading regional medical center.

Sherman's heart and vascular center, for example, is among the best in the region. The department features nearly 50 cardiac specialty physicians, and as a whole has performed more than 12,000 open-heart surgeries over the past 35 years. Additionally, Sherman Hospital is a STEMI (Heart Attack) receiving hospital, meaning that all heart attack patients in the Huntley area have to be transported to Sherman for definitive management (opening the coronary arteries in the catheterization lab). This would not change with the newly proposed hospital as the new proposal does not include a catheterization lab for these services. These patients would have to bypass the proposed hospital to be taken to Sherman for management.

Sherman is also certified as a Primary Stroke Center, and offers a state-of-the-art, comprehensive cancer care center and a new center for advanced liver and pancreatic care.

Given Sherman's size, capabilities and level of care, I think building additional hospitals in the area is an unnecessary expenditure of money, and would only detract from – rather than enhance – medical service for our region's residents.

Thank you.

*Matthew R. Stibson MD*

Lee, John

Physician practicing in the area

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Good morning/afternoon. My name is Dr. John Lee and I am a board-certified anesthesiologist practicing at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less than one mile away from McHenry County. I disagree with the premise of this project that additional beds are needed in McHenry County. Constructing a 128 bed hospital in McHenry County will increase the number of beds in a relatively small county at a tremendous cost. It would also mean that Centegra would own three of the four hospitals in McHenry County. I can't think of any other place in Illinois where one system has three hospitals in one county that make up over 90% of the beds.

I'm also concerned whether Centegra could adequately staff this new hospital with the appropriate number of physicians. A 2010 study by RAND Corporation, a leading health care research firm, found a current shortage of 3,800 anesthesiologists in the United States and projects a possible shortage of 12,500 anesthesiologists by 2020. This shortage in anesthesia professionals is just as important as the shortage in primary care

physicians. Just because a health system builds a new hospital doesn't mean that they can effectively staff it on day one.

Also, I know that Sherman just built a replacement hospital in Elgin and that both St. Joe's in Elgin and St. Alexius have had big construction projects on their existing campuses. All of these projects were approved by the Board. The Centegra hospital project threatens not only to harm where I practice, Good Shepherd, but also will undo the hundreds of millions of dollars put into these hospitals. Instead of creating greater quality in health care facilities, approval of this hospital will undermine the Board's previous actions with respect to other area hospitals.

I am here today asking that the Board to not approve the Centegra application to significantly increase the number of beds in McHenry County when it is not needed. Thank you.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Andrew Ward  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. I'm Dr. Andrew Ward. I am chief of anesthesiology and director of the Algonquin Road Surgery Center in Lake in the Hills. I'm here today to urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject Centegra's certificate of need application for a hospital in Huntley. In fact, many of the arguments you will hear or have heard today in opposition to Centegra's proposal are the very same arguments Centegra used in 2004 and 2007 to oppose similar projects in the area. How times have changed.

The unnessesary duplication of operating rooms that Centegra proposes is my first objection to the Centegra proposal.

The Algonquin Road Surgery Center has provided surgery services since 2002 and is a joint venture between Centegra Health System, Sherman Health and surgeons who use the ASC as an extension of the medical practice.

Our facility is licensed for three operating rooms and one procedure room. After eight years of operation, we have never reached capacity and are still dramatically underutilized. In 2010 we served 2,644 patients. Each of the four rooms has capacity for about 1,800 cases per year, for a total of 7,200 cases. The result is that our operating rooms were only at one-third capacity.

The proposed Centegra hospital includes eight operating rooms. It strikes me as curious that this is considered a need, when our operation, of which Centegra is a partner, cannot sustain four suites. While we are the only multi-specialty surgery center in the area, the area hospitals also have similar capacity to do more surgical cases.

My second objection is to the wasted healthcare dollars. The significant capital outlays going towards the new facility should be invested in improving the quality and functionality of the existing campus. During this time of economic struggle, covering more lives through increased community outreach, improving efficiencies, and technology would seem a better use of these funds. This proposal does none of these things and severely impairs the ability of existing providers to work toward these goals.

Centegra's hospital would also continue to cost the community. No matter how many patients visit each facility, equipment must be maintained and upgraded. The buildings need to be kept up. Everyone needs to pay their large staff of nurses, other clinicians, maintenance and security personnel, managers and executives. Adding another facility like a hospital to an area that already has plenty of health care services will not improve health care delivery to patients.

I recently had the opportunity to visit with our congressmen and senators in Washington D.C. to discuss health care issues. It is largely agreed that superfluous and reckless spending is at odds with decreasing health care costs and bringing the Sustainable Growth Rate under control. Rising health care costs are threatening our nation's financial health. The politicians and the stake holders at the national level are in a political debate which focuses on a health care budget with sustainable growth but the truth is that federal government spending on health care is unsustainable. This CON Board cannot approve new hospitals that duplicate the capacity of our existing providers. It will put the bankruptcy of the Medicare trust fund on the fast track. We need a tighter, more efficient health care system to survive in this new financial reality.

We already have six hospitals in the region, which can serve our patients to 2018 and beyond. Medical advances like robotic surgery have and will continue to decrease length of stay and move more procedures to the out patient setting. By the time Centegra's hospital would open in 2018, demand for beds will be even lower because of these medical advancements and changes required by federal health care reform.

The lack of demand for operations at our top-notch facility is a strong illustration that we need to take a breath and be thoughtful about how we deliver quality care to patients. Duplicating resources does not promote better health care. It means higher costs for everyone.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject the CON permit application of Centergra Health System to build a hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ward, M.D.

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To: Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

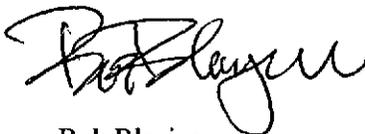
I am writing in support of The Proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley Illinois. My wife and I have lived in Crystal Lake since 1962. At that time both Huntley and Crystal Lake had dramatically smaller populations than they have in 2011.

As a retired superintendent of schools, and CEO of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, I have seen Centegra take responsibility for the County's Healthcare needs. Quality Healthcare close to home is important to me but I also appreciate Centegra's efforts to provide preventative care for all of us.

My wife and I have both been patients, in 2010 at Centegra Hospitals, we can attest to the quality of care that we received. We have also been active in the prevention and fitness programs offered by Centegra.

I feel that this endorsement represents thousand of citizens in my senior age group who will benefit from the construction of the Centegra Huntley facility. In addressing an audience last week I said "If you think Healthcare is expensive, it's even more expensive, if it's inconvenient." This project will solve that problem.

Best Regards,



Bob Blazier

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**Babzett Sherfield**

**895 Prairie Ridge Drive**

**Woodstock Ill. 60098**

**Testimony by Babz Sherfield**

**My name is Babz Sherfield. I am a resident of Woodstock in McHenry County.**

**I am here to oppose Centegra from building a new hospital in Huntley. Centegra already has a hospital in the cities of McHenry and one in Woodstock, where I reside.**

**In fact, Centegra had plans and made a commitment to the Woodstock community to build a women's pavilion for the Woodstock hospital. I was surprised to learn that Centegra just decided to abandon this \$50 million dollar Women's project, and is now going to spend that money and more on a new hospital in Huntley.**

**Why has Centegra decided to abandon this important project for Woodstock? This was a much needed project for our community. I know that Huntley is more affluent than Woodstock. Is this a good reason to abandon this much needed project.**

**I understand that Centegra demonstrated the need for the Women's Pavilion in a process similar to what Centegra is pursuing now at this hearing for a hospital in Huntley. I understand that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board agreed with the need for the \$50 million dollar Woodstock women's pavilion and awarded Centegra a Certificate of Need for the Women's Pavilion .**

**A lot of time, effort and money was used to plan for the Woodstock women's pavilion.**

**Well, my questions are : What happened to the need for the Women's Pavilion in Woodstock? Why should Centegra abandon its commitment to meet that established need for women's health services in Woodstock and be allowed to spend even more money to build a hospital in Huntley.**

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**Testimony in favor of project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Chris Newkirk, Board of Governors

I am excited to be here today to express my support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Like others you’ve heard from today, I too have a deep connection to McHenry County. I am a lifelong resident of the area, and I feel that I truly understand what it means to live and to serve here.

My deep understanding of McHenry County includes its healthcare history. My family played an integral role in creating the original McHenry Hospital. They, along with many of their friends and neighbors, saw the need for a hospital, and they worked to bring community members precisely the care they needed. While the year was different and most modern technologies were non-existent, I certainly see parallels between the situations. Both then and now, we see communities where residents lack healthcare close to home. It is imperative that we too succeed in bringing a hospital to those who need it.

I am also very familiar with Centegra Health System, as I am a former Chair of the Centegra Board. I still play an active role on that Board today. I can vouch for the utmost integrity of the health system and its commitment to the county. It is because I sincerely believe in the health system’s mission that I continue to be involved.

My family and I love McHenry County, and we try to give back to the community in every way we can. Right now, I view my support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley as one of the best ways that I can help this community. It is no secret that Huntley and the surrounding communities are underserved.

The application before you clearly meets the rules of the state for approval and will go a long way toward meeting the healthcare needs of this community for years to come. I ask the Board to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Thank you.

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**Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital**

**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

## Support for Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project #10-090

My name is Ryan Nestruck and I support the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I believe that the proposed hospital in Huntley reinforces Centegra's commitment to serving the community and local businesses by having a full service healthcare campus that can meet any healthcare need of people living and working in this growing area of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. As an Associate of Centegra I have the privilege of leading our home health agency. Nearly 70% of our agency patients are over age 65 and on Medicare. Del Webb Sun City is just over four miles from the proposed hospital site, and has an estimated population of 8,000 residents. As Dell Webb grows, so does their new residents need for access to high quality healthcare services. The 2010 MedPAC Medicare study shows that the average Medicare beneficiary receives \$8,865 of care each year. The data goes on to show that Medicare beneficiaries access healthcare services at increasing rates as they age. Countless studies show that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, pneumonia (to name a few) frustrate suffers and increase utilization of healthcare services. Centegra Health System has been working diligently to link evidence based education and care pathways from the hospital bed to home in hopes of positively impacting the quality of life for those managing chronic illness.

Centegra Primary Care geriatrician Rex Nzeribe has shared with me that within 7 office visits his patients typically need either home health or are hospitalized. Most of them take more than 8 medications and visit multiple subspecialists for care. Dr. Nzeribe's holistic view of patients is seen in his comprehensive clinic. His clinic consists of dietitians, physical and occupational therapists, behavioral health specialists and nurses who listen to the patient's goals and assess how their expertise can help those goals be attained. This is just one example of what this community can count on Centegra Health System to provide with the approval of this project.

As a community member who moved here specifically because of Centegra's commitment to responsible use of resources, this project fulfills the vision I first learned four years ago. I am honored to represent and support Centegra Health System's commitment to bring excellent healthcare services to Huntley (and surrounding communities) with the building of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

**Robert Nixon**  
**Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley**  
**Project # 10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

William D. Cox, Jr., M.D.  
*Sportsmedicine and  
Arthroscopic Surgery*

Warren S. Jablonsky, M.D.  
*Joint Replacement and  
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Robert T. Nixon, Jr., M.D.  
*Sportmedicine and  
Arthroscopic Surgery*

Matthew I. Samuelson, M.D.  
*Foot and Ankle Surgery*

Timothy G. Havenhill, M.D.  
*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

Harpreet S. Basran, M.D.  
*Sportmedicine and  
Foot/Ankle Surgery*

Justin J. Gent, M.D.  
*Sportmedicine and  
Arthroscopic Surgery*

Priyesh D. Patel, M.D.  
*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

My name is Robert Nixon and I am an orthopedic specialist with offices in both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I also serve as the Medical Staff President at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock. I am here today to offer my personal support and that of our medial staff for the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

I have been practicing medicine for nearly 25 years and have had the pleasure of being in a leadership role for 8 years. It is clear from my experiences that the vision, thoughtful assessment and planning that are required of a proposal of this magnitude, have been thoroughly undertaken by the Centegra leadership team. Clearly based on state data, Huntley is the right place for a new acute-care hospital and now is the right time.

My professional expertise focuses on orthopedic sports medicine. In fact, I serve as the team physician for area high schools and can typically be found at area sporting events throughout the county. Unfortunately, injury is a part of athletics. However incorporating proper health and training can help minimizing the risks.

For many of you parents in the room, a trip to the emergency room or immediate care center with a child is not an unfamiliar one. You also know that traveling long distances or facing traffic back-ups on area roads to sporting events, practices and tournaments is not unheard of either. But traveling long distances to receive medical care – in an emergency or not – is a situation none of us enjoy.

That is why the proposal for a new hospital in Huntley which will serve the communities of Huntley, Lake in the hills, Algonquin, Gilberts, Marengo and many others is a welcome plan. Not only will it bring medical care and treatment closure to home, it will meet the state's designated need to additional in-patient beds serving southern McHenry County.

Also important, particularly for medical providers, is the time it takes to begin treatment. Prompt care can even be a life saving issue for those with trauma or cardiac injuries and that is why the medical professionals that I work so closely with stand firmly behind the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

I urge the Board's approval.

**David Neumann, Carpentersville Chief of Police**  
**Support for Project #10-090**

My name is David Neumann and I am the Chief of Police for the Village of Carpentersville, a community of more than 38,000 people located in northern Kane County.

I strongly support a new hospital in Huntley because my commitment to preserving Carpentersville as a safe and healthy community depends on it. As a representative of our community's first responders, having immediate access to emergency medical care and a full-service hospital is critical to the job we are tasked with each and every day.

Public officials, in every community, have a responsibility to provide the services that are critical to a vibrant, safe and productive community. Health care, education and housing are all vital to ensuring our residents have access to a high quality of life. Health care, in particular, is integral to providing a landscape where businesses want to invest and where families want to call home.

I welcome a new hospital in Huntley. The 128 additional beds this would provide to our region and the full-service emergency department will give our first responders another emergency care option. Our community already faces a shortage of hospital beds, and an additional hospital in Huntley will help to meet this need in our growing area.

It is no secret that we anticipate further growth in the coming years, and I urge this board to help us prepare for that. More people will inevitably lead to a higher demand for medical attention. We must act now so we are prepared to continue serving and protecting our community.

Carpentersville falls within the proposed hospital's primary service area, and I look forward to the time when our residents are able to rely on the proximity of a Huntley hospital to access the best possible care.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

## **Centegra Hospital Support Speech for Project #10-090**

My name is Scott Padjen. I serve as the Pharmacy Director for Centegra Health System. I emphatically support Centegra's certificate of need to build a hospital in Huntley. I believe there is a clear need in this location to serve not only the growing demographics of southern McHenry County, but also the residents of Northern Kane County.

I am a 10-year Centegra associate. I believe this organization's dedicated caregivers are most qualified, best prepared and naturally suited to fulfill this need. It's what we have been doing in this community for generations. We are an integrated and proactive community partner, we are eager to answer the call...to expand our offerings of healing, nurturing and wellness.

A word about Pharmacy services at Centegra...we are progressive and dynamic...with an advanced clinical pharmacy practice and medication management practices that ensure safe and correct dispensing of live-saving medications. Clinical pharmacists collaborate with physicians and nurses to promote evidence-based medicine. Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the physicians who serve on that committee are active and engaged in implementing best practices for medication formulary management, physician order sets and pharmacist-managed protocols for high-alert medications. Pharmacy embraces a medication safety culture - openly reporting and monitoring both actual and potential errors to drive process improvement. Advanced information systems utilize medication bar code verification to improve safety and, with the exception of urgent need, pharmacists review and verify all orders for medications before they are administered to our patients.

Our pharmacists are active in the ambulatory clinic setting. They manage Centegra's anticoagulation clinics...serving over 1000 patients at 3 different sites including Huntley. The Centegra Anticoagulation Clinics have been recognized as the best in the nation for clinical quality and consistently rank above the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction. Our pharmacists are expanding into other direct patient care roles - on the frontier...Medication Therapy Management...consultant pharmacists working with the patient... conducting medication therapy reviews... identifying and resolving medication related problems...developing patient centric medication action plans... with the goal of achieving optimal medication outcomes through patient education and empowerment.

I am particularly proud that our Centegra pharmacies are teaching sites for 3 state Colleges of Pharmacy as well as local high schools. In this fiscal year, Clinical Coordinator Alan Mader will mentor 20 students from all levels of learning...from 4th year pharmacy students...to high school freshmen.

In closing...I am proud to represent Centegra...and proud to stand with our doctors, nurses, pharmacists, caregivers, and associates...to support Centegra Hospital Huntley. We are here to serve...we have always been here to serve...we are the caretakers of our community.

## **Testimonial – Richard Parsons for Project #10-090**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the proposed Centegra Hospital Huntley. My name is Richard Parsons and I am the Director of Respiratory Care, Neurology, and Sleep Services. I have been with Centegra Health System family for over six years as part of the leadership team.

As part of the leadership team, I am very pleased with the commitment our organization and the Associates continue to demonstrate on a daily basis to meet and exceed the community needs. This commitment extends from the Board of Directors in guiding senior leadership, to educating, preparing and developing the leaders with a servant leadership philosophy, to engaging the Associates to deliver the finest and most compassionate care to our patient population. The desire to excel in all aspects of a patient focused model of care is clearly illustrated in all we do.

In 1989 based on community assessments, Centegra Health System identified a need for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep related disorders. The Sleep Services department cared for its first patient on October 10, 1989. As the requirement for treating more patients grew, Centegra expanded to two beds in 1996 and then four beds in 2003. In 2008, in an effort to further meet the requests of the community, Centegra Health System expanded the operations to seven days per week. Due to the overwhelming support from the community of patients, the physician experts leading the way, and the quality of services delivered by outstanding clinicians, Centegra is in the process of expanding to add more beds in McHenry County.

This ongoing strategic planning and subsequent actions provides just one example of how Centegra Health System continues to meet the needs of the residents of our community closer to their homes. Historically and ongoing, Centegra Health System continues to have a long-term strategic plan in identifying the health and wellness needs of the community and providing these and other services to enrich the lives of those we serve.

Once again, thank you for your support of building care closer to the homes of our families in Huntley, Illinois.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Leslie Phillips

Address: 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

### **Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.



February 4, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Testimony of Support, Project # 10-090; <sup>Mercy</sup> ~~Centegra Hospital-Huntley.~~ *Opposition to Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital, Crystal Lake*

Dear Ms Avery:

My name is Jack Porter. I am a local McHenry county resident, residing at 1552 Bobolink Circle, Woodstock, IL. I am President of Jack Porter & Associates, Inc. and Mg. Partner for LandKeepers, LLC with offices also in Woodstock. In addition, I serve on the Board of Governors for the Centegra Health System and am a member of the Quality and Service and Human Resource Committee for Centegra Hospital system. I also serve as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Woodstock.

My wife and I have been in McHenry County for over 22 years and have watched Centegra grow and become a leader in this area for health care. I was honored to be asked to serve on the board over four years ago. Since then I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and understanding of our health care system and needs. ~~Most of all, I have come to respect the unyielding dedication and commitment of our physicians, nurses, executive team and all the Centegra's associates. The Centegra Health system has made significant financial contributions to the community in facilities, jobs and services and their commitment to quality care is unmatched.~~

With a background in planning and development, I understand the need for providing convenience and balance for a growing population. Health care in the right location is fundamental to servicing that growth. Logic would dictate that you identify service gaps in the market and locate them in areas that will be best served. In my opinion, Mercy Hospital request to locate in Crystal Lake would provide an oversaturation of beds and overlapping services. ~~However, Centegra's proposed location in Huntley is ideally situated to provide the greatest opportunity to deliver care in one of the fastest growing areas of the state. We are already seeing highway and infrastructure improvements being put in place to handle the planned residential and commercial growth in Southern McHenry and Northern Kane, not to mention the already built in need to service Del Webb's age restricted community. Planning ahead to meet those health care needs are imperative. In my opinion, Centegra's vision and strategy is right on target.~~

As a resident, businessman and as a member of our community health care governing body, ~~I would like to go on the record to support Centegra Health System and its request to build a the Centegra-Huntley hospital. Thank you.~~ *overwhelmingly*

Sincerely,  
  
Jack Porter  
President

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*of the residents of  
Southern McHenry and  
Northern Kane Counties,*

*the application  
of Mercy Alliance to  
establish a new hospital  
in Crystal Lake in  
Project No. 10-089.*

**Kathy Powell**  
**Centegra Board of Governors**  
**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project 10--090**

I am Kathy Powell, and I am a firm supporter of Project 10 – 090.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, I learned about this project several months ago. The time, effort and detailed preparation that went into the plans were immediately apparent. This proposal was not thrown together in a day and has been well thought out. It's the result of many years of studying the population, demographics, residents and their medical needs. All, in a region that the Centegra Health Care System knows very well.

There is no doubt that Centegra Health System understands McHenry County. The hospital system has had a presence in the county for more than 100 years. We have grown as the needs of the community have grown and today we stand ready to take the next step in providing for the medical needs of our area residents.

As we know, Centegra's efforts to provide care in southern McHenry County began more than 5 years ago. Since then, thousands of residents from Huntley and the surrounding communities use the Immediate Care Center on Centegra's Huntley campus. Right now, urgent care patients who require the services of an acute care hospital need to be transferred elsewhere. A hospital on the Huntley campus would eliminate this challenge, bringing comprehensive services close to home in a growing population.

Centegra administration has worked tirelessly for thousands of hours to clearly culminate a strong application that meets the Board's rules. It addresses the needs identified by the state for Planning Area A-10. There is no better health system than Centegra to fulfill this need.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley and appreciate the opportunity to share my view. Thank you.

LEO A. REYES, M.D.,P.C.  
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My name is Leo A. Reyes, the first formally trained Pediatrician and General Practitioner to establish permanently and still practicing in Woodstock since 1972. I have been on the active medical staff of CHS for 39 years, served as its President, chairman in my specialties, numerous committees and was a member of CHS Board of Governors. I was the co-creator of McHenry County's Well Child & Immunization Clinics, the first Medical Director of McHenry County's Valley Hi Nursing Home, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Home Health, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Skilled Nursing Facility and the first Medical Director of Centegra's Utilization Management.

Led by Mr. Michael Eesley 9 years ago, then the new President and CEO, Centegra made a commitment to serve with genuine respect, passionate caring and joyful spirit.

Physicians are the dominant decision makers when it comes to choosing hospitals and services for the care of their patients. In a marketplace that finds physicians increasingly competing rather than collaborating with hospitals, through physician-owned facilities offering profitable services once exclusively enjoyed by hospitals, it is critical that hospitals make physician satisfaction and communication a top strategic priority. I can tell you that Centegra Health System recognizes that priority and has shown outstanding efforts in strengthening physician relations, increasing opportunities for collaboration, moving market share through enhanced referral networks, increasing revenue and building physician preference for its hospitals.

Seven years ago our daughter from Oswego,IL gave birth to our first grandchild a blond blue eyed girl at Centegra. We were hooked on her and Centegra.

I have been all over this country and the world. I can tell you that Centegra's associates from housekeeping, nursing to directors, its Administration from the Board of Governors, VPs to the President, facilities, equipments and doctors all will stack up to the best of them in everything.

A patient will come to me in sickness and in health. They have choices but they will usually go to where I will send them. You can forget modern medical technology, you can forget a gleaming hospital and you can even forget the weather but you must remember the good people of Centegra.

One is only as good as one is available. Centegra is not only good but is also available. And now please welcome CHS to the Huntley neighborhood.



# Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. Based on this, I believe there is a need for a full-service hospital in this area.

The Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District provides not only traditional fire and rescue services to our District, but also paramedic ambulance service including transport to the nearest hospital. A new hospital facility constructed at the proposed site would significantly improve the transport time for many critically ill or injured patients from our District. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I support and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Rynders, Fire Chief  
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**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**  
**Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

Kevin Rynderas  
Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District  
Village of Lake in the Hills

My name is Kevin Rynderas and I am the Chief of the fire protection district for the Villages of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin. I am here this morning to voice my support for the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley

My department currently serves nearly 60,000 residents, and quick, local access to medical care is an integral part of what we provide. Last year, our department responded to more than XX calls (add other stats?)

In our job, the time it takes to access medical care is critical, and the current long travel times and indirect access to existing facilities puts our residents at risk.

As a part of EMS Region IX, our closest hospital to the south is on average 20 minutes away and the closest hospital to the north is often longer. If the proposed hospital in Huntley is built it will be about half the distance—only 5 miles away. Having immediate access to life-saving care is critical to the job of our team and why we support this project.

In addition to the patient care benefits, shorter trips to and from the hospital will free up our vehicles and personnel faster to the benefit of our local residents. It's important to understand, that our travel time is not just the time it takes to respond to a call and transport the individual to an emergency room, it is also the time it takes us to return and put our personnel and vehicles back in service.

The Lake in the Hills and Algonquin communities are growing, and the area we serve is much larger than it was just a few years ago. In just six years our population has grown by over 13,000 people, resulting in more frequent emergency calls and greater medical needs.

I know that the towns of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin and would greatly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley. I know I speak for my emergency responder colleagues when I say that a new hospital in Huntley is imperative to the health and care of area residents and to maintaining a timely, cost-efficient operations emergency.

For these reasons, I ask this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley and bring much needed local medical care to a growing community.

**Kathy Kozak, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Hello, my name is Kathy Kozak. I am the Group Fitness Manager for Health Bridge Fitness Center, both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley! There is a great need for a hospital in southern McHenry County/ northern Kane County.

Since we opened our Huntley location in 2008, the people of the area have filled our Fitness Center. They come from all walks of life and in many shapes and sizes. Some of our exercisers are there to maintain and improve their fitness levels, and others come to us for life-changing advice as they strive toward a healthier, happier lifestyle. We offer fitness classes, nutrition counseling, aquatics, sports facilities, activities for children and families and a spa to help people relax their minds and indulge their bodies in a healthy way.

The success of Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Huntley comes from Centegra's goal to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities we serve. It is clear to all of us at HealthBridge that the people of the Huntley region were just waiting for the opportunity to live more active lifestyles, and Centegra met the needs of the community by building the Centegra Campus in Huntley.

I'm especially excited when I see the young families of the area who visit Health Bridge together. The parents are setting positive examples for their children, and I believe those kids will grow up to be healthier than the previous generation. This wouldn't be possible without Centegra's impact on the community. From our CEO to the Associates who work at Health Bridge, we consistently demonstrate our commitment to the region's overall wellness.

Personally, my parents live in Del Webb Huntley and use Centegra for their wellness needs. My in-laws live in Algonquin and work out at Health Bridge in Huntley. I live in Algonquin. My entire family deserves a hospital closer to our homes.

Making Centegra Hospital - Huntley another part of the Huntley Campus would complete the continuum of care we have already begun to provide to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I am proud to be a part of Centegra's Huntley campus and deeply believe that Centegra is the best health system and Huntley is the best location for a new hospital.

**Bonnie Saban in Support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Good Morning/Afternoon. My name is Bonnie Saban and I am a long time resident of McHenry County. I am the Manager of Volunteer Services and Patient Express for Centegra Health System. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and am the coordinator of the State of Illinois-Senior Health Insurance Program sponsored and supported by Centegra. I also served for several years as the President of the McHenry County Task Force on Aging.

I would like to speak to you today on behalf of the aging community of McHenry County. A demographic study done by the Metro Chicago Information Center and Northwestern University forecasts that, of Chicago's five collar counties, McHenry County will experience the most dramatic growth in their senior population between the years of 2000 and 2020. Our county can expect to see a 66% increase in seniors with the next largest increase of 60%, taking place in Kane County.

Sun City Huntley, the largest 55+ community in the Midwest, straddles the McHenry and Kane county lines and is home to more than 9,000 seniors. That number includes my parents, Lloyd and Bette Miller. As they have aged it has become more and more important that health care services are easily accessible. In fact, the demographic study mentioned earlier, found that 84% of participants cited the availability of quality medical care as the most important aspect of their community.

Centegra Health System has consistently worked to identify the healthcare needs of the community and then provide for those needs. The purchase of property on Haligus Rd and the subsequent construction of the Immediate Care Center, Centegra Primary Care and Healthbridge Fitness Center is an example of that commitment. Construction of a hospital at the Haligus location clearly best meets the needs of the aging community of McHenry and Kane County.

I would like to encourage you to approve Centegra Health System's application for the construction of Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today.

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley**  
**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**

Jerry Sagona, Village Administrator  
Village of Lake in the Hills

Good morning. I'm reading this testimony on behalf of Village President Ed Plaza. I am the Village Administrator for the town of Lake in the Hills. Our community lies in southern McHenry County and we have a growing population of over 30,000 people. The location of the proposed hospital in Huntley is ideal for our townspeople, as we fall within its primary service vicinity and have a growing need for accessible healthcare.

As with any new addition serving our community, we want to ensure that a new hospital will act as a partner to the residents of Lake in the Hills, not merely a business. I strongly support this project because Centegra has already proven its commitment our community and our residents.

Centegra has a well-kept, established Huntley campus with a state-of-the-art fitness center and physician offices. Its Immediate Care facility provides timely, high-quality treatment for our surrounding area and has served as a necessary go-to for those with less serious medical needs. Many Lake in the Hills residents choose the Huntley campus for their routine health and wellness needs.

Centegra's Huntley campus is the right place to build a new hospital—already operating as a functioning, integral part of our community. In addition, the new hospital will provide hundreds of construction and thousands of permanent jobs to sustain and foster the economic growth of our communities, which is vital to our expanding population. The indirect economic development benefits to all of the neighboring communities is critical to keeping our businesses strong, our residents employed and our towns growing.

Lake in the Hills has seen tremendous growth over the past decade, like so many of our neighbors in McHenry County. Projections for future growth are just as strong with 10% increase in our community population in just the next 4 years.

Clearly, the proposal for a new hospital comes at a time of growth, drawing a need for greater, localized access to medical care. Southern McHenry County is medically underserved and a new hospital in Huntley will help to meet that need.

The Centegra healthcare system has invested in our community, and I strongly believe that a new hospital in Huntley will bring a sustaining partnership and a vital economic boost to our area.

The community needs this hospital, and so I ask that the board lend its support. Thank you.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name: Connie Secor**

**Address: 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152**

**Company: Centegra Health System**

**Title: Director, Surgical Services**

My name is Connie Secor. As the Director of Surgical Services for Centegra Health System and as a community member living in Marengo, I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley.

Centegra Health System's Surgical Services departments provide comprehensive services for both ambulatory and in-patient populations for the communities of McHenry County and beyond. Performing nearly 14,000 surgical procedures annually, our combined 15 operating rooms serve more than 110 surgeons, covering more than 15 different service line specialties. These service lines include our open heart program at the Centegra Hospital - McHenry campus and a weight loss surgery program at our Centegra Hospital – Woodstock campus. We are proud to say that our weight loss surgery program has been designated as a Bariatric Center of Excellence from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

In addition, our ancillary service areas provide combined visits of more than 16,000 annually in our Endoscopy and Ambulatory Treatment Departments. These service areas play a critical role in the provision of care to citizens throughout McHenry County and surrounding communities. We are very proud of the excellent care we provide and that our associates remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our patients.

As a community member, I am very excited that Centegra is building upon its excellence and continues to bring important medical services to the communities in need. Thank you for your time and consideration of this much needed hospital and the many services it can bring to the community.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Sheila Senn

Address: 148 Glenbrook Trail McHenry IL 60050

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Behavioral Health Services

### **Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as an Associate of the health system, as a resident of McHenry County and as an advocate for those who suffer from Mental and substance abuse illnesses. During my 15 years with Centegra, it has been my calling to care for those individuals who are marginalized and underserved and work toward the reduction of stigma associated with Mental Illness and substance abuse.

I am proud to be a part of Centegra Health System as this organization shares these same values. While other hospitals have chosen to reduce or entirely eliminate Behavioral Health Services, Centegra has maintained services for those in need in our community. The decisions to maintain such services have been made exclusively on the basis of what our community needs not on the impact to our financial bottom line which incidentally is negative. In the spirit of our mission to serve our community, we have partnered with other community agencies to coordinate services and meet the changing needs of McHenry County. A recent example is our involvement with the suicide taskforce in McHenry County. It saddens me to report to you today that the number of residents who have ended their lives by suicide in this past year has doubled since 2008. As the number of suicides mounted last year, we worked with many community agencies to offer free education to our residents related to suicide prevention. We educated our physicians and Associates regarding the group most at risk and common signs and symptoms.

I think most of us would agree that the past few years have been some of the most economically and emotionally challenging for our country and our community. Unemployment and foreclosures have taken a toll on our community at the same time that access and resources for Mental health and substance abuse services have been seriously diminished. Though there has been a complete elimination of support from the state for acute psychiatric services, we have maintained our acute care services. Acute psychiatric services are not optional services, they are essential and should not be compromised. These services are a person's very last option. They are provided when nothing else will

do to insure the safety of the individual or others. We continue to care for people because it is consistent with our mission and simply, the right thing to do.

The Huntley hospital will provide an additional access point for people to seek entry into the most appropriate level of mental health or substance abuse services. We provide truly integrated and informed services to our community. I am very proud to be a part of such a sophisticated approach to care. I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those we serve.

Public hearing testimony

Supporting Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090

February 16, 2010

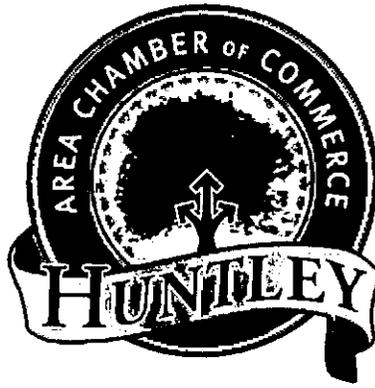
My name is David Shinherr and I'm a Woodstock resident and Executive Director of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Centegra Health System.

Centegra's orthopaedic surgeons have advanced education in their areas of expertise and integrate the latest orthopaedic treatments to provide our patients the best quality care. We offer advanced procedures to treat injuries and problems of the hand, shoulder, back, hip, knee, and foot. The surgeons on our medical staff deliver new approaches to hip replacement, knee replacement and finger joint replacement and spinal surgery.

In addition to outstanding orthopedic care Centegra Health System offers the complete continuum of rehabilitation services. From skilled nursing and home health care to outpatient therapy, Centegra is committed to providing McHenry County with the best rehabilitative care. One thing that I think is important to note is the fact that Centegra Health System maintains the only Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit in McHenry County, which allows patients to rehabilitate following a brain injury either from a stroke or trauma close to home. Centegra also operates the Neuro-Rehab Center a very unique clinic in Crystal Lake which is essentially the outpatient version of the acute inpatient unit where patient continue their progress in order to return to the highest level of function following these life altering disease processes. This is one of only five similar clinics in the entire state of Illinois.

Because of my background in chiropractic care, I was also thrilled when Centegra added chiropractic medicine to the Centegra Orthopaedic Care continuum. The addition of complimentary and alternative medicine as part of the patients "health care team" insures collaboration amongst the patients primary care physician and ancillary providers is another way Centegra provides outstanding care to our patients.

At Centegra Hospital - Huntley, Centegra Orthopaedic Services will continue to provide the highest levels of treatment and care through a complete continuum of specialized orthopaedic and rehabilitative programs and services for people of all ages.



Hello I'm Rita Slawek, President and CEO of the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce. I represent more than 320 business members and their employees and I support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.

Centegra Health System is an Executive Club Member of our Chamber, and has consistently provided the highest level of support to the community and our Chamber.

The Chamber and its Members encourage the expansion and retention of area businesses. We also work closely with the Village of Huntley and other community organizations to attract reputable businesses and organizations in an effort to generate employment opportunities and continue the economic growth and development of our community.

Our chamber works hard to promote the area's economic growth and supports our business community members. This Centegra hospital project makes great business sense. It has been thoroughly planned to meet the healthcare needs of our growing and aging community.

Full-service hospital services are needed in the southern McHenry County area and Centegra has the health system best suited to provide these services.

With a Sun City Huntley senior community in excess of 9,000 residents, the hospital will be a huge benefit to this population. For some of these residents, the distance it takes to currently get to a hospital may be the difference between life and death.

I choose life and I hope you choose to support the life of this project.

Thank you.

***Working Together To Make A Difference***

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**Erin Smith, Village President of the Village of Lakewood  
Support of Project #10-090**

Good Afternoon. My name is Erin Smith and I am happy to share with you my excitement for a new hospital serving southern McHenry County.

I am proud to serve Lakewood and its more than 3,500 residents as Village President. Lakewood is a unique place with many benefits, including wetlands, bike paths, local businesses and a true sense of community. As president, I am committed to furthering our residents' quality of life today and in the future. A new hospital in Huntley will do just that.

We find ourselves in a unique moment. As the rest of the country recovers from the recent recession, we have seen a remarkable growth in our area's population. With that excitement comes the responsibility to provide the services that helps keep a community vibrant. Health care, of course, is a critical service that must be accessible.

Together with many of our neighboring communities' we have seen demand for inpatient and emergency services exceed what is available to them. With the growth we have experienced in recent years also comes congestion, infrastructure challenges and a greater need for core human services.

Our area is one of the only in the state of Illinois that faces a bed shortage at current hospitals, and our population growth points to the need for more access. This proposal would provide 128 additional beds, a dedicated Women's Center, and non-invasive cardiology services among many other needed treatment and services. This proposal is clearly a forward-thinking project that will bring a hospital directly to where it is most needed.

The Village of Lakewood falls in the proposed hospital's primary service area. What that means to the community I serve is greater access to health care as well as shorter travel time for residents and emergency vehicles. All of these are of the utmost importance to me and the Lakewood residents.

In addition, I am confident that the proposed hospital will provide Lakewood residents with quality care. Centegra has already shown Lakewood and McHenry County that it is indeed a true community partner by providing excellent health care through its hospitals in McHenry and Woodstock and its newly expanded Huntley campus.

As we hear at the local and national levels, access to health care must be a priority in every one of our communities. I urge you to help provide that access to the community I represent by approving Centegra's proposal for a new hospital in Huntley. This project is needed and is the right investment for our community.

Thank you.

**Berni Szczepanski**  
**In Support of Project #10-090**  
**Public Hearing Speech**  
**February 16, 2011**

You heard earlier about our confidence in being able to staff this new facility-- about how our retention demonstrates our ability to attract and retain staff.

Indeed the retention rate of 95.8% is impressive. What contributes to this? Centegra commits to its Associates—to their success and satisfaction. We commit to developing great leaders, creating a pipeline for healthcare professionals, and providing Associates with the Total Rewards they value.

Centegra is committed to being a learning organization. Our Leadership Development program is tied to our strategic objectives and is driven by the Leaders themselves. Our curriculum, tools and resources are built on our leaders needs. Our best in class program combines external speakers, internal talent, hands on tools, and facilitated small group highly—interactive sessions to deliver over 48 hours of Leadership Development programming per year. The skills introduced in the sessions are then further supported with an on-line Leader Resource site and a unique one-on-one coaching program.

We support our leaders—and they in turn support their staff and our community. Our leaders participate in Leadership Greater McHenry County—a program designed to develop community leader awareness, skill, and collaboration. In fact, the program was developed by Centegra and 29 Centegra leaders have graduated from the program. Those Leaders then go on to serve on numerous community boards and further share their skills in helping both non-profit and for-profit community organizations in strategic planning.

Our commitment in developing a consistent pipeline of healthcare talent is evident through the many unique programs implemented by Centegra. The **Student Nurse Shadowing Program** was created last year in response to the decrease in nursing jobs available for new graduates and provides nursing students the opportunity to experience our work place culture.

For six years, The **Healthcare Career Fair** inspires and educates thousands of 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the exciting careers of healthcare professionals, through an interactive wonderland of simulated surgeries and futuristic pharmacy.

Centegra proposed and authored a three credit course, **Health Profession Career Exploration**, offered through McHenry County College which is held at Centegra Hospitals. Students explore government defined healthcare paths via testimonials from Centegra associates, tours of units, job shadowing and skills exploration.

Centegra serves hundreds of clinical students from over 40 different colleges every year. Although many healthcare systems have clinical rotations few have a **Red Carpet Clinical Rotation Program**. It provides students with a warm and welcoming learning environment that features a comprehensive orientation, enthused and engaged mentors, leader rounding of students and student feedback gathered by a quantitative tool.

The **Student Nurse Internship Program** provides a learning experience specifically designed to enhance the student's confidence as a practitioner post graduation with our unique, multi-tiered program and varied opportunities to further advance clinical skills and develop expertise within a chosen specialty.

Finally, we commit to the well-being of each of our 3700 Associates. Our benefits and compensation philosophy, called Total Rewards@Work, is to tailor benefits to each Associate's unique needs. Our Total Rewards philosophy is based on competitive salary and benefits, workplace culture and development. At Centegra we focus on the Associate personally and professionally. For the busy Associate that is managing work-life balance, we offer a concierge service providing dry cleaning, oil changes, video rental, gift cards and much more.

Our commitment to our leaders, our community, our future workforce, and to each and every Associate is what makes Centegra a great place to work. It is also what will support us in our efforts to extend our great healthcare to Huntley.

**Testimony of Dee Tallon in favor of Centegra Health System's application for a CON  
Project #10-090**

Good Morning. My name is Dee Tallon. I am the clinical manager of OB at our Woodstock campus, and most recently named Interim nurse leader. I'd like to share with you why Centegra Health System is not only an excellent healthcare provider -- it is also an outstanding employer to our Associates. My own experiences as both a Centegra Associate and a leader have overwhelmed me with warmth, spurred me to grow and have helped me maintain a healthy balance between my career and my family life.

I was welcomed as a new nurse leader just 13 months ago. Before joining Centegra, I was living in Kentucky. I remember being surprised when I received our new leader welcome package from Centegra Health System Chief Executive Officer Michael S. Eesley at my home just days after accepting their offer. The package included a nice welcome letter from Mike, a DVD that talked about Centegra's values, and a nice leather binder. It was such a nice welcome before I even arrived. My husband is the dean of a business college, and he was impressed, too! Perhaps a bit jealous since he has never been treated this way.

On my first day at the Family Birth Center, I was welcomed with a breakfast by the staff and physicians. Staff members made a scrapbook including pictures of them and their stories, so I could immediately get to know my team. The welcome was overwhelming. Since my husband still lived in Kentucky, I remember calling him to share I felt like they'd rolled out the red carpet for me. I have been a nurse leader for more than 15 years and I can tell you that Centegra's culture is completely unique. I have time to build relationships and see how happy Associates provide better patient care. I am so impressed with this staff. This is by far the best group of people I've ever worked with. Throughout the hospitals, people have smiles on their faces and acknowledge each other.

As a nurse, I appreciate how hands-on caregivers are asked to contribute to process improvement at Centegra. They take part in shared governance, which calls on the expertise of the nurses to improve practices and quality of care. I feel accepted, secure and confident in my role at Centegra Health System because of Centegra's supportive work environment. I love coming to work each day. I always want to tell my team and the people I report to, "Thank you for allowing me to bring my joyful spirit to work." When I think about extending the exceptional level of Centegra care to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, I get so excited I get goose bumps! I whole-heartedly support Centegra's plan and am ready to welcome 1,100 new Associates to our culture of excellence.

Matt Towler, Vice President of Support Services  
Centegra Health System  
Support of Project #10-090

Hello... I am Matthew Towler and I am the Vice President of Support Services for Centegra Health System.

My role within Centegra includes providing oversight and support to the operations teams that facilitate our construction services. If the Centegra proposal for Centegra Hospital – Huntley is approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, I will oversee the construction and occupancy of the new hospital.

This is very exciting for the people who reside in McHenry and Kane counties and are in need of improved access to Centegra's healthcare services. The planning and development of the new hospital facility has been in process since the purchase of land in 2006. The new facility will be a necessary part of our plan to fulfill the Centegra mission to provide wellness for people in the communities we serve.

The bid process will utilize criteria of Financial Cost, Relevant Healthcare Experience, Relationship with Centegra and Alignment to Centegra's Mission, Vision, and Values, which will be competitively evaluated from the pool of respondents. Our philosophy is to make it a priority to hire skilled laborers and tradesmen from the communities we serve. Through the hospital construction process we look to create more than 800 jobs in the construction-related fields. These jobs have an estimated economic impact of \$152 million on area communities, with an anticipated additional \$45 million to be generated from the professional salaries and commercial sales that would be needed to support the construction work.

This is a very exciting time for me. To have the privilege to provide leadership to this project is a true honor. I look forward to the opportunity to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Thank you.

**Nancy Turngren, Manager of Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley  
In Favor of Project #10-090**

My name is Nancy Turngren, and I currently manage of the Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley, an active living community of more than 10,000 seniors. Sun City is located in Kane County just north of I-90 just west of Route 47 in Huntley.

With the Sun City residents in mind, I strongly support the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090). The location to our facility is ideal, and in addition, Centegra is already a valued wellness partner within the Sun City community.

As an active-living senior residence community, many in Sun City are healthier and stronger than their peers. Clearly however, the medical needs of an aging population only increase as the years pass. Easy access to a quality health care, particularly for a senior community is imperative.

The proposed location of the new hospital is only minutes from Sun City. Many residents in fact already visit doctors and immediate care facility on the Centegra Huntley campus. An extension to a full-service acute care hospital within minutes of this community of senior citizens would be a blessing.

Sun City has had the pleasure of truly partnering with Centegra to provide residents with much of the wellness care they need. The Centegra name is one many know and trust. Through the wellness center in Sun City, Centegra provides health screenings, customized nutrition counseling, home safety assessments, health assessments and a wide variety of community health lectures.

Since the Wellness Center opened in [year], residents have responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback. In fact, this feedback and the demand for more quality wellness services led to the extension of the center's hours and the expansion of available services. Now our residents have access to more in-depth services such as blood testing, osteoporosis screenings and behavioral health services, among others.

The Sun City residents would certainly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley, and particularly, one that would be operated by such a community partner. I encourage this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley. I look forward to the access that a new hospital in Huntley would afford the Sun City community.

Thank you.

**Marianna Wolfmeyer**  
**3428 W. Skyway Drive, McHenry, IL 60050**  
**Support letter for Centegra Hospital-Huntley #10-090**

My name is Marianna Wolfmeyer and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and Chaplain for Centegra Health System providing care through the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

Centegra is committed to caring for people holistically - body, mind and spirit – a part of which is providing support services and opportunities to meet emotional and spiritual care needs. Counseling, care and support are offered in various forms throughout our system to associates, patients, families and groups at no cost. More often than not, I meet with people in difficult and challenging times which are filled with anxiety and distress. For example, after a cancer diagnosis or recurrence. When enduring difficult treatment and/or side effects. When facing end of life. At death and through bereavement. When I meet with people and they realize that they can receive support services at no cost, they are not only surprised (because as many often say, “Really, this just doesn’t happen in today’s world - nothing is free!”) but sometimes they just cry, expressing real gratitude for receiving services that they know they need, but can’t pay for. I am so proud to work for a health care system that not only talks about its interest in and responsibility for community health and wellness, but more importantly acts, by committing real resources and money despite challenging financial times, to employ me and others, including counselors, social workers and chaplains who in caring for people in very difficult emotional and spiritual times, profoundly impact community health and wellness for the better.

Centegra seeks to be flexible and adaptive in response to community needs. For example, recognizing that the needs of cancer survivors along the continuum of care could be further enhanced, an education and support program for men living with prostate cancer was recently begun in Huntley. Additionally the needs of cancer survivors post treatment are now being addressed through a program called Cancer Transitions, a six week research based program focusing on fitness, nutrition, and emotional and medical management. We are also excited about two grants from the City of Hope recently awarded to staff at Centegra Sage Cancer Center for training this spring, that will facilitate additional types of support services and programming for patients and caregivers. Centegra’s mission, vision and values exhibit a real commitment to health and wellness. We will continue meeting our community’s needs as we move toward future expansion.

**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090; Huntley-Centegra Hospital  
Rick Zirk—Village President, Village of Gilberts  
February 16, 2011**

Hello, my name is Rick Zirk. I am the Village President of Gilberts, Illinois, and I am here today to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090).

Gilberts is a relatively small village of just under 10,000 residents, but like its surrounding communities, Gilberts has continued to grow rapidly throughout the recession and our growth is expected to continue.

Population projections through 2015 cite an increase in Gilberts residents by 11.7 percent . With this scenario repeating itself throughout southern McHenry and northern Kane Counties, travel times to area hospitals is growing exceedingly long. We cannot continue to rely on distant surrounding communities to provide the vital services we need, such as healthcare.

Centegra has long had a reputation as a top notch healthcare system, and they stand as the provider of choice for many in our community. They are very well positioned to bring about the next evolution of care—a fully comprehensive community hospital—as a seamless, natural progression from its existing Huntley campus.

Gilberts is not one of the largest communities in Kane County, but we are situated among them. Along with the surrounding towns we will benefit economically, but the medical advantages we will gain are imperative. Our area needs more beds, and I am behind Centegra's proposal to fill this gap and provide medical care to my residents.

I strongly urge approval for Centegra Hospital Huntley. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR SUSAN MILFORD  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning, I am Susan Milford, the Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing, Planning and Wellness Services at Centegra Health System.

I would like to tell you how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital - Huntley meets the CON Rules regarding Bed Need and Service Demand based on Rapid Population Growth.

McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, known as A-10. The Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued "Bed Need Determinations" through 2015. The current monthly "Revised Bed Need Determinations" indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Med-cal-Surgical/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds in 2015.

The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County has a rapidly increasing population, among the highest in Illinois.

Because of the rapidly growing population in McHenry County as well as in the market area that we identified for this hospital, we were able to project the demand for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service based upon rapid population growth in the target market area, as specified in the CON Rules. This review criterion permits us to document population growth based upon population projections that may extend as much as 10 years from the date the CON application is submitted.

The second full year of operation of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not occur until mid-2018. Although that will be several years later than the most recent Adjusted Bed Need figures, it was possible to determine Calculated (Adjusted) Bed Need for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service for mid-2018 using the State's own methodology that was used to calculate the 2015 Bed Need figures.

We found that the State's Bed Need Determination will show a need for 104 additional Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds by mid-2018 due to the rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This is 21 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds more than shown in the current "Revised Bed Need Determinations."



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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Subject: Project #: 10-090 – Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois to support the approval of Centegra Health System's Certificate of Need for a new hospital in Huntley.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois is the largest provider of hospice and palliative care services in our region, which encompasses Boone, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties. Our agency has provided quality end-of-life care to area residents for 27 years and has developed one of the largest grief support programs in the State of Illinois. Several years ago, we partnered with Centegra in the development of an inpatient hospice program located at Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock to provide end-of-life care to clients for whom hospice care at home is not an option. Centegra's commitment to all aspects of the healthcare continuum for the residents of McHenry County was key in the decision-making process for that partnership, and the decision to build a new hospital in Huntley underscores that commitment.

I fully support the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's approval of this Certificate of Need. Centegra Hospital-Huntley will benefit our clients and their families by improving access to quality healthcare. Our support of this project is also in harmony with our mission to enhance life by providing dignified, compassionate care and guidance to those coping with loss and the end of life.

Sincerely,

Anne B. Miller  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Hospice and Palliative Care for Northeastern Illinois  
Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care  
405 Lake Zurich Road  
Barrington, Illinois 60010

**Angela McAuley**  
**Centegra Hospital-Huntley -- Support**  
**Project # 10-090**

My name is Angela McAuley, and I am here to share my support for Centegra's plans for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. There is no doubt that this application meets the state's rules for approval. And what I can best speak to are the impressive elements of this project and the character of the health system that is proposing it.

As a current Centegra Board member and a former employee for more than three decades, I have a deep understanding of healthcare and how it has changed over the years. Women's health, in particular, has always been of interest to me. This proposal includes plans for a dedicated Women's Center with a separate entrance. I cannot think of a better resource for my granddaughters as they grow up in the surrounding area.

A space devoted to women will help patients feel as comfortable as possible while undergoing tests and treatments that are rather uncomfortable in nature. Perhaps more importantly, it's a great way to advance collaboration among the medical practitioners who work with women. This is a terrific asset of the project, and it shows that Centegra truly is a forward-thinking health system. Dedicated Women's Centers are a relatively new idea in healthcare, and Centegra recognizes their value.

Through my positions with Centegra, I also understand the organization's unrelenting loyalty to the people it serves. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding communities deserve this level of commitment from a healthcare provider. I began my career at Centegra as a part-time nurse. In that role, I learned the "contagious" dedication that those who work for this organization have. The system's staff and leaders are involved in our community on a number of levels, and they carry a genuine respect and joyful spirit in whatever they do.

I support this project wholeheartedly and based on my understanding of the state rules, I believe that this proposal meets those rules for approval.

Thank you.



Letter of Support

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. The fact is, hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides.

Centegra has long been committed to Huntley and the surrounding communities through outpatient services and other health services that have already been brought to the area. Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site.

As an Executive Director of a community based organization, I personally appreciate that, along with needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Signature Terry Legare Date 2/15/2011

Printed Name: Terry Legare, Executive Director, Lakeside Legacy Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 401 Country Club Road \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: Crystal Lake, IL 60014 \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Fernando Lamounier  
In Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley Project #10-090

I joined the staff at Centegra Health System last January and have worked with Cardiac Surgery Associates to provide the latest techniques for cardiothoracic surgery. I completed my thoracic surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center in 2006 and specialize in valve surgery.

My expertise complements the already impressive procedures performed at Centegra to improve the overall health and wellness of the McHenry County community. The first ever open heart surgery in McHenry County was performed at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, formerly known as Northern Illinois Medical Center, on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2006, when cardiac surgeons from Centegra performed bypass surgery on a female patient from Woodstock. That procedure inaugurated Centegra Health System's open heart surgery program.

Centegra partnered with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, four years ago to be the cardiovascular surgical team performing all of Centegra's cardiovascular procedures. The physicians of CSA have provided our patients with the highest quality cardiac care in the state. We continue to focus on new ways to bring the most state-of-the-art cardiac care right here to McHenry County. The expansion of our cardiothoracic program demonstrates the commitment of the entire Centegra family as we continue to make a difference in the communities we serve.

With this important service, patients and their families are receiving the care they need closer to home. Centegra's cardiovascular program includes three cardiac catheterization labs for angioplasty procedures and electrophysiology to help correct heart electrical problems, as well as Centegra's Heart Failure Clinic that coordinates a patient's care and reaches out to other agencies when needed. I fully support Centegra's proposal to further develop our heart program by offering additional services to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

**Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Public Hearing February 16, 2011**

My name is Judi Jefko, I serve as Director of Performance Improvement for Centegra Health System. I have had the pleasure of being a part of this great organization in serving our community for 32 years. As part of the Centegra Healthcare Team, the patient and their family are at the heart of all that we do each day. Over the years Centegra has shown an ongoing commitment to the community through expansion of services to ensure quality care can be received close to home. Several of the expanded services that offer the latest technology and procedures are cardiac, cancer, orthopedic and bariatric, along with a full continuum of outpatient services, home health, rehab, behavioral health and wound care.

The vision to expand an acute care hospital in Huntley again demonstrates Centegra's commitment to fulfill the community needs. In providing healthcare services, we have shown commitment to ensure safe, efficient, quality care. Centegra has always been a leader in participating in voluntary public reporting initiatives. Recently Centegra chose to take quality and safety to an even greater level by voluntarily reporting information to the Leapfrog Group. As the leading healthcare system in McHenry County, we are already committed to the quality and safety measures that we use to protect our patients and to improve the care we provide. We joined more than 1500 hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic that are volunteering patient outcome information. I am proud to join Centegra leaders in our shared belief that transparency provides information to the community and makes us a better healthcare system. Additionally Centegra has achieved certifications and accreditations in many areas to ensure gold standards of care are provided.

Not only have I had the honor of being part of the Centegra Healthcare Team for many years, I have also been a part of the community for 52 years and experienced the compassionate, quality care for myself and family. When my mother had a heart attack, the Centegra team saved her life following a cardiac arrest. She has received subsequent cardiac procedures and cardiac rehab that have maintained her active quality of life. Each of my family members have experienced a need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to provide the "very best", quality care by experienced, dedicated physicians, leaders and associates. I experienced a patient centered, collaborative team, showing compassionate care - a team I could trust.

I look forward to expanding this same quality of care for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Judi Jefko  
Director, Performance Improvement  
4201 Medical Center Drive  
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## **Lawrence Howell, Village of Lakewood Chief of Police**

My name is Lawrence Howell and I serve the Village of Lakewood as Chief of Police. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the construction and operation of a new hospital in Huntley. I encourage the board to also support this hospital and approve Project #10-090.

As Village President Erin Smith can tell you, Lakewood residents truly enjoy the quality of life they find in their community. We work hard to keep our community a safe and healthy place to live by protecting residents and also by providing access to the services they require.

From my experience, I can tell you that when fire and police services respond to emergencies, it is critical that their travel times be as short as possible. Our ability to deliver emergency service relies on our ability to arrive on the scene as quickly as possible and then transport a person just as fast. We know southern McHenry County lacks a full-service emergency facility. This is a void that must be filled.

For many years, area development was such that traveling to McHenry or Woodstock wasn't a big deal. It's clear to anyone traveling on 47 that those days are gone.

As Chief of Police, I am committed to keeping Lakewood a safe and healthy place to live and work. I am joined by other public servants here today whose job is to both serve and protect. We must be willing to do both if we want a productive and vibrant community. In this instance, serving our community means providing the access to health care that is certainly in demand. I ask this board to help open further access to health care in McHenry County.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the proposed hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.



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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090.

As a large employer in McHenry County, we have partnered with Centegra for over a decade. The support and service they provide for our business and the well-being of our employees has been outstanding.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides. Centegra has long been committed to our community through outpatient services and other health services such as worksite wellness. In addition to the health care services Centegra would provide with a new facility, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare that this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Lon D. Hollis  
Vice President - Human Resources

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## Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital - Huntley

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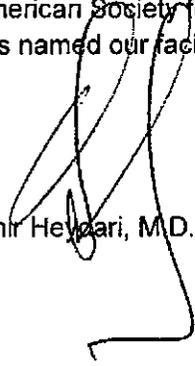
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The Centegra Weight-Loss Surgery Center offers a multidisciplinary approach to significant weight loss for people when all other attempts at weight loss have failed. We use a comprehensive approach to the whole person that combines surgery with behavior-based counseling, exercise and nutritional counseling to achieve the most effective results possible. After surgery, we provide support groups that encourage patients to follow the program to achieve their weight loss goals. Our bariatric program is unique in its approach to the care of the morbidly obese patient. We are the area's leading bariatric surgery program because we have a multidisciplinary clinic that combines the expertise of dietitians, mental health clinicians, exercise physiologists and other healthcare professionals. Our minimally-invasive surgery procedures include laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding (LapBand and Realize Band) and laparoscopic gastric sleeve. We also perform surgical revisions for patients whose gastric bypass surgeries at other facilities have caused complications. Blue Cross and Blue Shield has designated Centegra Hospital-Woodstock as a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery. To date, only 230 facilities nationwide have received a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery designation. We are also designated as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, and Aetna Insurance Company has named our facility as an Institute of Quality for Bariatric Surgery.

  
Amir Heydari, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Gina Heinz in support of Project #10-090

Hello, my name is Gina Heinz, I am the manager of the cardiac cath lab at Centegra Hospital – McHenry. Since the early 1990s, Centegra Health System has been performing cardiac catheterization at Centegra Hospital – McHenry. The program has grown and expanded to include three state-of-the-art cath labs capable of providing the highest-quality procedures. With the support of highly skilled cardiologists, electrophysiologists and clinical staff, Centegra can offer diagnostic caths, angioplasty and electrophysiology procedures that provide the community with full spectrum cardiovascular care. The procedures provided by the cath lab are used to diagnose and treat a number of heart conditions, such as coronary heart disease, valve disease, and cardiac arrhythmias. At Centegra there is heart in the healing, rehabilitation and nurturing of every patient we serve. Residents can feel confident in our comprehensive prevention and wellness programs, access to the most advanced medical technology and the impressive heart surgery options available to them right here in McHenry County. With the addition of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, many more residents will have greater access to this full spectrum of cardiovascular care.

Thank you.

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project 10-090**  
**Testimonial**  
**Illinois Health Facilities & Services Planning Board**  
**February 16, 2011**

Crystal Lake Orthopedics

My name is Edward Grögg; I am the Executive Director of Crystal Lake Orthopedics. Crystal Lake Orthopedics is a five physician orthopedic group with our main office in Crystal Lake and a newly opened office in Huntley. We provide orthopedic services for over 4,000 patients a year and capture approximately 30% of the orthopedic market in McHenry County. Our surgeons use the latest technology providing sub-specialty services for knees, hips, shoulders, hands, wrists, and spine.

In 2009 we decided to open an office in Huntley because of the population growth in southern McHenry County, including the consistent growth in the Dell Webb development. Patient demand from McHenry County and northern Kane County residents was vital in our decision-making process to open a Huntley office. Patients wanted to see our physicians but did not like traveling to the northeast side of Crystal Lake, especially when their post-op and therapy schedules require 2 to 3 visits per week. We have found the same mentality holds true for selecting the hospital they prefer for surgery, especially from patients south of Algonquin Rd. in Huntley. These patients struggle with going north to Woodstock and even more so going further northeast to McHenry. We opened our Huntley office in June 2010 and have seen steady growth in patient volumes each month. It is my belief that if a hospital were built in Huntley, the majority of our Huntley (and surrounding area, including Hampshire, Marengo, and Lake In The Hills/Algonquin) patients would choose to stay in Huntley for their care.

To conclude, Crystal Lake Orthopedics has made a significant strategic and financial investment in the southern and western market of McHenry County. We have had a terrific and appreciative response from our patients needing orthopedic care. We expect the demand to continue to grow as our practice matures and gains more traction in the market. A new hospital in Huntley would only enhance our growth because fewer patients would leave the county for surgical services. Therefore, we encourage the Board to approve Centegra's Certificate of Need for this project.

LYNN GRIESMAIER RN MS FOR PROJECT #10-090  
533 Bristol Way  
Cary, IL 60013

WE have a problem in McHenry County. Our county has women who are diagnosed at a later stage of breast cancer than almost all other counties in IL. We diagnose about 3-4 women a week. From age 26 to 93, rural to neighborhood, fit to not so fit women. The profile isn't set. It can happen to any woman. Centegra has recognized the severity of this situation and has implemented an action plan to address it. We have taken the lead on establishing the first Comprehensive Breast Health Program in McHenry County. Following National Standards for Breast Programs, we are providing access for all women to come forward to have state of the art digital mammography, breast ultrasound and MRI. We provide onsite radiologists who meet with every patient who comes to us with a breast issue. We then provide a multidisciplinary approach under the direction of our 2 medical directors, that allows a patient to benefit from the expertise of all our breast specialists to help manage through their very personal journey back to health.

Even my role as the only Breast Health Navigator in McHenry County, is an indication of how sensitive Centegra is to meeting the needs of very fearful women facing one of the biggest challenges of their lives, knowing they have a touchstone with my position, to be there every step of the way with them.

Outreach and education about breast cancer awareness is extremely important. Our commitment to take this out to the community is demonstrated in many ways such as the first Tuesday of the month when Family Health Partnership takes over the mammography department at our Woodstock Hospital and our technologist do mammograms while their nurse practitioner examines patients in our treatment rooms. If a positive diagnosis is made, we keep the patients in our system and continue to provide treatment whether it is surgery, chemotherapy or radiation therapy. In other words, we take care of patients and we love what we do.

Having a specialized women's center such as at what we plan for Huntley, will allow us to expand offering this great commitment to women, knocking down the barriers, so they know they can expect comprehensive breast treatment, with the most competent physicians, latest technology and high touch care that reflects the values that make us Centegra.

Thank you.

Public Hearing for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, in favor of Project #10-090

Michelle Green  
6513 Coachlight Rd.  
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

My name is Michelle Green, and I am a wife and mother of two boys in Crystal Lake, Illinois. I proudly support Centegra Health System's application to build Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

My Crystal Lake location is close to both Centegra Hospital – McHenry (where my family has been for emergency care) and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock (where I delivered my second son). Truthfully, I would drive for hours to continue to receive the high-quality, compassionate care that Centegra consistently delivers.

I currently travel to Centegra's facilities in Huntley whenever I need to see one of my physicians. Dr. Yvonne Yao, who left Mercy Health System to join Centegra Primary Care's staff, is my obstetrician/gynecologist. Like many of her patients, I followed her to Centegra and have been thrilled with my decision. Because I wanted all of my physicians to be through Centegra Primary Care, I began seeing Dr. Erin Davis, an internal medicine physician at Centegra Primary Care – McHenry. As a Crystal Lake resident, it takes me 15 minutes to get to Dr. Yao in Huntley and just eight minutes to see Dr. Davis in McHenry. I love the easy access Centegra provides my family and me.

I delivered my oldest son at another Illinois hospital where I worked and was lucky enough to be checked in as a VIP. When my husband and I moved to north Crystal Lake and we had our second baby, I scheduled my repeat C-section at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock. There, I had no VIP label and wondered how my care would be different this time around. Rather than being treated as a VIP, I was cared for as a cherished friend or sister. I'll never forget my third morning there, when one Family Birth Center nurse came in and said, "I haven't gotten to hold this chubby little guy yet. Can I have a quick snuggle?" I was so moved that someone who'd been a labor and delivery nurse for more than 20 years would still feel that kind of passion about her job. That passion is what Centegra is all about for me and my family.

Please add my name to the long list of people who support Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I know for sure that Centegra is the health system that is best suited to provide care to my community for generations to come.

## Support of Project #10-090

My name is Dr. Frances Glosson and I have been employed in the Centegra Health Care System for 35 years in a variety of roles and I fully support Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.

I have a background in critical care nursing and have a doctorate focused in leadership, learning, service and research. I have lived in McHenry County since 1973; however, the Glosson family has roots in this county dating back to 1852.

Centegra has been serving this county for a very long time and has had a positive impact on the overall health of the community as evidenced in recent healthy community studies. **Centegra is a perfect organization to open a new hospital in Huntley.** I can report to you that Centegra is a vision and values led organization. The governance of the organization, the physicians, leaders and all 3800 Associates are true servant leaders. As I said Centegra is values driven, committed to serving the community's healthcare and wellness needs with genuine respect, passionate caring, and a joyful spirit. Their emphasis on wellness and community outreach and most importantly, quality of healthcare makes them the obvious choice in expanding services **here in Huntley, Illinois with a new hospital.**

Centegra is positioned to serve this area in an integrated manner based on their ability to offer the full continuum of care. I look forward to the day my grandchildren, Matt and Maggie, who live less than a mile from the proposed Huntley hospital site can seek services from this well established and led organization. It is of great comfort to our family that Centegra would be so accessible for their health needs. My son was diagnosed with cancer two years ago and when he needs immediate care it will be ideal that a Centegra hospital is literally just around the corner **in his neighborhood.**

I have witnessed and can declare with certainty that **Centegra is the right choice** for this community. Healthcare is delivered in a **team approach** and Centegra excels in this area having created a nationally recognized learning organization. Leadership and learning are essential elements as we continue to operate and excel in the new healthcare reform arena. Centegra is also a leader in collective community leadership contributing to the overall health of every citizen through multiple diverse programming.

As I mentioned, Servant Leadership is the leadership style emphasized by Centegra leaders to enhance service to others and improve the engagement of the workforce. This style of leading provides a holistic approach to work; promoting a sense of community; and the sharing of power in decision making. The healthcare of the future will continue to require this type of leadership approach. Centegra has been a pacesetter with this leadership platform, which will continue **at the new Huntley hospital.**

At Centegra the associates are characterized by performing meaningful work; clarity of the organization's direction, performance accountability, and having a safe, trusting, and collaborative environment. I can attest to this after 35 years and we will build on this strength **at the Huntley hospital.**

Please endorse the plans for the Centegra Huntley hospital. **Again, it is the perfect choice.**

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Sandy Gabl  
Address: 11933 Harrison Road  
Huntley, IL 60142

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as a Del Webb resident and Centegra Health System patient. My husband, Dan, and I have utilized Centegra's facilities and services a great number of times over the years.

I've had ear surgery at Centegra Hospital-Woodstock, another unrelated procedure at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, I regularly see my Centegra Primary Care Physician, Dr. Patel in the Algonquin office. I've visited immediate care in Huntley several times for a number of ailments and health conditions. I've visited Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Crystal Lake for rehab and physical therapy following a knee replacement. I've used their imaging and lab services as well.

I've had nothing but superior care and support at all the locations and would deeply appreciate having that type of care right here in our own backyard. As we age, travel becomes more of an issue so having a full-service hospital close to home would benefit us a great deal.

We also have additional family in the area who will benefit from great healthcare close to home. My Grandkids have used immediate care and emergency care as well.

I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those they serve. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Hector Flores on behalf of Centegra Hospital – Huntley project 10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Hector Iyán Flores. I am the lead Interpreter/Ambassador at Centegra Hospital Woodstock. I have been working at Centegra for about six and a half years now. I have personally witnessed the strides that Centegra has taken in order to ensure that we are providing great service and overall excellent medical care to all the people that live in our community.

As interpreters, we offer the best language service in the area. We are pivotal in the assistance of communication between patients whose primary language is Spanish and the medical personnel in the hospitals and other Centegra satellite facilities. We have significantly increased our translation services to having twenty-four hour coverage at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock and 12-hour daytime coverage and nighttime call at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to meet patients' needs. We have set forth a great effort to ensure that we understand the cultural customs of our patients in order to provide healthcare services in a respectful manner. As a result, patients choose the Centegra hospitals for their care.

From my perspective as someone who is dedicated to serving the diverse population of our region, a new hospital in Huntley will be an extension of the already established programs to address the unique language and cultural needs of all area patients. In McHenry County, more than 11% of area resident are of Hispanic descent and those number continue to climb and population increases.

By hiring of the right personnel, implementing the proper training, and following the Centegra Values, all area residents, regardless of their native language, are able to put the hassles of barriers behind them and focus on their care and recovery. At Centegra, we strive to improve the community as a whole, and this sentiment will be expressed fully if a new Huntley hospital is opened.

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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**Memo**

**Re:** Public Hearing

**Date:** February 16, 2011

**Place:** Huntley Municipal Building, 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Hearing Officers:** Courtney Avery, Frank Urso

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- 153 Individuals were in attendance but provided no testimony
  - 134 Individuals provided support testimony
  - 85 Individuals provided opposition testimony

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#	NAME (Please Print)	AGENCY, ORGANIZATION OR INSTITUTION REPRESENTED (PLEASE PRINT)	CITY (Please Print)	(S) SUPPORT (O) OPOSE (N) NEUTRAL
1	Matt Johnson	Centegra Health System	Spring Grove	S
2	<del>Shawn Gossardson</del>	<del>Centegra Health System</del>	<del>Peoria</del>	<del>S</del>
3	Anne Haslinger	Centegra Health System	Carey	S
4	Mike Schinsky	Centegra Health System	Hebron	S
5	Javid Aboutorabi	Clark Construction Group	Chicago	S
6	Astrid Larsen	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	S
7	Loren Towyan	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	MENARD	S
8	Tim DEGRADO	CENTEGRA	LITH	S
9	Erika Garbrecht	Centegra	Huntley	S
10	Shawn Garbrecht	Centegra	Huntley	S
11	Costa Galesu	Centegra	McHenry	S
12	Heather Auer	Integra	McHenry	S
13	Sandra J			
14	Eric Joly	Centegra Health System	Spring Grove	S

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1	Laura Munschling	Centegra	McHenry	S
2	Ananna Fontana	Centegra	Huntley	S
3	Amber DEAN	Centegra	Spring Grove	S
4	Dana Conway	Centegra	Riverwood	S
5	Deuisa C. Mont. Meyer	Centegra	Jonestown	S
6	Barb Wasilk	Centegra	Cary	S
7	Dion Ceran	Centegra	Marengo	I
8	Frances Kreutler	Centegra	<del>McHenry</del>	S
9	Beverly Auerbach	Centegra	Crystal Lake	S
10	Alex LEVITZ	SUN CITY	HUNTLEY	S
11	John Gardner	Am City	Huntley	S
12	James M. J. J. J. J.	Centegra	Crystal Lake	S
13	John Wohl	Self	Huntley	S
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1	Emmy Jayara	CHS	McHenry, IL	S
2	K. Kravchick	CHS	Woodstock	S
3	Karal Medman	Folsinelli	Chicago	
4	Aleli Wheaton	CHS	Brenda City, IL	S
5	Cindy Hasty	CHS	DeVore, IL	S
6	Victoria Hughes	CHS	Marengo, IL	S
7	DAN LAWLER	KELGATES	Chicago, IL	S
8	Marianne Yakoubek	CHS	Gen Glyn, IL	S
9	RHIENNA KUMANA	WOODSTOCK CENTRA-AUXILIARY	CC, IL	S
10	RICHARD J. HATTIAN	WARRIOR FIRE-THUNDER GREAT PLAINS COMMUNITIES	WOODSTOCK	S
11	Richard A. Curtis	Warrington Communities	Woodstock	S
12	DAVID A. VERTH	Huntley Chamber	Huntley	S
13	Calvin Pope	Caligata	Woodstock	S
14	DorAnn Bennett	CHS	Woodstock	S

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15	Lynn Cowlin	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
16	DARRICK MINTY	CHI's	McHenry	Support
17	Kate Brennan	Crystal Lake Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
18	Sherry Leese	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
19	Maribel Lara	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
20	Robin [unclear]	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Support
21	Jane [unclear]	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Support
22	Jeff Kase	Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
23	Meg Connolly	Mortenson	Elmhurst	Support
24	LARRY [unclear]	Mertelson Construction	Lake in the Hills	Support
25	Wm Stepanik	CHS	Woodstock	Support
26	Anna Marie Cergasch	Centegra Health System	Woodstock, IL	Support
27	DANK V. LEMANSKI	Centegra Family	Woodstock	Support
28	TODD WENIGER	CHS	Woodstock	Support
29	Ronald J. Schutte	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
30	Cee Ann Attwood	Wellness Place	Palatine	Support
31	Judith A Frazier	Resident	Huntley	S
32	Edward C. Frazier	Resident	Huntley	Support
33	Diane Withkamp	CHS	McHenry	Support
34	Ann [unclear]	Centegra	Palatine	Support
35	Kim Walker	Centegra	Cary	Support
36	Jill Sundelin	DUI	McHenry	Support
37	LILLI-JAYNE MARIANO	3861 WILLOW VIEW DR.	L.I.T.H.	Support

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38	Joy Bereolos	CENTEGRA/RESIDENT	HUNTLEY	S
39	Deleen Oshab	centegra	CARY	S
40	Maureen White	Centegra	WONDER LAKE	S
41	LINDA POTTER	centegra	burnce	S
42	John Ross	AET Engineering Design	Chicago	
43	Seannimwe Noyko	Centegra	Huntley	S
44	Kathleen Gokuh	Centegra	Round Lake	S
45	Sharon Llena - Carter	Duke Realty Corp.	Rosemont	S
46	Kathleen Tischer	Centegra	Woodstock	S
47	Elizabeth Sienkowiak	Centegra	Lake Geneva, WI	S
48	Debbie Schmidt	Alexian Brothers Hospitals	Schaumburg	
49	FRIGGEBRAUN	CENTEGRA	WONDER LAKE	S
50	BURGNET MESSING	Centegra	Mt Henry	S
51	Dylan DeGroot	Centegra	Woodstock	S
52	MIKE BUCHANAN	CENTEGRA	woodstock	S
53	MIKE HERATY	Centegra	LITTL	S
54	Suzana Bartoszewski	CENTEGRA	woodstock	S
55	Joyce Comrod	Centegra	McHenry	S
56	Jill Koser	Centegra	Woodstock	S
57	Carla Deje	Centegra	McHenry	S
58	Margaret Gallagher	Centegra	McHenry	S
59	Sandy Anderson	Centegra	Fox River Grove	S
60	DONNA KISSANE	CENTEGRA	HUNTLEY	S

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15	Lorene Komorika	Resident	Algonquin	S
16	Brad Boelkens	Centegra Healthbridge Fitness Center	Huntley	S
17	KEITH ABRAHAM	Centegra	STANWOOD	S
18	Becky Backs	Centegra Health System	McHenry	S
19	Joan Plywood	Centegra Health Sys	Crystal Lake	S
20	DAVID CONROY	HANNES COMPANY	BROOKFIELD	S
21	carlton member	centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
22	Melissa Holbrook	Centegra Health System	Huntley	S
23	Gargi Kumar	Centegra Healthbridge	Huntley	S
24	John Heinrich	Centegra Health System	Huntley	S
25	Leanne Winters	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
26	Robin Stoen	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
27	Julia & Condon	Centegra Health System	South St, Woodstock	S
28	Jennifer Baker-Cross	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
29	Patricia Herbst	resident	Woodstock	S
30	Theresa Bahl	resident	Woodstock	S
31	KARA WILLIAMS	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
32	Anne Wisock	Centegra Health System	Huntley	S
33	J. NIS L. Endler	CHS Foundation	Crystal LK	S
34	Erin McGrady	Centegra Health System Foundation	Crystal Lake	S
35	SPRO GERHARTON	PADIOLGIST CENTEGRA	BARRINGTON	S
36	Deb Kerr	Centegra Health Bridges	Huntley	S
37	SAM ESSAK	Resident	Warrenville IL	S

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38	Sesth Sullivan	Aspen Lawn & Landscaping, Inc	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
39	DIANE LOGSDON	CENTEGRA	WOODSTOCK	S
40	JOHN KISSANE	CENTEGRA	HUNTLEY	S
41	MARY KOZP			
42	Sandy Odance	Alg/LITH Chamber	LITH	S
43	<del>Denise</del> Brausen, DENISE	Centegra	LITH	S
44	JACK JOREN	CKS	WOODSTOCK	S
45	NINA PARIKH	Centegra	McHENRY	S
46	Kathy Young	DEM/Centegra	McHenry	S
47	Sarah L. P. djen	Centegra	McH/Woodstock	S
48	Lola Sullivan	CENTEGRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
49	Bridget Prate	Centegra	Algonquin	S
50	Ashtley Alexander	Centegra	Gilberts	S
51	Joseph Johnson		Huntley	S
52	Danette Santana	Centegra	Huntley	S
53	Gary Busch	McHenry County Building FRDS	Woodport Lake	S
54	PATRICK NOAL	TBEW 117	BURLINGTON	S
55	BRIAN McSHERFY	SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 265	ISLAND LAKE	S
56	Kate Halma	Resident	WOODSTOCK	S
57	Christie Pennel	Centegra	Crystal Lake	S
58	Berni Szczepanski	Centegra	McHenry	S
59	Rosa Jurchko	Centegra	McHenry	S
60	Michelle Green		Crystal Lake	S

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15	LISA GASIOR	CHBFC	Huntley	S
16	Anne Marie Wymann	CHBFC	Huntley	S
17	BELAS GRASSER	CHBFC	Huntley	S
18	Debbie Ratliff	CPC	Huntley	S
19	Evika Cloutier	resident	Huntley	S
20	Mackenzie	CHS	Crystal Lake	S
21	Tom WATTS	McHenry Co. BID. TRDS	Crystal Lake	S
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15	ANDREW J WIPPERFURTH	CENTEGRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
16	Leslie Behrens	Centegra	Huntley	S
17	Kathleen Kudlo	Centegra	Huntley	S
18	TOM ZANCK	Centegra	Crystal Lake	S
19	Glischia Vega	Centegra	Elgin	S
20	Jill Weidner	Centegra	Marengo	S
21	Renee Hauck	Centegra	Pharsburg	S
22	Liss O'Neil	Centegra	Lake in the Hills	S
23	<del>Anna</del>	Centegra	Bull Valley	S
24	DAVID RUSOUPH	Centegra	Huntley	S
25	Dentse Wierman	Centegra	Huntley	S
26	Michelle Glendon	Centegra	Huntley	S
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TESTIMONY TO SUPPORT

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1	Dee TAILOR	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	Both
2	RITA SLANEK	HUNTLEY AREA Chamber of Commerce	HUNTLEY	Both
3	MICHAEL HUNK	HUNTLEY POLICE DEPT.	HUNTLEY	BOTH
4	JIM SALESZKA	HUNTLEY FIRE DEPT.	HUNTLEY	BOTH
5	ETHEL LORENIC, M.D.	CENTEGRA ALBERT SYSTEM	CRYSTAL LAKE	B
6	ERIC ROTH	ADVANCE CMT. CENTEGRA	HUNTLEY	BOTH
7	DAVID KIRUPINSKI	IT'S ALL ABOUT KIDS	RICHMOND	BOTH
8	Jim Wiseman	N.I.S.R.A	Crystal Lake	BOTH
9	Launie Dawson	Girls on the Run NW IL	Crystal Lake	Both
10	Barbara To JOHNSON	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	both
11	Stephen White	HOSPICE & Palliative Care of NE IL	Crystal Lake	both
12	Eileen K. Brutzke	RESIDENT	L.I.H	BOTH
13	LORI KIRKELIE	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	McHenry	Both
14	Robert Kasemboger	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Both

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38		MCO	Crystal Lake	B
39	Kristy Lopez	CHBPC	Huntley	B
40	Judy Andronowicz	Centegra Health System	McHenry	B
41	Trisha Musick	Centegra Health System	McHenry	B
42	Jason Shanks	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	B
43	Mary Lou Kroll	Sherman Hosp.	Huntley	O
44	Becky Lampe	Self + Parttime Centgra	ALCONQUIN	B
45	Bawls Read on behalf of Great Readers	McHenry Fire Dept	McHenry	B
46	Tom McTavish - Great Readers	McHenry Co. BID Tenders	Crystal Lake	O
47	Jack Poeter	Resident	Woodstock	O
48	Paul Rudolph	Centegra	Huntley	B
49	Sheila Senn	Centegra	McHenry	B
50	Rowena Werner	Centegra		
51	Gerald D. Sogona	Village Administrator	Lake in the Hills	Written
52	Bob Blauer	Citizen/Consumer	Crystal Lake	B
53	John Perkins - statement read by →	Kleinfelder		
54	Nelvin Wiley	Citizen		B
55	Major John Price	The McHenry Salvation Army		B
56	Chloie Butler	Blk Hawk Am Council		B
57	Amey Piekos	Leadership Greater McHenry City	Woodstock	B
58	Aaron Shepley	Centegra		W
59	Dr. Ted Lovend	Centegra		B
60	Kenneth Kory	Citizen	Huntley	B

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✓ 1	Mike Esley			
✓ 2	ERRY SAGONA	Village of Lake in the Hills	CUSH	B
✓ 3	Jam Cumpate	McHenry County EDC	McHenry	B
✓ 4	Chuck SASS			
✓ 5	Susan Milford			
✓ 6	CHRIS Newkirk			
✓ 7	Chami Ench Zank			
✓ 8	<del>Pam Fender</del> Harry Leopard			
✓ 9	Suzanne Hoban			
✓ 10	Hadley Streng			
✓ 11	<del>Rita Stewek</del> Rita Stewek			
✓ 12	Chuck RUTA (Eric - son presented)	Bd of Director Centegra		
✓ 13	Eileen Breitzke			
✓ 14	Tina Hill	Woomski - read statement		
✓ 15	Dr. Marietta Abraham			

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✓ 15	Sandy Osance	Algonquin Chamber of Comm	Lake in the Hills	Written
✓ 16	Dr. Spiridon Gerolimatos	Centegra (indep. radiologist)	McHenry	Written
✓ 17	Mary Ann Welch	Jane Ann Farmer - Turney Pt.	Woodstock	Written
✓ 18	Brian Shakinin read my proxy	North U. Special Recreation Assoc	Crystal Lake	Written
✓ 19	Bekky Lampe		Algonquin	B
✓ 20	Tom Hollet	Centegra	Huntley	B
✓ 21	Cindy Amore		McHenry	B
✓ 22	Angie Mc Aubrey	Centegra Bd Member		B
✓ 23	Robert Rosenberger	Centegra		
✓ 24	Barbara Johnson	VP HR - Centegra		
✓ 25	Jason Sicario			
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Ref 36 Mark Kirk & Beubien

Ref 37 Ralph Webster

38 Brian Thompson - Not present

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40 Gordy Smith

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✓41 Tom Hatalat

Rent 42 Dr. Lisa Glosson

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✓44 Jason Sciarro

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Rent 46 Eileen Andrews

✓47 Cindy Amore

48 Terry Egan

~~✓49 Dr. Ted Lorenz~~

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1	Matt Johnson	Centegra Health System	Spring Grove	S
2	<del>Barbara Cross</del>	<del>Centegra Health System</del>	<del>Barbara</del>	<del>S</del>
3	Anne Hrslinger	Centegra Health System	Crete	S
4	Mike Selinsky	Centegra Health System	Hebron	S
5	Javid Aboutorabi	Clark Construction Group	Chicago	S
6	Astrid Larsen	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	S
7	Loren Towan	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	MERUERY	S
8	Tim DEGRANO	CENTEGRA	LITH	S
9	Enika Garberelt	Centegra	Huntley	S
10	Samos Garberelt	Centegra	Huntley	S
11	Estyma Colosa	Centegra	McHenry	S
12	Heather Guethe	Centegra	McHenry	S
13	Sandra P Luis Gilly	Centegra	McHenry	S
14	Luis Gilly	Centegra Health System	McHenry	S

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1	Laura Menschling	Centegra	Mchenry	S
2	Aranna Fontana	Centegra	Huntley	S
3	Amber DEAN	Centegra	Springdale	S
4	Dana Conway	Centegra	Springdale	S
5	Denise Campbell	Centegra	Jonestown	S
6	Barb Dagsilk	Centegra	Cary	S
7	Dawn Leran	Centegra	Mascop	1
8	Thomas Knechtel	Centegra	HUNTLEY	S
9	Beverly Auerbach	Centegra	CORA LINA	S
10	John EVERETT	SPRINGDALE	HUNTLEY	S
11	Melba Anderson	SPRINGDALE	Huntley	S
12	William W. Gammack	Centegra	Crystal Lake	S
13	John W. Wolf	Self	Huntley	S
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1	Emily Jayara	CHS	MtHenry IL	S
2	K Kravicki	CHS	Waukegan	S
3	Karol Medman	Pol Simelli	Chicago	
4	Alfred L. Hester	CHS	Beverly Hills	S
5	Cindy Hoste	CHS	Bolinger IL	S
6	Victoria Hughes	CHS	Maryland, IL	S
7	DAN LAUER	LESLIE	Chicago, IL	S
8	Marianne Yakubek	CHS	Gen Elva, IL	S
9	RHEENA KUMAWA	WOODRIDGE CENTRAL AUXILIARY	CL, IL	S
10	RICHARD J. HATTAN	WARRICK COMMUNITIES	WOODSTOCK	S
11	Richard A. Curtis	Westford Community	Woodstock	S
12	DAVID A. VERBIL	Huntley Chamber	Huntley	S
13	LeAnne Pope	College	Woodstock	S
14	DeAnn Bennett	CHS	Woodstock	S

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15	Lynn Coulin	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
16	DARLEK MASTAY	CHS	McHenry	Support
17	Kate Brennan	Crystal Lake Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
18	Sherry Leeger	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
19	Maribel Lara	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
20	Robin Mearns	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Support
21	Ann Marie	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
22	Debbie	Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
23	Mac Connolly	McHenry	Crystal Lake	Support
24	Steph	McHenry	Crystal Lake	Support
25	Wm Stepaniw	CHS	Woodstock	Support
26	Anna Marie Cooper	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	Support
27	Drake V. Lemanski	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	Support
28	Todd Mearns	CHS	Woodstock	Support
29	Richard S. Schutte	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
30	Lee Ann Atwood	Wellness Place	Palatine	Support
31	Judith A Frazier	Resident	McHenry	Support
32	Edward C. Frazier	Resident	McHenry	Support
33	Sharon	CHS	McHenry	Support
34	Anna	Centegra	Palatine	Support
35	Kim Walker	Centegra	Crystal Lake	Support
36	Sell Sumner	Dell	McHenry	Support
37	LILL-JAYNE MARIANO	3661 WILLOW VIEW DR.	L.I.T.H.	Support

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38	Joy Berobks	CENTEGRA/RESIDENT	HUNTLEY	S
39	Doreen Oshab	Centegra	OPAL	S
40	Margaret Wade	Centegra	Waukegan	S
41	LINDA POTTER	Centegra	Gurnee	S
42	John Ross	AET Engineering Design	Chicago	
43	Seamusine Doyle	Centegra	Huntley	S
44	Kathleen Bokun	Centegra	Round Lake	S
45	Sharon Llera - Carter	Duke Realty Corp.	Rosemont	S
46	Kathleen Fuchsen	Centegra	Waukegan	S
47	Elizabeth Juczkowski	Centegra	Lake Geneva, WI	S
48	Debbie Schmidt	Alexium Brothers <sup>theaters</sup>	Shenandoah	
49	ERROGBRAUN	CENTEGRA	MONROE LAKE	S
50	BRIGGET MESSISON	Centegra	Waukegan	S
51	Dylan Dutton	Centegra	Waukegan	S
52	Mike Buchanan	CENTEGRA	Waukegan	S
53	Mike Heraty	Centegra	LITL	S
54	Suzanne BARTOSZCZAK	Centegra	Waukegan	S
55	Joyce Conrod	Centegra	Melrose	S
56	Ann Koster	Centegra	Waukegan	S
57	Ann Koster	Centegra	Melrose	S
58	Margaret Blodgett	Centegra	Melrose	S
59	Shandy Anderson	Centegra	Fox River Grove	S
60	DONNA KISSAUE	CENTEGRA	HUNTLEY	S

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15	Lorene Komoroff	Resident	Algonquin	S
16	Brad Boellens	Centega Healthbridge Fitness Center	Huntley	S
17	Keith Asaratham	Barber	Stamwood	S
18	Becky Backs	Centega Health System	McHenry	S
19	Joan Plydoff	Centega Health Sy	Crystal Lake	S
20	David Conway	Thames Valley Community	Broadview	S
21	Caitlin Nember	Centega Health System	Crystal Lake	S
22	Melissa Holbrook	Centega Health System	Huntley	S
23	Garaj Kumar	Centega Healthbridge	Huntley	S
24	John Heinrich	Centega Health System	Huntley	S
25	Leanne Winters	Centega Health System	Crystal Lake	S
26	Robert Stoen	Centega Health System	South St. Woodstock	S
27	Talia R Comdow	Centega Health System	South St. Woodstock	S
28	Jennifer Baker-Cross	Centega Health System	Crystal Lake	S
29	Patricia Herbst	resident	Woodstock	S
30	Theresa Bahl	resident	Woodstock	S
31	KARA WILLIAMS	Centega Health System	Crystal Lake	S
32	Anne Wysocki	Centega Health System	Huntley	S
33	JENNIS L. ENDLER	CHS Foundation	Crystal Lake	S
34	Erin McGrady	Centega Health System Foundation	Crystal Lake	S
35	SPICE GARDINER	Centega Health System	Crystal Lake	S
36	Rob Carr	Centega Health Bridges	Huntley	S
37	Sam ESSAK	Resident	Huntley, IL	S

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38	SEST SULLIVAN	Asper Lawn Landscaping, Inc	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
39	DIANE LOGSDON	CENTEGA	WOODSTOCK	S
40	JOHN KISSANE	CENTEGA	HUNTLEY	S
41	MARY ROZP			
42	SANDY OLANCE	Highlith Chamber	LITLH	S
43	<del>DEB</del> BRUSEN, DENISE	Centega	LITLH	S
44	JACK FORNER	CKTS	WOODSTOCK	S
45	NINA PARLKH	CENTEGA	MCHENRY	S
46	KATHY YOUNG	DELL CENTEGA	MCHENRY	S
47	Sarah L. P. dylan	Centega	Mch Woodstock	S
48	LORE SULLIVAN	CENTEGA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
49	Bridget Prate	Centega	Algonquin	S
50	Ashley Alexander	Centega	Gilberts	S
51	<del>Joseph</del> <del>Shawna</del>		Huntley	S
52	Danette Santana	Centega	Huntley	S
53	Gary Busch	McHenry County Building TRNS	Woodstock Lake	S
54	<del>PATRICK</del> NOHZ	TRBNY 117	BURLINGTON	S
55	BRIAN McSherry	Sheet METAL WORKERS L. O. H. 265	ISLAND LAKE	S
56	Kate Helma	Resident	WOODSTOCK	S
57	Christie Pennel	Centega	Crystal Lake	S
58	Bern Szeregski	Centega	Mt Pleasant	S
59	ROSE TORCHIA	Centega	Mt Pleasant	S
60	Michelle Green		Crystal Lake	S

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15	KISA Gasior	CHBE	Huntley	S
16	Anne Mani Lymura	CHBE	Huntley	S
17	BRIAN GROSSER	CHBE	Huntley	S
18	Debbie RATHIER	CPA	Huntley	S
19	Franka Cloutier (Madison)	resident CHS	Huntley	S
20			Cody Lake	S
21	Tom WETZELSH	WILSON CO. BID TRDS	Cystall Lake	S
22	Tom MANAK	ROVERIA HEATH	WOKENA	OPPOSED
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15	ANDREW J WIPPERFURTH	CENTERGRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
16	Kestlie Behrens	Centergra	Huntley	S
17	Kathleen Pundlo	Centergra	Huntley	S
18	TORR FANCK	Centergra	Crystal Lake	S
19	Gisehira Vega	Centergra	Elgin	S
20	Bill Weidner	Centergra	Marengo	S
21	Ronae Hawk	Centergra	Phonsbury	S
22	Lisa O'Neil	Centergra	Kake and Kik	S
23	<del>the</del> E	Centergra	Bull Valley	S
24	DAVID RUBOUPH	Centergra	Huntley	S
25	Denton Lerman	Centergra	Huntley	S
26	Michelle Slander	Centergra	Huntley	S
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✓ 1	Dee Tallon	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	Both
0 2	RITA SLANEK	Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce	Huntley	Both
3	Michael Kunk	Huntley Police Dept.	Huntley	Both
✓ 4	Jim Sauer	Huntley Fire Dept.	Huntley	Both
5	ETED LORRAINE, M.D.	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	CRYSTAL LAKE	B
✓ 6	ERIC ROTH	ADVANCE CONT. CENTEGRA	HUNTLEY	BOTH
✓ 7	DAVID KIEPINSKI	IT'S ALL ABOUT KIDS	ELKHURST	BOTH
8	Tim Alseman	NI SRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	BOTH
✓ 9	Laune Dayer	Gerts on the Run NWH	Crystal Lake	Both
10	Barbara Jo Johnson	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	both
11	Shoshun White	Hospital & Palliative Care of ILL. ET.	Crystal Lake	Both
✓ 12	Eileen K. Brutzke	Resident	LITH	Both
13	LORI KIRKELIE	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	MCKENRY	Both
14	Robert Rosenberger	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Both

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38		WVD	Crystal Lake	B
39		CHSR	Huntley	B
40	Judy Andronowicz	Centegra Health System	Mchenry	B
41	Trisha Musick	Centegra Health System	Mchenry	B
42	Jason Swank	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	B
43	Mary Lou Kroll	Sherman Hosp.	Huntley	B
44	Becky Lampe	Self + Runtime Centgra	ALGONQUIN	B
45	Barb Read on behalf of Clean Rivers	Algonquin EPD	Algonquin	B
46	Tom McTavish <del>Greg Bask</del>	Mchenry Co. BID Talscan	Crystal Lake	B
47	Jack Porter	Resident	Woodstock	B
48	Paul Rudolph	Centegra	Huntley	B
49	Shela Sene	Centegra	Mchenry	B
50	Carlene Wimmer	Centegra		
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52	Bob Blaver	Centegra/Consumer	Crystal Lake	B
53	John Parker - statement read by →	Klumpke		
54	Nelvin Jolley	Whiter		B
55	Major John Pile	The Mchenry Salvation Army		B
56	Chip Borker	Birkbeck Bus Council		B
57	Murray Pielkos	Leadership Greater Mchenry City	Woodstock	B
58	Arard Shepley	Centegra		W
59	Dr. Ted Lovend	Centegra		B
60	Kenneth Kory	Centegra	Huntley	B

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✓ 1	MIKE LESLEY			
✓ 2	JERRY SAGUNA			
✓ 3	TOM CUMPOSTA	Village of Lake in Hay	CIRRI	B
✓ 4	BRUCE SASS	McHenry County EDC	McHenry	B
✓ 5	Susan Miltord			
✓ 6	CHRIS NEWKIRK			
✓ 7	MAURIE ENMCK 2nd			
✓ 8	<del>Barry Fendler</del> Harry Leopold			
✓ 9	Suzanne Hoban			
✓ 10	Hedley Strong			
✓ 11	<del>Kita Stewek</del> Rita Stewek			
✓ 12	Chuck Ruffa (Eric-simpresnted)	Bldg Director Centegra		
✓ 13	Eileen Breitake			
✓ 14	Tina Hill	WDOMSKI - read statement		
✓ 14	Dr. Marietta Abraham			

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✓ 16	Dr. Spiridon Gerolimatos	Centegra (lindley radiologist)	McHenry	Both
✓ 17	Mary Ann Wetzch	Jane Ann Farmer - Turney Pt.	Woodstock	Both
✓ 18	Priald Skelvin	North W. Spinal Deception Assoc	Crystal Lake	<del>Written</del> W
✓ 19	Pecky Lampe		Argonquin	B
✓ 20	Tom Hallett	Centegra	Itaska	B
✓ 21	Lindley Moore		McHenry	B
✓ 22	Angela Mc Aubrey	Centegra Bd Member		B
✓ 23	Robert Rosenberger	Centegra		
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55	Bob Rosenberger
56	Angela McAuley
57	Dr. Yvonne Yao
58	Matthew Fowler
59	Nancy Tuengen
60	Joseph Emmons

- 61 Laura Wolzak
- 62 Dr. Steven McCarthy
- 63 ~~Dr.~~ Jeffrey Neis
- 64 Dr. Elissa Brebach
- 65 Glenn Barnes
- 66 Dr. Terrence Bugno
- 67 Chad Alexander
- 68 Kathy Kozak
- 69 Dee Tallon
- 70 Robert Teepee

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✓ 1	Rick Floyd	Sherman Hospital	Elgin	B
✓ 2	Karen Lambert	Good Shepherd	Elgin	B
✓ 3	Ed Goldberg	St. Alexius	Hoffman Est.	B
✓ 4	Dan Colby	Mercy Health	Hoffman Est.	B
✓ 5	Terry Duhning	Sherman	Elgin	B
✓ 6	Bill McLeod	Hoffman Estates	Elgin	B
✓ 7	Rich Grubner	Mercy	Elgin	B
✓ 8	Dr. Puffer	Advocate H.C.	Elgin	B
✓ 9	Rep. Fred Creapo - read	by Matt Wakely	Elgin	B
✓ 10	Dr. Nathan Katersch	Mercy Hospital	Elgin	B
✓ 11	Tom Nitz	Sherman	Elgin	B
✓ 12	Babette Sherfield	Woodstock resident	Elgin	B
✓ 13	Aubrey Reed	Sherman Health	Elgin	B
✓ 14	Marcy Traylor	Alexian Bros,	Elgin	B
✓	Dr. Nathan Katersch	Mercy	Elgin	B

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✓ 1	Gene Dawson	Barrington Township	Barrin	B
✓ 2	ED Schuch, Mayor	City of Elgin		BW
✓ 3	Kelley Clancy	Alexian Brothers		B
✓ 4	Dr. John Lee	Advocate Doctor		B
✓ 5	Eric Krueger	Sherman		B
✓ 6	Dr. Matt Stilson	ER Doctor		B
✓ 7	Dr. Sol Secemsky *	Cardiologist		B
✓ 8	Dan Sacksen	Alexian Brothers		B
✓ 9	Dr. Louise Fox	Advocate		BW
✓ 10	Beth Tze	Alexian Bros.		BW
✓ 11	Katie Kata	Sherman		B
✓ 12	Scott Fowler	Advocate		B
✓ 13	Ellen Beier	Crystal Lake Resident		B
✓ 14	<del>Debbie Hearn</del>			

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✓ 15	Clay Cihra	Alexian Bros		B
16	Robert Nunamaker, Pres. w/	Fox River Grove <sup>109</sup> <del>Craig</del> <sup>Jack</sup> Brepple		B
✓ 17	Dr. Andy Ward	<del>Algonquin</del> R. Surgery		B
✓ 18	Scott Powley	St. Alex's		B
✓ 19	Nancy DeLubare	Crystal Lake resident		B
✓ 20	<del>Dr. Giagrasso</del>	Advocate - Good Shepherd <sup>(prop)</sup>		B <del>W</del>
21	Steve Valentine	The Camden Group		B
22	Linda Gump	St. Alex's		B
23	Dr. Hoeltgen <sup>read by</sup> <del>(family w/ her)</del>	Advocate		B
✓ 24	Mary Martini	Sherman		BW
✓ 25	Mahilyn Pavenzan	Advocate		B
✓ 26	Keith Golden	Sherman		BW
27	Patricia Flanigan	Mercy doctor		B
28	Robbin Anfelt	Alexiah Bros		B
29	Jenny Elrod	Cary resident		B
30	Jillie Mayer	Crystal Lake		B
✓ 31	Claudia Larsen	Sherman		B
32	Chris Lippert	Mercy		B
✓ 33	Mike Ploszek	Advocate		B
34	Cheryl Vanderlaan	Sherman	Advocate	B
✓ 35	Dr. Pesavento	read by Kelly Stallbaum		B
✓ 36	Chris Huecksteadt	Metro Study		B
37	Dr. Palmer	Advocate		B

by Mike Deary

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Opponents  
Sheridan N. Adusca / Alexi A. W.

① Jean Marie Sadler

② Dr. Giangrasso

③ Steve Valentine

④ Marilyn Parenzan<sup>Parenzan</sup>

⑤ Chris Fuecksteadt

⑥ Claudia Larson

⑦ Mike Ploszek

We are OK with  
Alternating Cont.  
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# Community List

(People we are published with)  
(But who signed in Assoc Opponents)

add to  
oppositon

1. Jennifer Whitwell  
Citizen oppositoin

2. Laura Dickman  
Citizen oppositoin

3. Val Johns  
oppositon     director & member  
Citizen     woodstock

4. Mary Lou Kroll  
not present

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Daniel Hoeltgen  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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My name is Daniel Hoeltgen, and I'm a surgeon on staff at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. I would like to take this time to express my opposition to the construction of the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

One of my concerns with the proposed Centegra hospital is that it is not needed. The intended market area for the proposed Centegra facility is already well-served by a number of regional medical centers, including Good Shepherd. Given the proximity of the hospitals in northern Kane County - including the location of Good Shepherd just a mile from the McHenry County line - residents are already surrounded by convenient as well as excellent health care choices.

The Centegra facility would hurt hospitals like Good Shepherd that provide a comprehensive level of care. Centegra's proposed basic hospital would offer a limited amount of care.

I specialize in providing laparoscopic surgery as well as robotic-assisted surgery. These tools help us to provide the best patient outcomes with the least pain and shortest hospital stays.

For example, robotic-assisted surgery requires a high degree of specialization. It is not a skill that can be learned and then set on the shelf.

Medical research supports the theory that surgeons and facilities that perform the highest numbers of the same types of surgeries have the best success rates. It comes down to the adage of "practice makes perfect."

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**Memo**

**Re:** Public Hearing

**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

**Date:** February 16, 2011

**Place:** Huntley Municipal Building, 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Hearing Officers:** Courtney Avery, Frank Urso

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- 153 Individuals were in attendance but provided no testimony
  - 134 Individuals provided support testimony
  - 85 Individuals provided opposition testimony

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PROJECT #10-090

Date: February 16, 2011

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Address: 10987 Main Street;  
Huntley, Illinois

NAME: Centegra Hospital-  
Huntley

Time: 10AM

**ATTENDANCE/NO TESTIMONY ON PROJECT**

#	NAME (Please Print)	AGENCY, ORGANIZATION OR INSTITUTION REPRESENTED (PLEASE PRINT)	CITY (Please Print)	(S) SUPPORT (O) OPOSE (N) NEUTRAL
1	Matt Johnson	Centegra Health System	Spring Grove	S
2	<del>Barbara Cross</del>	<del>Centegra Health System</del>	<del>Bellevue</del>	<del>S</del>
3	Anne Haslinger	Centegra Health System	Caray	S
4	Mike Selinsky	Centegra Health System	Hebron	S
5	David Aboutorabi	Clark Construction Group	Chicago	S
6	Astid Larsen	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	S
7	Loren Tjorvan	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	MENARD	S
8	TIM DEBARNO	CENTEGRA	LITH	S
9	Enika Garberent	Centegra	Huntley	S
10	Sam Garberent	Centegra	Huntley	S
11	Arthur Golecki	Centegra	Melrose	S
12	Heather Suevia	Centegra	McHenry	S
13	Sandra P			
14	Luci Kelly	Centegra Health System	Paris Grove	S

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1	Laura Menschling	Centegra	McHenry	S
2	Aranna Fontana	Centegra	Huntley	O
3	Amber DEAN	Centegra	Springville	S
4	Dana Conway	Centegra	Springville	S
5	Dennis LaMont. Meyer	Centegra	Jonestown	S
6	Barb Blasik	Centegra	Cary	S
7	Don Levan	Centegra	Morris	I
8	Travis Kreutz	Centegra	HUNTLEY	S
9	Beverly Auerbach	Centegra	CANON LAKE	S
10	Paul LEFFERTZ	SINO CITY	HUNTLEY	S
11	Michelle Anderson	Ames City	Huntley	S
12	Stacy Hageman	Canby	Crystal Lake	S
13	Scott Wolf	Self	Huntley	S
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1	Emily Jayara	CHS	McHenry IL	S
2	K Kravicki	CHS	Woodstock	S
3	Karol Medman	Palsinelli	Chicago	
4	Aliesi Wloneston	CHS	Beverly Hills	S
5	Cindy Hoste	CHS	Babidore IL	S
6	Victoria Hughes	CHS	Marygrove IL	S
7	DAN LAUER	KELGATE	Chicago, IL	S
8	Marianne Yakobek	CHS	San Elgin, IL	S
9	RHEENA KUMAWA	WOODSTOCK CENTRA AUXILIARY	CT, IL	S
10	RICHARD J. HATTAN	WOODSTOCK COMMUNITIES	WOODSTOCK	S
11	Richard A. Curtis	Woodstock Community	Woodstock	S
12	DAVID A. VERTH	Huntley Chamber	Huntley	S
13	DeLyle Dore	College	Woodstock	S
14	JoAnn Bennett	CHS	Woodstock	S

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15	Lynne Coulin	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
16	BARBARA MRS TAYLOR	CHS	McHenry	Support
17	Kate Brennan	Crystal Lake Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
18	Sherry Leese	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
19	Maribel Lara	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
20	ROBIN M. GORTZ	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Support
21	Janet <del>Shaw</del>	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
22	Deft Leese	Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
23	Mrs Connolly	McHenry	McHenry	Support
24	LARRY <del>SHAW</del>	McHenry Construction	McHenry	Support
25	Wm Stepaniwik	CHS	Woodstock	Support
26	FRANCA M. ANTE GORPACIN	Centegra Health System	Woodstock IL	Support
27	DAVID D. LEMTRUSKI	Centegra Health System	Woodstock IL	Support
28	TODD WENIGER	CHS	Woodstock	Support
29	RONALD J. SCHUEHE	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
30	Lee Ann Atwood	Wellness Place	Palatine	Support
31	JUDITH A. FRAZIER	Resident	McHenry	S
32	EDWARD C. FRIZELL	Resident	McHenry	Support
33	DORIS M. HARRIS	CHS	McHenry	Support
34	MARIE B. HARRIS	Centegra	Palatine	Support
35	Kim Walker	Centegra	Carly	Support
36	Sell Sumner	Dell	McHenry	Support
37	LILLIAN JAYNE MARRIANO	3661 WILLOW VIEW DR.	L.I.T.H.	Support

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38	Jay Bercofs	CENTGRA/RESIDENT	HUNTLEY	S
39	Doreen Ochar	Centegra	CARY	S
40	Margaret Little	Centegra	Waukegan	S
41	LINDA POTER	Centegra	Gurnee	S
42	John Ross	AET Engineering Design	Chicago	
43	Seannine Doyle	CRATER for J	Huntley	S
44	Kathleen Bokun	Centegra	Round Lake	S
45	Sharon Llera - Carter	Duke Realty Corp.	Rosemont	S
46	Bethleen Fischer	Centegra	Waukegan	S
47	Elizabeth Sienkowiak	Centegra	Lake Geneva, WI	S
48	Debbie Schmidt	Alexian Brothers Hospitals	Seamanburg	
49	ERROGBRAUN	CENTGRA	MONROE LAKE	S
50	BRIGET MESSIEN	Centegra	Huntley	S
51	Dylan Dittus	Centegra	Waukegan	S
52	Mike Buchanan	CENTGRA	Waukegan	S
53	Mike Heraty	Centegra	LITL	S
54	Susan BARTOSZCZAK	CENTGRA	Waukegan	S
55	Joyce Conund	Centegra	Mattamy	S
56	Lyn Koser	Centegra	Waukegan	S
57	Carla Berg	Centegra	Huntley	S
58	Margaret Blodyshev	Centegra	Mendon	S
59	Jammy Anderson	Centegra	Fox River Grove	S
60	DONNA KISSAUE	CENTGRA	HUNTLEY	S

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15	Lorene Komoroff	Resident	Algonquin	S
16	Brad Boellens	Leopra Healthbridge Fitness Center	Huntley	S
17	Keith ASARHAM	Leopra	Strawmond	S
18	Becky Bocks	Centegra Health System	McHenry	S
19	Joan Plydoff	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
20	David Conway	THAMWELL COMPANY	BROOKFIELD	S
21	caitlin Nember	centegra health system	Crystal Lake	S
22	Melissa Holbrook	Centegra Health System	Huntley	S
23	Garaj Kumar	Centegra Healthbridge	Huntley	S
24	John Heinrich	Centegra Health System	Huntley	S
25	Leanne Winters	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
26	Robyn Stoen	Centegra Health System	White Station	S
27	Julia Remond	Centegra Health System	South St. Woodstock	S
28	Jennifer Baker-Cross	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	S
29	Patricia Herbst	resident	Woodstock	S
30	Theresa Bahl	resident	Woodstock	S
31	KARA WILLIAMS	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
32	Anne Wyszock	Centegra Health System	Huntley	S
33	JENNIS L. ENDLER	CHS Foundation	Crystal Lake	S
34	Erin McGrady	Centegra Health System Foundation	Crystal Lake	S
35	SPICE GARDINER	PARSONSIST CENTEGRA	BARRINGTON	S
36	Rob Konr	Centegra Health Bridges	Huntley	S
37	Sam ESSAK	Resident	Wilmington IL	S

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38	Sestt Sullivan	Asper Lawn Landscaping, Inc	Crystal Lake	S
39	DIANE LOGSDON	CENTEGA	WOODSTOCK	S
40	JOHN KISSANE	CENTEGA	HUNTER	S
41	MARY ROZP			
42	Sandy O'Rourke	High/Lith Chamber	LITH	S
43	<del>BRUCE</del> BRUSEN, DENISE	Centega	LITH	S
44	JACK FORER	CHS	WINDSOR	S
45	NINA PARIKH	CENTEGA	MCHENRY	S
46	Kathy Young	Dell Centega	Mchenry	S
47	Scott L. P. Ryan	Centega	Mch/woodstock	S
48	LORE SULLIVAN	CENTEGA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
49	Bridget Prate	Centega	Algonquin	S
50	Ashtley Alexander	Centega	Gilberts	S
51	<del>James</del> James		Hunter	S
52	Danette Santana	Centega	Hunter	S
53	Guy Busch	McHenry County Building Dept	Woodstock	S
54	<del>PAUL</del> PAUL NAH	IBEW 117	BURLINGTON	S
55	BRIAN McSHERRY	Sheet Metal Workers L. O. H. 265	Island Lake	S
56	Kate Palma	Resident	Woodstock	S
57	Christi Perard	Centega	Woodstock	S
58	Brian Szeregski	Centega	Woodstock	S
59	ROSS TOSCHKE	Centega	Woodstock	S
60	Michelle Green		Crystal Lake	S

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15	KISA Gasior	CHBE	Huntley	S
16	Anne Mani Linnar	CHBE	Huntley	S
17	BELAS GERSIDE	CHBE	Huntley	S
18	Debbie RATHIER	CPA	Huntley	S
19	Franka Cloutier (Madelene)	resident CHS	Huntley	S
20	Tom WETZELSH	WILSON CO. BID. TRDS	Crystal Lake	S
21	Tom MAJAK	ROVERIA HEATH	MORRIS	OPPOSED
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15	ANDREW J WIPPERFUETH	CENTERGRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
16	Leslie Behrens	Centergra	HUNTING	S
17	KATHLEEN KUDLO	Centergra	HUNTING	S
18	JOPPY FORTK	Centergra	Crystal Lake	S
19	Gisela Vega	Centergra	Elgin	S
20	Jill Weidner	Centergra	Marengo	S
21	Rene Hauck	Centergra	Phnsburg	S
22	Lisa O'Neil	Centergra	Kate's Valley	S
23	<del>the</del> O'Neil	Centergra	Bull Valley	S
24	DAVID RUDOLPH	Centergra	Hunting	S
25	Dante Hermann	Centergra	Hunting	S
26	Miranda Sparks	Centergra	Hunting	S
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✓ 1	Dee Fallon	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	Both
2	RITA SLANEK	Huntley Area Chamber of Comert	Huntley	Both
3	Michael Kunk	Huntley Police Dept.	Huntley	Both
✓ 4	Jim Sauer	Huntley Fire Dept.	Huntley	Both
5	ETHEL LORIAN, M.D.	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	CRYSTAL LAKE	B
✓ 6	ERIC RUTH	ADVANCE CMT. PEALTEGRA	HUNTLEY	BOTH
✓ 7	DAVID KIEPINSKI	IT'S ALL ABOUT KIDS	PEAHMBURG	BOTH
8	Tim Krieseman	VI SRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	BOTH
✓ 9	Laune Dwyer	Gerts on the Run Nurse	Crystal Lake	Both
10	ROBARA JO THOMPSON	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	both
11	Shoshun White	Hospital & Radiology Dept	CRYSTAL LAKE	Both
✓ 12	Eileen R. Britzke	Assistant	LYTH	Both
13	LORI KIRKVIC	Centegra Health System	Mchenary	Both
14	Robert Rosenbger	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Both

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38		WVD	Crystal Lake	B
39		CHRC	Huntley	B
40	Judy Andronowicz	Centegra Health System	McHenry	B
41	Trisha Musick	Centegra Health System	McHenry	B
42	Jason Swank	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	B
43	Mary Lou Keroll	Sherman Hosp.	Huntley	B
44	Becky Lampe	Self + Parttime Centgra	ALCOQUIN	B
45	Barb Read on behalf of <del>Christ</del> Rogers	McHenry EPP	McHenry	B
46	Tim McTavish - <del>Gary</del>	McHenry Co. BID Task Force	Crystal Lake	B
47	Jack Perez	Resident	Woodstock	B
48	Paul Rudolph	Centegra	Huntley	B
49	Stella Sene	Centegra	McHenry	B
50	Rosanna Wewner	Centegra		
51	Gerald D. Sogone	McHenry Administrator	Lake in the Hills	Written
52	Bob Blauer	Centegra/Consumer	Crystal Lake	B
53	John Perkins - statement read by →	Client		
54	Nelvin Baker	Client		B
55	Major John Pile	The McHenry Salvation Army		B
56	Chap Butler	Bible Study Area Council		B
57	Murray Piekos	Leadership Greater McHenry City	Woodstock	B
58	Arvand Shepley	Centegra		W
59	Dr. Ted Loveland	Centegra		B
60	Kenneth Kory	Centegra	Huntley	B

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✓ 1	Mike Esley			
✓ 2	ERRY SAGINA			
✓ 3	Tom Lumpate	Village of Lake in H <sup>us</sup>	CITY	B
✓ 4	Chuck Sals	Mchenry County EDC	Mchenry	B
✓ 5	Joson Milford			
✓ 6	Chris Newkirk			
✓ 7	Maari Emack 2nd			
✓ 8	<del>Bert Fenter</del> Harry Leopold			
✓ 9	Suzanne Hoban			
✓ 10	Hadley Strong			
✓ 11	<del>Eric Stretek</del> Eric Stretek			
✓ 12	Chuck Ruffa	(Eric-stretek) Bldg Director Centegra		
✓ 13	Eileen Breitake			
✓ 14	Tina Hill	KDOMSKI - read statement		
✓ 14	Dr. Marietta Abraham			

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✓ 15	Sunday Osance	Argonnein Chamber of Comm	Lake in the Hills	Written
✓ 16	Dr. Spiridon Gerolimitos	Centegra (lindley radiologist)	McHenry	Both
✓ 17	Mary Ann Welth	Jane Ann Farmer - Turney Pt.	Woodstock	Both
✓ 18	Priest Shalwin read my poetry	North El Special Recreation Assoc	Crystal Lake	Written
✓ 19	Becky Lampe		Argonnein	B
✓ 20	Tom Hallett	Centra	Mounting	B
✓ 21	Lindley Moore		McHenry	B
✓ 22	Angela Mc Aubrey	Centegra Bd Members		B
✓ 23	Robert Rosenbarger	Centegra		
✓ 24	Barbara Johnson	VP Hk - Centegra		
✓ 25	Jason Siano			
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38 Brian Thompson - Not present

~~39 Mary Ann Welter~~

40 Gordy Smith

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✓41 Tom Halat

Rent 42 Dr. Lisa Glosson (1hr)

Rent 43 Dr. Leo Reyes 815-236-2579 (cell)

✓44 Jason Sciarro

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Rent 46 Eileen Andrews

✓47 Cindy Amore

48 Terry Egan

✓49 ~~Dr. Ted Lorenz~~

50 Barb Johnson

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~~Barbara Jo Johnson~~

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51 Jeff Batt

52 Ted Pillow

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54 Tom Carey

✓ 55 Bob Rosenberger

✓ 56 Angela McAuley

57 Dr. Yvonne Yao

58 Matthew Towler

59 Nancy Turngren

60 Joseph Emmons

- 61 Laura Welyak
- 62 Dr. Steven McCarthy
- 63 ~~A~~ Jeffrey Neis
- 64 Dr. Elissa Brebach
- 65 Glenn Barnes
- 66 Dr. Terrence Bugno
- 67 Chad Alexander
- 68 Kathy Kozak
- 69 Dee Tallon
- 70 Robert Tepper

- 71 Trisha Musich  
72 Bonnie Saban  
73 Connie Secore  
74 Dan Byars  
75 Mike Fleck  
76 David Shinkert  
77 Dr. ~~Amir~~ Amir Heydari  
78 Dr. Fernando Lamounier  
79 Ed Grogg  
80 Floyd Evans

- 80 Gail Rudolph
- 81 Dr. William Cox
- 82 Gina Heiny
- 83 Dr. A. Narang
- 84 Dr. Robert Nixon
- 85 Gretchen McCracken
- 86 Hector Flores
- 87 John Heinrich
- 88 Judi Jefko
- 89 Russell Dinsmore
- 90 Kathy Young

- 91 Leslie Phillips
- 92 Lynn Griesmaier
- 93 Marianna Wolfmoyer
- 94 Jack Porter
- 95 ~~A~~ Luke Johnsos
- 96 Randy David
- 97 Ryan Nestruck
- 98 Scott Padjen
- 99 Sheila Senn
- 100 Steve Gavers

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✓ 1	Rick Floyd	Shuman Hospital	Elgin	B
✓ 2	Karen Lambert	Good Shepherd	Elgin	B
✓ 3	Ed Goldberg	St. Alexius	Hoffmanst.	B
✓ 4	Dan Colby	Mercy Health		B
✓ 5	Terry Durkin	Shelman	Elgin	B
✓ 6	Bill McLeod	Hoffman Estates		B
✓ 7	Rich Gruber	Mehey		B
✓ 8	Dr. Puffer	Advocate H.C.		B
✓ 9	Rep. Fred Crespo - read by	by Matt Wakeley		B
✓ 10	Dr. Nathan Katersch	Mercy / not present		B
✓ 11	Tom Nitz	Shuman	Elgin	B
✓ 12	Babette Sherfield	Woodstock resident		B
✓ 13	Chubrey Reed	Shuman Health		B
✓ 14	Maray / Traxler	Alexian Bros,	Elk Grove	B
✓ 15	Dr. Nathan Katersch	Mercy		B

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
PUBLIC HEARING REGISTER

Site: Huntley Municipal Complex  
Address: 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois  
Project #10-090  
Date: February 16, 2011  
Time: 10AM

NAME: Centegra Hospital-Huntley

TESTIMONY TO OPPOSE PROJECT

#	NAME (Please Print)	AGENCY, ORGANIZATION OR INSTITUTION REPRESENTED (PLEASE PRINT)	CITY (Please Print)	(O) ORAL (W) WRITTEN (B) BOTH
✓ 1	Gene Dawson	Barrington Township	Barrin	(B)
✓ 2	ED Schoch, Mayor	City of Elgin		(B) W
✓ 3	Kelley Clancy	Alexian Brothers		(B)
✓ 4	Dr. John Lee	Advocate Doctor		(B)
✓ 5	Eric Krueger	Sherman		(B)
✓ 6	Dr. Matt Stilson	ER Doctor		(B)
✓ 7	Dr. Sol Secemsky *	Cardiologist		(B)
✓ 8	Dan Isachsen	Alexian Brothers		(B)
✓ 9	Dr. Louise Fox	Advocate		(B) W
✓ 10	Beth Tze	Alexian Bros.		(B) W
✓ 11	Katie Bata	Sherman		(B)
✓ 12	Scott Fowler	Advocate		(B)
✓ 13	Ellen Beier	Crystal Lake Resident		(B)
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✓ 15	Clay Cika	Alexian Bros		B
✓ 16	Robert Nunamaker, Pres. w	Fox River Grove (read by Jackie Bropp)		B
✓ 17	Dr. Andy Ward	<del>St. Alex's</del> Algonquin Rd. Surgery		B
✓ 18	Scott Powley	St. Alex's		B
✓ 19	Nancy DeLukane	Crystal Lake resident		B
✓ 20	<del>Steve</del> Dr. Giagrasso	Advocate - Good Shepherd (prop)		B both
21	Steve Valentine	The Camden Group		B
22	Linda Gump	St. Alex's		B
23	Dr. Hoeltgen (read by W)	Advocate		B
✓ 24	Mary Martini	Sherman		BW
✓ 25	Marilyn Parezan	Advocate		B
W 26	Keith Golden	Sherman		BW
27	Patrick Flanigan	Mercy doctor		B
28	Kobbin Anfelt	Alexian Bros		B
29	Jenny Erard	Cary resident		B
30	Julie Mayer	Crystal Lake		B
✓ 31	Claudia Larsen	Sherman		B
32	Chris Lippert	Mercy		B
✓ 33	Mike Ploszek	Advocate		B
34	Cheryl Vanderlaan	Sherman	Advocate	B
35	Dr. Pesavente	(read by Kelly Stallbaum)		B
✓ 36	Chris Huecksteadt	Metro Study		B
37	Dr. Palmer	Advocate		B

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① Jean Marie Sadler

② Dr. Giangrasso

③ Steve Valentine

④ Marilyn Parenzan  
Parenzan

⑤ Chris Huecksteadt

⑥ Claudia Larson

⑦ Mike Ploszyk

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# Community List

(People we are familiar with)  
(But who signed in as opponents)

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1. Jennifer Whitwell  
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2. Laura Dickman  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Daniel Hoeltgen  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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My name is Daniel Hoeltgen, and I'm a surgeon on staff at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. I would like to take this time to express my opposition to the construction of the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

One of my concerns with the proposed Centegra hospital is that it is not needed. The intended market area for the proposed Centegra facility is already well-served by a number of regional medical centers, including Good Shepherd. Given the proximity of the hospitals in northern Kane County - including the location of Good Shepherd just a mile from the McHenry County line - residents are already surrounded by convenient as well as excellent health care choices.

The Centegra facility would hurt hospitals like Good Shepherd that provide a comprehensive level of care. Centegra's proposed basic hospital would offer a limited amount of care.

I specialize in providing laparoscopic surgery as well as robotic-assisted surgery. These tools help us to provide the best patient outcomes with the least pain and shortest hospital stays.

For example, robotic-assisted surgery requires a high degree of specialization. It is not a skill that can be learned and then set on the shelf.

Medical research supports the theory that surgeons and facilities that perform the highest numbers of the same types of surgeries have the best success rates. It comes down to the adage of "practice makes perfect."

A hospital the size of the one proposed by Centegra would be unable to match the frequency of advanced surgeries that are already available in the area adjacent to Centegra's proposed McHenry County site.

In addition, one of my specialties at Good Shepherd is gastric bypass surgery. Currently I'm one of the few doctors in the state who performs totally robotic laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery for patients who require this type of bariatric procedure. This is a surgery that patients receive with a great amount of counseling and other support services, and so this type of surgery can best be provided in a high-volume setting. Advocate Good Shepherd is equipped to offer bariatric patients all the services they need, including a support group led by a registered nurse and nutritionist.

In closing, I'd like to reiterate that the proposed Centegra hospital represents a needless duplication of services and should be rejected.

Thank you.



Daniel T. Hoeltgen, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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*Daniel Hoeltgen*

TOM ZANCK'S  
STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CENTEGRA  
PROJECT NO. 10-090

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you regarding Centegra Hospital's Huntley project identified as Project No. 10-090.

Except for college and the military, I have lived in the McHenry County area since 1951. I resided in Lake in the Hills for many years and thereafter in the Woodstock area.

Unfortunately, on numerous occasions, my wife and family have had the need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to take care of our needs.

Centegra was instrumental in saving my wife's life by having an emergency room doctor promptly diagnosis toxic shock syndrome and, years later, she has been successfully treated for cancer challenges.

Centegra promptly diagnosed my heart attack and provided that immediate care I needed to allow me to continue to live a full and fruitful life.

There is a culture of quality caring with a sensitivity to the patient and the patient's families' needs and desires which radiates from Centegra's caregivers.

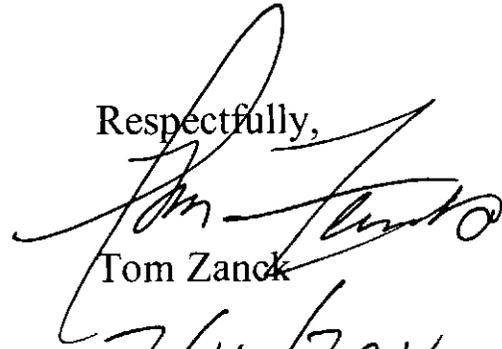
As a former Lake in the Hills resident, I am encouraged that a local not-for-profit entity is willing to invest millions of dollars in a hospital which is so sorely needed for the residents of Lake in the Hills, western Algonquin, as well as all of the Huntley area. Obviously, the people from the south side of Crystal Lake and all of Lakewood would benefit from this project as well.

It is my belief that Centegra's strategic choice of this Huntley site is an important step in providing quality health care for all the citizens of McHenry County and it should strengthen Centegra Health System as a whole.

I urge you to approve this application.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this application, I can always be reached at my office at 40 Brink Street in Crystal Lake, Illinois, by phone at 815-459-8800.

Respectfully,



Tom Zanck

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**Dr. Shawn Palmer**  
Centegra-Huntley Testimony  
2/16/2011

My name is Dr. Shawn Palmer. I'm a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, fellowship-trained in reconstructive joint surgery at the University of Chicago. I'm also a partner at Midwest Bone & Joint Institute, with offices in Algonquin, Barrington and Elgin. I practice at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Sherman Hospital and Provena-St Joe. In addition to caring for my patients, I am a consultant to the biomedical industry, an invited lecturer and published author on topics important to the healthcare industry.

I oppose this project, because the communities that the applicant, Centegra, proposes it will serve, already have access to hospital care, and the project can only have an adverse impact on the area hospitals currently caring for these residents. This is to say nothing of the additional costs that will be realized by the local healthcare system, and in turn by the patients it intends to serve.

On the surface, area residents may understandably view a new hospital as a good thing, something that offers further convenience. They should however, understand the realities of the proposal and of healthcare today. Will this proposed hospital offer new or exclusive services that aren't available within a short drive already? No. Will this proposal help reduce the cost of healthcare? Certainly not, in fact it will do just the opposite. And, if a Sun City resident experiences a heart attack, will this new hospital be able to treat them? Unlikely, given that without a catheter lab to intervene, precious time may be wasted having to transfer the patient from the new hospital's ER to another existing area hospital that offers cardiovascular services.

I may disagree with the current state of healthcare reform, but one issue is undeniable. We must manage down the costs of healthcare through innovation, patient safety and improving our quality of care. Spending a quarter-billion dollars on an inpatient bricks-and-mortar project alone represents "old thinking" and lacks the vision necessary to contribute to cost control.

The dilution of volume that this proposal represents for the region will also weaken the financial stability of hospitals like Sherman and St. Joseph's, whose construction and expansions were previously approved by the board using volume and revenue assumptions based on serving these very communities.

Lastly, as a surgeon, I'm acutely aware of the importance that patient volume plays in delivering quality outcomes. Studies bear out that an operating room team needs adequate patient care experience to maintain quality. The proliferation of hospitals in the area will reduce volumes at others, which may in turn negatively affect patient safety and quality. That negative impact would further add cost to our healthcare system.

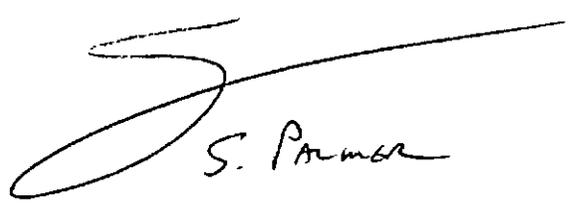
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It's my understanding that the purpose of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board is to limit health care expenditures on unnecessary duplication of resources. This proposal is the poster child for the Board to meet that mission. Considering the proximity of nearby hospitals to Huntley and the potential jeopardy that a new hospital will cause them, I urge the Board to deny this application.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Therese Preusker, McHenry County resident  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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My name is Therese Preusker, and I am a resident of McHenry County. I'm here today because I'm against the proposed Centegra hospital. It's an unnecessary addition to the community, and would have negative effects on nearby hospitals.

Unlike many other parts of the state, McHenry County and the surrounding areas are lucky to have several hospitals that are close and offer comprehensive care to residents. There simply isn't a need for an additional hospital, especially one that does not offer the same range of health services as the existing facilities.

As we discuss this issue today, I cannot help but be reminded of the saying: "Don't fix what isn't broken." The fact of the matter is the area's health system is not broken. For example, Sherman Health recently built a new, state-of-the-art hospital in Elgin, and Provena St. Joseph has poured millions of dollars into improvements for its hospital. Then, there's Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital that's just a short distance away from Centegra's proposed Huntley location.

Taking away from the quality health care services these hospitals already provide would be a detriment to our community. Why weaken a system that already provides for the area and serves it well? It would be a shame to let superior health care go to waste because Centegra chose to build a hospital without worrying about whether it's really needed.

I can't believe that the area is going to grow nearly as much as Centegra says it is. As I drive around, I often see incomplete subdivisions that are mostly abandoned. And, I know we've had a lot of foreclosures around here.

A new hospital would simply be a misuse of time and funds. I ask that you please reject Centegra's proposal.

I appreciate your consideration. Thank you.



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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Dear Ms. Avery:

Good day, my name is Jean Marie Saidler. I live and work in McHenry County and have been an active participant in many community organizations throughout the years.

I am here today as a small business owner, and resident, to express my concern over the building of yet another Centegra hospital - it's third - in McHenry County. I strongly believe this represents unnecessary and costly duplication of services in our area and further burdens our critically overextended state budget.

Today, residents throughout our area certainly have immediate access to an exceptional inventory of outstanding health care. In addition to the two Centegra hospitals already well established in our area, southeast McHenry and northern Kane county residents are able to choose from the brand new Sherman Health Medical Center just 20 from here, not to mention Provena St. Joseph, St. Alexius and Good Shepherd Hospitals all located within 30 minutes of the proposed Centegra Huntley Hospital. In addition, the new hospital proposed by Centegra would not bring any services to the area that are not already available at the facilities I previously mentioned.

Months ago, Centegra launched a very well orchestrated media campaign package that focused on its commitment to various organizations and its need for space. This campaign came neatly wrapped with an attractive bow that focused on the short term job impact due to construction. However, that package did not include one word of information as to how Centegra Health system will manage its hospitals' destiny in this new post-healthcare-reform world. Nor, did they mention how they will manage the cost/value equation, reduce defects in care that increase costs, and create accountability for physicians' patient care decisions.

*THIS* is the future of our healthcare and *THESE* are the elements that will be critical for success for any healthcare system.

I urge you to be thoughtful, strategic, and realistic about our current situation and deny this proposal for yet another new hospital in McHenry County.

Sincerely,

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**Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

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**In support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project # 10-090**

Name: Spiridon Gerolimatos, MD  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Medical Director, Medical Imaging

Testimonial: My name is Dr. Spiridon Gerolimatos and I am an independent radiologist and the medical director for Medical Imaging at Centegra Health System. I proudly offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Centegra Health System is currently the leader in providing state-of-the-art medical imaging equipment and services to the people of northern Illinois. As we planned five years ago to extend Centegra's high quality services to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, we invested in several equipment acquisitions, including a 128-slice CT scanner. This financial commitment ensured people of our region would have access to the best-available technology near their homes. We also installed a 3.0 Tesla MRI in Huntley to round out our complete continuum of medical imaging. Now, as we look to the future, Centegra Health System needs to fulfill a promise it made to the people of the region to continue to provide improved healthcare access for all medical services. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will provide our patients the outstanding services and quality they deserve near their homes.

One of the main reasons I support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley is because I know that Centegra will remain committed to delivering the newest technology to the people of our region. A beautiful new facility will be constructed; however Centegra understands the importance of putting the newest resources into the hands of the skilled physicians and Associates who deliver care to patients. That commitment to excellence is essential to the provision of high-quality healthcare, and Centegra embodies this dedication.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve project 10-090. Thank you.

**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: John Heinrich  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Director, Medical Imaging

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Testimonial: It is a great honor for me to be able to share my thoughts with you today at this hearing. I am proud to be part of a team of healthcare professionals that is an Illinois leader in the provision of Medical Imaging services. Centegra Health System offers comprehensive Medical Imaging services to the members of our growing community. At Centegra's Health Campus in Huntley, we currently provide state-of-the-art technology in both our 128-slice CT scanner and our 3.0 Tesla MRI. Our goal as a system is to provide the highest level of care to our patients and in doing so, to remain a leader in healthcare in our region. To accomplish the level of care we strive to provide, we as a system must invest in the tools necessary that will help our physicians and Associates succeed.

In greater McHenry County, only one healthcare system has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to bringing the best technology to the community -- Centegra Health System. The technology that we offer in our 128-slice CT is an excellent example. Another healthcare system that seeks to expand into our region currently offers CT technology with the use of a 16-slice scanner at its nearest location. Our awesome technology allows for reduced radiation exposure dosage, enhanced image quality, and offers improved speed, which equates to shorter scan times. As Centegra develops new services to meet and exceed the needs and expectations of the people of southern McHenry and northern Kane Counties, we will deliver on our promise to provide leading healthcare services to our community members. When Centegra sets a goal, we aim high while always keeping the patient at the forefront by keeping them "the main thing" and our top priority. The new Huntley hospital will help us to better accommodate our growing community by providing an array of medical imaging services including X-Ray, Nuclear Medicine, Mammography, Bone Density and Ultrasound. I hope that you agree with me and will support our effort to bring the new Huntley hospital to life. Thank you.

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**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Leslie Phillips

Address: 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

**Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.

Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital



**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

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Laura Dickman

On behalf of Mercy Health Systems.

Centegra is the wrong project in the wrong location. The need for competition in McHenry County for health care services is now - please do not allow this

monopoly. Having the privilege of having worked for both health systems I know the need for another hospital in McHenry County. The location proposed by Centegra is not where the greatest need exists. Having been an ER nurse @ Centegra McHenry I know the need for a new Hospital.

We spent many nights on bypass due to lack of inpt. beds for hospital admissions thus clogging the ER and causing long ER wait times, to be seen

one of the largest EMS providers affected by Centegra McHenry being on bypass was Crystal Lake, so I know the direct need for a hospital in Crystal Lake. Please deny the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley as it is the wrong project in the wrong location.



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**Claudia Larsen, Executive Director of Sherman Health off-site locations  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**

As the executive director of Sherman Health's off-site locations, I am very familiar with the health care services available in this area by Sherman as well as by other area providers. Today you are hearing a lot about the six hospitals that serve this region and the high level of inpatient care that is available to residents of Huntley and other nearby area. What you haven't heard much about is that those hospitals also offer a network of urgent care centers and other outpatient facilities that meet residents' outpatient health care needs.

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While many of the smaller communities like Huntley don't warrant an inpatient facility, existing providers in the community, like Sherman, have ensured that a network of adequate outpatient services are available close to home for residents of the Fox Valley and nearby communities. There are four immediate care centers within eight minutes of the proposed hospital in Huntley and sites that provide routine, specialized and urgent physician care, imaging and other diagnostic and treatment services exist throughout all of the populated areas of McHenry County.

Additionally, there are eight immediate care centers within the proposed hospital's primary service area. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding area go to these immediate care centers for treatment of non-life threatening injuries and minor illnesses such as broken bones, cuts and burns, flu symptoms and ear aches. And, often an immediate care center can treat you faster than if you went to the ER. Additionally, other types of outpatient care offerings in McHenry County provide many other services beyond urgent care, such as sophisticated imaging services, other diagnostic testing, a variety of therapies, health screenings, women's health services including mammography, vascular screening and a whole host of other services.

The location for this hospital proposal is the site of a currently open immediate care center with medical imaging and lab services, as well as a HealthBridge fitness center. The hospital proposed will be a limited service hospital that provides routine care. When patients have major health concerns or need treatment for a life-threatening injury, they want to go to a hospital that can treat all of their needs from emergency care to heart surgery and cancer treatments to stroke rehabilitation. You can receive all of these specialty services plus routine health care at Sherman's new hospital, a mere 12 miles from Centegra's proposed site.

A patient wants to get the best care when their health and life are at stake. Traveling to Elgin to save one's life is hardly a compromise or a health threat, and here in metro Chicago, people are happy to have the host of options that the academic medical centers



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and other specialty institutions provide even if it means traveling an hour or more. McHenry County residents are in good hands with existing local hospitals and the resources in the region.

I am here today to oppose Centegra's proposal to build a limited service hospital in Huntley because I believe this area already has a strong network of inpatient facilities, immediate care and other outpatient facilities and doctor's offices.

Thank you for your time.

Parenzan, Marilyn

Director, Quality

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Good afternoon my name is Marilyn Parenzan and I am the Director of Quality at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. This project will dilute volumes among hospitals that will negatively impact patient quality and patient safety. There are numerous studies by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality and the Institute of Medicine demonstrating that hospitals with higher volumes of particular cases tend to have better outcomes than those hospitals with lower volumes. This proposed hospital will add nearly 50% more beds to McHenry County. As you know, our hospital is located less than one mile away from McHenry County. There's little doubt that adding another hospital with that many beds in the region will negatively impact the volumes of area hospitals and may impact quality of care. Clinical staff need adequate patient care experience to maintain competencies.

I'm sure that when Sherman forecasted their volumes for their new hospital, when St. Joseph forecasted their volumes for their new bed tower and when St. Alexius forecasted their volumes for their new children's hospital, they forecasted certain volumes not only for financial reasons but

also to ensure adequate staffing and training of staff. This proposed hospital would jeopardize those financial and staffing projections. It's important for McHenry County residents to feel like they have adequate access to health care resources, but it's more important that residents feel like they have access to quality health care resources. There is bed capacity at both Centegra hospitals and the Mercy hospital in Harvard. A more prudent approach would be to add beds to those facilities.

To summarize, one purpose for the Review Board looking at utilization and the appropriate allocation of resources is to ensure quality care. Approval of this project may jeopardize that care because it will significantly dilute volumes across a number of hospitals. I urge the Board to deny this proposal. Thank you.



# Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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Dear Board members and participants,

My name is Dr. Giangrasso and I am the Medical Director of Emergency Medicine at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less one mile from McHenry County. Due to another commitment I am not able to attend this hearing but wanted to make my views heard. There is already sufficient Emergency Department services in McHenry to well serve the current and future population and we do not need additional Emergency Departments in McHenry County. Building expensive new inpatient facilities with emergency departments is an expensive proposition. My department is proud to serve McHenry County patients every day, both through the hospital's emergency room and Good Shepherd's immediate care center in Crystal Lake.

Existing hospitals in the area have more than enough capacity to serve the emergency needs of McHenry County residents. Last year, Good Shepherd was able to serve additional emergency patients 99.9% of the time. This means that we were rarely on bypass and for only 5 hours all

year had to direct ambulances to other hospitals due to capacity constraints in the emergency department. Three hospitals serving the area were not on bypass at all during 2010, including Centegra-McHenry, Alexian Brothers and Northwest Community. Three other hospitals (Centegra-Woodstock, St. Alexius and Sherman) averaged only 10 hours on bypass for the entire year. Existing hospitals, such as Good Shepherd and Centegra, also provide urgent care at their five immediate care centers and various ambulatory centers located throughout McHenry County. Over 85% of the patients seen in our Crystal Lake immediate care by board-certified emergency medicine physicians are McHenry residents. They have chosen to receive their care in our immediate care setting rather than seeking care in one of the three emergency departments. This is not because the existing hospital emergency departments are at capacity, but, rather, they recognize that they can receive this care in a non-hospital based setting.

I'm also concerned at the limited number of services that will be provided at the proposed hospital and how that will impact patient care. Patients experiencing life-threatening symptoms such as a heart attack or stroke will have to be stabilized at the proposed hospital and then be transferred to a full-service hospital that can service these patients. Patients would be

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better served bypassing this hospital and going straight to a facility that can handle all their needs, without having to transfer them.

In summary, I urge the Board to reject this application as it will be an expensive duplication of services that are not needed. My department and I look forward to continuing to serve the acute needs of McHenry County residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Giangrosso MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "MD" written in a smaller, more legible font at the end.

Joe Giangrosso, MD

**Hearing for Huntley hospital  
Presented to the Health Facilities Board  
February 16, 2011  
Huntley, IL**

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*Nancy DeLuca*

I am speaking today as a Crystal Lake resident for 40 years. I have watched repeated efforts to bring a hospital to the burgeoning community of Crystal Lake. We had an association of Crystal Lake, Woodstock, and McHenry. Then McHenry left the group to build a new facility in McHenry. Then Woodstock left to build a hospital in Woodstock. Then Sherman said they would build an emergency care center to provide services until a full hospital could be built. Crystal Lake disbanded their hospital association because now we would have a hospital. As you know, none of this effort resulted in a hospital for Crystal Lake.

I was very excited when I learned that Mercy was bringing a hospital to Crystal Lake. I joined the organization to be part of that effort. The Health facilities board and the city of Crystal Lake said yes, this was good for Crystal Lake. Political maneuvering took away the hospital that Crystal Lake so urgently needed.

So here we are today. The chance to bring a hospital to the heavily populated Crystal Lake/ Algonquin area is within our grasp. I shudder to think that we citizens of Crystal Lake could once again be denied these services.

I do not oppose Centegra/Huntley unless it precludes the opportunity for Crystal Lake to have a hospital after all these years.

Building a hospital in Huntley will not reduce wait times in McHenry emergency rooms. Spending hours in the ER waiting for admission will not change in McHenry with a facility in Huntley; having a facility in Barrington has not decreased wait times or increased bed availability in McHenry. Huntley may someday need a hospital, but Crystal Lake needs one now.

I am a nurse. I know the importance of minutes in an emergency situation. I have no emergency room less than 20 minutes away, and I live in the most populous city in McHenry County. I have used the immediate care facilities in town, and could not get a simple CBC done to determine the state of my illness in an urgent situation.

So, you see my frustration. I live in the most heavily populated area of the county with moderately good economics. Healthcare organizations want to be near me because I have insurance, and I pay my bills. But, no one wants to care for me in my town if I need emergency services or to be hospitalized.

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Don't let the Huntley of the future take away my chance for hospital beds and emergency services now when I need them in my community

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Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Delaware

# Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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February 11, 2011

*Leo Kelly, MD*  
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Dear Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board,

I am a board certified internal medicine physician living in Algonquin. I apologize that I cannot speak in person due to patient commitments at the time of the hearing but I did want to express my opinion about this project. [If he lives in Algonquin, could she discuss the how the GSH Algonquin facility serves people in this area?] I oppose this project because I'm concerned about a dilution of volumes among hospitals will negatively impact patient quality and patient safety. The main point I want to make today is that a proliferation of new hospitals in a geographic area already well served by existing hospitals puts patient care and patient safety at risk.

There are numerous studies by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality and the Institute of Medicine demonstrating that hospitals with higher volumes of particular cases tend to have better outcomes than those hospitals with lower volumes. This proposed hospital will add nearly 50% more inpatient beds to McHenry County. That's a big increase in the number of beds for one county. There's little doubt that adding another hospital with that many beds in the region will negatively impact the volumes of area hospitals and may impact quality of care. Clinical staff need adequate patient care experience to maintain competencies.

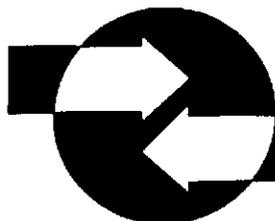
It's important for McHenry County residents to feel like they have adequate access to health care resources, but it's more important that residents feel like they have access to high quality, affordable health care resources. There is bed capacity at both Centegra hospitals and the Mercy hospital in Harvard. A more fiscally prudent approach would be to add beds to those facilities. Centegra has chosen not take this approach and is abandoning their Women's project in Woodstock.

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To summarize, as I understand it, through the Certificate of Need process this Board not only helps to keep health care costs in check by controlling capital expenditures but also ensures that only high quality projects are approved. In my opinion, approval of this project will not add additional high quality health care services to my community and will jeopardize the quality of care being provided at existing hospitals, including the two McHenry County Centegra hospitals. On this basis I would request that the Board deny this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Leo Kelly, MD



## TURNING POINT

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February 8, 2011

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. Hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides.

Centegra Health System has long been a valued partner for Turning Point through our collaboration with the McHenry County Crisis Line, and their team that serves victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Centegra Health System contacts Turning Point when victims of domestic violence come through emergency rooms or are receiving hospital services. We depend upon the staff of Centegra Health System as they help us to fulfill our mission to **confront violence against women and children in McHenry County.**

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Jane Ann Farmer  
Executive Director



# Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. Based on this, I believe there is a need for a full-service hospital in this area.

The Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District provides not only traditional fire and rescue services to our District, but also paramedic ambulance service including transport to the nearest hospital. A new hospital facility constructed at the proposed site would significantly improve the transport time for many critically ill or injured patients from our District. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I support and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Rynders, Fire Chief  
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Ilene Steiner Testimony 2/16/2011

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My name is Ilene Steiner. I recently became a ~~planning manager for Good Shepherd, returning to Illinois after many years out of state.~~ In my twenty-three years as a health planner with national consulting firms and multi-state health care organizations, I have conducted many health care demand forecasts, feasibility studies, and impact analyses, including forecasts published in formal documents used for bond offerings to finance major hospital construction projects. I also have a master's degree in health planning from Johns Hopkins University.

I am concerned about the adverse impact that a new hospital will have on the nearby hospitals, including Good Shepherd. For this reason, I oppose this project. The application does not address the impact of the Huntley hospital on Good Shepherd, located less than a mile from McHenry County. I would like to offer my assessment of the impact of a Huntley hospital on GSH.

The population in the Centegra-Huntley market is indeed growing and aging, increasing the demand for health services. However, there is not nearly enough growth to support the appropriate occupancy level for a new 128 bed hospital without also taking volume from existing hospitals and adversely affecting performance, quality, and financial stability at existing hospitals. The proposed 128 additional beds will increase the acute bed count in McHenry by almost 50% over just a few years. This huge increase in supply will far outweigh the increased demand, resulting in low occupancy rates, underutilized resources, diminished quality, and increased risk to patient safety.

Located just a mile from GSH, McHenry County is a major source of patients for GSH, providing almost half of the GSH patients. The Centegra-Huntley service area significantly overlaps with the GSH primary service area. More than half of GSH patients reside in the Centegra-Huntley service area. GSH will be adversely affected by a 128 bed hospital located in Huntley in the next few years.

The applicant makes much of the issue that McHenry County residents leave the county for hospital services – as if this is a problem that needs a remedy. Outmigration is not due to lack of facilities or lack of available capacity within the McHenry County facilities. The fact that many McHenry residents choose to drive one mile across the county line to our hospital hardly seems to be a health care crisis requiring a \$200 million solution.

As indicated in the application, the hospital will not open for another five years. If there is such a great need for another hospital, why would the applicant delay the project? It doesn't take 5 years to build this hospital. Most applicants proceed from CON approval to occupancy in a much shorter time frame. Perhaps the applicant should defer until there is adequate demand and funding, and the project can move forward in an expeditious manner. The Board should not allow such a long period.

Even more troubling is that another CON application to serve a similar market has been submitted by Mercy-Crystal Lake. Should both the Crystal Lake and the Huntley applications be approved, the validity of the forecast volume of each will become invalid and the stability of the existing hospitals will be in serious jeopardy.

Dr. McHenry testimonial

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Sample: Feb 1/2010

Last April I was delighted to share Centegra's vision for increasing access to healthcare for the Southern McHenry County and Northern Kane County areas when Centegra Health System purchased Key Medical Group of which I was a member. Key Medical Group was a successful internal medical practice that was well respected in the community. Together, Centegra Primary Care and Key Medical Group have moved to the next level of patient satisfaction and quality healthcare. That integration demonstrates Centegra's continued commitment to providing access to the full continuum of care from wellness to comprehensive medical care to the residents of our community. Joining Centegra allowed us to join a health system committed to meeting the needs of the residents of greater McHenry County. Centegra provides services in multiple, convenient locations, including hospitals, Immediate and Primary Care Centers, Health Bridge Fitness Centers and more. Our patients are at the forefront of every decision. We believe our association with Centegra has allowed us to provide better continuity of care and enhanced access to local state-of-the-art services, including those at the Huntley Campus, such as digital mammography, 128-slice CT scanning and higher resolution MRI. Together, Centegra and Key Medical Group have moved to the next level of patient satisfaction and quality healthcare. This integration also has allowed us additional access to capital, technology, physician and provider talent. We truly believe that our partnership with Centegra has enhanced what we can provide for our employees as well as our patients. I fully support Centegra's plan to expand its Huntley Health Campus.

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**Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Katie Bata, <sup>VP</sup> Director of Human Resources, Sherman Hospital**

I'm Katie Bata and I'm the Sherman Hospital VP of HR. This proposal will harm Sherman Hospital's efforts to recruit and retain qualified clinical staff as well as exacerbate systemic nurse staffing shortage problems. This means higher health care costs and lower quality of care. Furthermore, since hospital bed utilization is not increasing in the region, a new hospital will create few new nursing jobs. Based on a duplication of services, there will be some redistribution of the health care workforce, however, which will result in increased staffing costs, creating less efficient care delivery.

A qualified nursing staff is critical to the success of any hospital, and Sherman is no exception. We are investing in our nursing staff in many ways including through our commitment to obtain magnet status. Magnet hospitals are recognized for the strength and quality of their nursing staff, for their high level of nurse job satisfaction, a low staff nurse turnover rate and appropriate grievance resolution mechanisms. Since moving to our new location, we have reduced our staffing vacancy rates by hiring qualified clinical staff. We are proud of the excellent care our nurses provide. They are integral members of our patient care delivery team, providing crucial information and feedback. To maintain this level of excellence we need to recruit and retain qualified nurses

A Huntley hospital will threaten many of our patient care staff recruiting accomplishments that we have achieved over the years and will hamper our ability to recruit and retain qualified nursing and patient care staff going forward. As I am sure everyone is aware, the overall industry is battling a nursing shortage with estimates of over 100,000 open nursing positions nationwide. Nurse staffing demand is nationally 6% higher than the available supply. In 2008, combined nursing home and hospital vacancies as reported by the national associations relayed an even larger shortage of over

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8 percent. The State of Illinois has identified an annual shortage of almost 2,000 RNs from 2006 to 2016. Also, based on the aging workforce and the need for more advanced RN training with expanded roles, a large and prolonged shortage of nurses is expected for years to come.

Establishment of a new hospital will increase competition for the limited number of qualified nurses and patient care staff, jeopardizing the ability of existing hospitals to maintain qualified nursing staff. Inadequately staffed facilities must resort to nurse staffing agencies, which are costly, impede continuity of care, and increase the risk of avoidable adverse events. As a result, quality of care declines while the cost of care increases.

The CON Board should deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Matt Stilson, Emergency Department Director  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Dr. Matt Stilson, and I am board-certified emergency physician. I serve as the Emergency Department Director at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. In that role, I oversee the Emergency Department at the hospital, as well as Sherman's Immediate Care Centers in Algonquin, Elgin and South Elgin.

Sherman Hospital's new, state-of-the-art Emergency Department serves more than 49,000 people each year. We have physicians specially trained in emergency medicine as well as certified trauma nurse specialists. We are also certified as an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics.

I was surprised when I heard that the State Board was considering an application for a new hospital in Huntley. Given Sherman's regional capabilities, excellent access from nearby communities and capacity for the future, I do not see a need for additional facilities.

Ambulances serving people who live in Huntley and the surrounding areas bring the vast majority of their patients to Sherman, because we are so close, and because we have a large, capable, and brand-new Emergency Department. With our location near the border of Kane and McHenry Counties, we are perfectly positioned to serve McHenry County residents.

Additionally, the most important factor for people in life-threatening situations is not how close their home is to a hospital, but how long it takes EMS and paramedics to reach them and stabilize them. And, Huntley is less than 14 minutes away from Sherman, a very reasonable transport time for patients needing emergency services.

Sherman works very closely with the EMS community. We have served as the area resource hospital for the training of paramedics for more than 25 years. Our new Emergency Department was designed with a dedicated entrance for ambulances, and because of our 24-hour communication network with paramedics and emergency transports, we always begin treating emergency patients before they even arrive at the hospital.



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Sherman is a major trauma and cardiac center so we also have the technology and the medical expertise to act quickly and effectively 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our surgery and cardiac catheterization suites are located immediately adjacent to the Emergency Department for quick transfers. And, unlike smaller, more limited community hospitals, we have the diagnostic treatment capabilities of a leading regional medical center.

Sherman's heart and vascular center, for example, is among the best in the region. The department features nearly 50 cardiac specialty physicians, and as a whole has performed more than 12,000 open-heart surgeries over the past 35 years. Additionally, Sherman Hospital is a STEMI (Heart Attack) receiving hospital, meaning that all heart attack patients in the Huntley area have to be transported to Sherman for definitive management (opening the coronary arteries in the catheterization lab). This would not change with the newly proposed hospital as the new proposal does not include a catheterization lab for these services. These patients would have to bypass the proposed hospital to be taken to Sherman for management.

Sherman is also certified as a Primary Stroke Center, and offers a state-of-the-art, comprehensive cancer care center and a new center for advanced liver and pancreatic care.

Given Sherman's size, capabilities and level of care, I think building additional hospitals in the area is an unnecessary expenditure of money, and would only detract from – rather than enhance – medical service for our region's residents.

Thank you.

*Matthew R. Stinson MD*

Lee, John

Physician practicing in the area

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Good morning/afternoon. My name is Dr. John Lee and I am a board-certified anesthesiologist practicing at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less than one mile away from McHenry County. I disagree with the premise of this project that additional beds are needed in McHenry County. Constructing a 128 bed hospital in McHenry County will increase the number of beds in a relatively small county at a tremendous cost. It would also mean that Centegra would own three of the four hospitals in McHenry County. I can't think of any other place in Illinois where one system has three hospitals in one county that make up over 90% of the beds.

I'm also concerned whether Centegra could adequately staff this new hospital with the appropriate number of physicians. A 2010 study by RAND Corporation, a leading health care research firm, found a current shortage of 3,800 anesthesiologists in the United States and projects a possible shortage of 12,500 anesthesiologists by 2020. This shortage in anesthesia professionals is just as important as the shortage in primary care

physicians. Just because a health system builds a new hospital doesn't mean that they can effectively staff it on day one.

Also, I know that Sherman just built a replacement hospital in Elgin and that both St. Joe's in Elgin and St. Alexius have had big construction projects on their existing campuses. All of these projects were approved by the Board. The Centegra hospital project threatens not only to harm where I practice, Good Shepherd, but also will undo the hundreds of millions of dollars put into these hospitals. Instead of creating greater quality in health care facilities, approval of this hospital will undermine the Board's previous actions with respect to other area hospitals.

I am here today asking that the Board to not approve the Centegra application to significantly increase the number of beds in McHenry County when it is not needed. Thank you.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Andrew Ward  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. I'm Dr. Andrew Ward. I am chief of anesthesiology and director of the Algonquin Road Surgery Center in Lake in the Hills. I'm here today to urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject Centegra's certificate of need application for a hospital in Huntley. In fact, many of the arguments you will hear or have heard today in opposition to Centegra's proposal are the very same arguments Centegra used in 2004 and 2007 to oppose similar projects in the area. How times have changed.

The unnecessary duplication of operating rooms that Centegra proposes is my first objection to the Centegra proposal.

The Algonquin Road Surgery Center has provided surgery services since 2002 and is a joint venture between Centegra Health System, Sherman Health and surgeons who use the ASC as an extension of the medical practice.

Our facility is licensed for three operating rooms and one procedure room. After eight years of operation, we have never reached capacity and are still dramatically underutilized. In 2010 we served 2,644 patients. Each of the four rooms has capacity for about 1,800 cases per year, for a total of 7,200 cases. The result is that our operating rooms were only at one-third capacity.

The proposed Centegra hospital includes eight operating rooms. It strikes me as curious that this is considered a need, when our operation, of which Centegra is a partner, cannot sustain four suites. While we are the only multi-specialty surgery center in the area, the area hospitals also have similar capacity to do more surgical cases.

My second objection is to the wasted healthcare dollars. The significant capital outlays going towards the new facility should be invested in improving the quality and functionality of the existing campus. During this time of economic struggle, covering more lives through increased community outreach, improving efficiencies, and technology would seem a better use of these funds. This proposal does none of these things and severely impairs the ability of existing providers to work toward these goals.

Centegra's hospital would also continue to cost the community. No matter how many patients visit each facility, equipment must be maintained and upgraded. The buildings need to be kept up. Everyone needs to pay their large staff of nurses, other clinicians, maintenance and security personnel, managers and executives. Adding another facility like a hospital to an area that already has plenty of health care services will not improve health care delivery to patients.

I recently had the opportunity to visit with our congressmen and senators in Washington D.C. to discuss health care issues. It is largely agreed that superfluous and reckless spending is at odds with decreasing health care costs and bringing the Sustainable Growth Rate under control. Rising health care costs are threatening our nation's financial health. The politicians and the stake holders at the national level are in a political debate which focuses on a health care budget with sustainable growth but the truth is that federal government spending on health care is unsustainable. This CON Board cannot approve new hospitals that duplicate the capacity of our existing providers. It will put the bankruptcy of the Medicare trust fund on the fast track. We need a tighter, more efficient health care system to survive in this new financial reality.

We already have six hospitals in the region, which can serve our patients to 2018 and beyond. Medical advances like robotic surgery have and will continue to decrease length of stay and move more procedures to the out patient setting. By the time Centegra's hospital would open in 2018, demand for beds will be even lower because of these medical advancements and changes required by federal health care reform.

The lack of demand for operations at our top-notch facility is a strong illustration that we need to take a breath and be thoughtful about how we deliver quality care to patients. Duplicating resources does not promote better health care. It means higher costs for everyone.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject the CON permit application of Centergra Health System to build a hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ward, M.D.

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To: Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

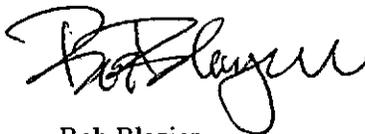
I am writing in support of The Proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley Illinois. My wife and I have lived in Crystal Lake since 1962. At that time both Huntley and Crystal Lake had dramatically smaller populations than they have in 2011.

As a retired superintendent of schools, and CEO of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, I have seen Centegra take responsibility for the County's Healthcare needs. Quality Healthcare close to home is important to me but I also appreciate Centegra's efforts to provide preventative care for all of us.

My wife and I have both been patients, in 2010 at Centegra Hospitals, we can attest to the quality of care that we received. We have also been active in the prevention and fitness programs offered by Centegra.

I feel that this endorsement represents thousand of citizens in my senior age group who will benefit from the construction of the Centegra Huntley facility. In addressing an audience last week I said "If you think Healthcare is expensive, it's even more expensive, if it's inconvenient." This project will solve that problem.

Best Regards,



Bob Blazier

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**Babzett Sherfield**

**895 Prairie Ridge Drive**

**Woodstock Ill. 60098**

**Testimony by Babz Sherfield**

**My name is Babz Sherfield. I am a resident of Woodstock in McHenry County.**

**I am here to oppose Centegra from building a new hospital in Huntley. Centegra already has a hospital in the cities of McHenry and one in Woodstock, where I reside.**

**In fact, Centegra had plans and made a commitment to the Woodstock community to build a women's pavilion for the Woodstock hospital. I was surprised to learn that Centegra just decided to abandon this \$50 million dollar Women's project, and is now going to spend that money and more on a new hospital in Huntley.**

**Why has Centegra decided to abandon this important project for Woodstock? This was a much needed project for our community. I know that Huntley is more affluent than Woodstock. Is this a good reason to abandon this much needed project.**

**I understand that Centegra demonstrated the need for the Women's Pavilion in a process similar to what Centegra is pursuing now at this hearing for a hospital in Huntley. I understand that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board agreed with the need for the \$50 million dollar Woodstock women's pavilion and awarded Centegra a Certificate of Need for the Women's Pavilion .**

**A lot of time, effort and money was used to plan for the Woodstock women's pavilion.**

**Well, my questions are : What happened to the need for the Women's Pavilion in Woodstock? Why should Centegra abandon its commitment to meet that established need for women's health services in Woodstock and be allowed to spend even more money to build a hospital in Huntley.**

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**Testimony in favor of project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Chris Newkirk, Board of Governors

I am excited to be here today to express my support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Like others you’ve heard from today, I too have a deep connection to McHenry County. I am a lifelong resident of the area, and I feel that I truly understand what it means to live and to serve here.

My deep understanding of McHenry County includes its healthcare history. My family played an integral role in creating the original McHenry Hospital. They, along with many of their friends and neighbors, saw the need for a hospital, and they worked to bring community members precisely the care they needed. While the year was different and most modern technologies were non-existent, I certainly see parallels between the situations. Both then and now, we see communities where residents lack healthcare close to home. It is imperative that we too succeed in bringing a hospital to those who need it.

I am also very familiar with Centegra Health System, as I am a former Chair of the Centegra Board. I still play an active role on that Board today. I can vouch for the utmost integrity of the health system and its commitment to the county. It is because I sincerely believe in the health system’s mission that I continue to be involved.

My family and I love McHenry County, and we try to give back to the community in every way we can. Right now, I view my support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley as one of the best ways that I can help this community. It is no secret that Huntley and the surrounding communities are underserved.

The application before you clearly meets the rules of the state for approval and will go a long way toward meeting the healthcare needs of this community for years to come. I ask the Board to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Thank you.

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- HEART

**Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital**

**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

## Support for Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project #10-090

My name is Ryan Nestruck and I support the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I believe that the proposed hospital in Huntley reinforces Centegra's commitment to serving the community and local businesses by having a full service healthcare campus that can meet any healthcare need of people living and working in this growing area of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. As an Associate of Centegra I have the privilege of leading our home health agency. Nearly 70% of our agency patients are over age 65 and on Medicare. Del Webb Sun City is just over four miles from the proposed hospital site, and has an estimated population of 8,000 residents. As Dell Webb grows, so does their new residents need for access to high quality healthcare services. The 2010 MedPAC Medicare study shows that the average Medicare beneficiary receives \$8,865 of care each year. The data goes on to show that Medicare beneficiaries access healthcare services at increasing rates as they age. Countless studies show that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, pneumonia (to name a few) frustrate suffers and increase utilization of healthcare services. Centegra Health System has been working diligently to link evidence based education and care pathways from the hospital bed to home in hopes of positively impacting the quality of life for those managing chronic illness.

Centegra Primary Care geriatrician Rex Nzeribe has shared with me that within 7 office visits his patients typically need either home health or are hospitalized. Most of them take more than 8 medications and visit multiple subspecialists for care. Dr. Nzeribe's holistic view of patients is seen in his comprehensive clinic. His clinic consists of dietitians, physical and occupational therapists, behavioral health specialists and nurses who listen to the patient's goals and assess how their expertise can help those goals be attained. This is just one example of what this community can count on Centegra Health System to provide with the approval of this project.

As a community member who moved here specifically because of Centegra's commitment to responsible use of resources, this project fulfills the vision I first learned four years ago. I am honored to represent and support Centegra Health System's commitment to bring excellent healthcare services to Huntley (and surrounding communities) with the building of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

**Robert Nixon**  
**Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley**  
**Project # 10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

William D. Cox, Jr., M.D.  
*Sportsmedicine and  
Arthroscopic Surgery*

Warren S. Jablonsky, M.D.  
*Joint Replacement and  
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*Sportmedicine and  
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*Foot and Ankle Surgery*

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*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

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*Sportmedicine and  
Foot/Ankle Surgery*

Justin J. Gent, M.D.  
*Sportmedicine and  
Arthroscopic Surgery*

Priyesh D. Patel, M.D.  
*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

My name is Robert Nixon and I am an orthopedic specialist with offices in both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I also serve as the Medical Staff President at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock. I am here today to offer my personal support and that of our medial staff for the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

I have been practicing medicine for nearly 25 years and have had the pleasure of being in a leadership role for 8 years. It is clear from my experiences that the vision, thoughtful assessment and planning that are required of a proposal of this magnitude, have been thoroughly undertaken by the Centegra leadership team. Clearly based on state data, Huntley is the right place for a new acute-care hospital and now is the right time.

My professional expertise focuses on orthopedic sports medicine. In fact, I serve as the team physician for area high schools and can typically be found at area sporting events throughout the county. Unfortunately, injury is a part of athletics. However incorporating proper health and training can help minimizing the risks.

For many of you parents in the room, a trip to the emergency room or immediate care center with a child is not an unfamiliar one. You also know that traveling long distances or facing traffic back-ups on area roads to sporting events, practices and tournaments is not unheard of either. But traveling long distances to receive medical care – in an emergency or not – is a situation none of us enjoy.

That is why the proposal for a new hospital in Huntley which will serve the communities of Huntley, Lake in the hills, Algonquin, Gilberts, Marengo and many others is a welcome plan. Not only will it bring medical care and treatment closure to home, it will meet the state's designated need to additional in-patient beds serving southern McHenry County.

Also important, particularly for medical providers, is the time it takes to begin treatment. Prompt care can even be a life saving issue for those with trauma or cardiac injuries and that is why the medical professionals that I work so closely with stand firmly behind the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

I urge the Board's approval.

**David Neumann, Carpentersville Chief of Police**  
**Support for Project #10-090**

My name is David Neumann and I am the Chief of Police for the Village of Carpentersville, a community of more than 38,000 people located in northern Kane County.

I strongly support a new hospital in Huntley because my commitment to preserving Carpentersville as a safe and healthy community depends on it. As a representative of our community's first responders, having immediate access to emergency medical care and a full-service hospital is critical to the job we are tasked with each and every day.

Public officials, in every community, have a responsibility to provide the services that are critical to a vibrant, safe and productive community. Health care, education and housing are all vital to ensuring our residents have access to a high quality of life. Health care, in particular, is integral to providing a landscape where businesses want to invest and where families want to call home.

I welcome a new hospital in Huntley. The 128 additional beds this would provide to our region and the full-service emergency department will give our first responders another emergency care option. Our community already faces a shortage of hospital beds, and an additional hospital in Huntley will help to meet this need in our growing area.

It is no secret that we anticipate further growth in the coming years, and I urge this board to help us prepare for that. More people will inevitably lead to a higher demand for medical attention. We must act now so we are prepared to continue serving and protecting our community.

Carpentersville falls within the proposed hospital's primary service area, and I look forward to the time when our residents are able to rely on the proximity of a Huntley hospital to access the best possible care.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

## **Centegra Hospital Support Speech for Project #10-090**

My name is Scott Padjen. I serve as the Pharmacy Director for Centegra Health System. I emphatically support Centegra's certificate of need to build a hospital in Huntley. I believe there is a clear need in this location to serve not only the growing demographics of southern McHenry County, but also the residents of Northern Kane County.

I am a 10-year Centegra associate. I believe this organization's dedicated caregivers are most qualified, best prepared and naturally suited to fulfill this need. It's what we have been doing in this community for generations. We are an integrated and proactive community partner, we are eager to answer the call...to expand our offerings of healing, nurturing and wellness.

A word about Pharmacy services at Centegra...we are progressive and dynamic...with an advanced clinical pharmacy practice and medication management practices that ensure safe and correct dispensing of life-saving medications. Clinical pharmacists collaborate with physicians and nurses to promote evidence-based medicine. Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the physicians who serve on that committee are active and engaged in implementing best practices for medication formulary management, physician order sets and pharmacist-managed protocols for high-alert medications. Pharmacy embraces a medication safety culture - openly reporting and monitoring both actual and potential errors to drive process improvement. Advanced information systems utilize medication bar code verification to improve safety and, with the exception of urgent need, pharmacists review and verify all orders for medications before they are administered to our patients.

Our pharmacists are active in the ambulatory clinic setting. They manage Centegra's anticoagulation clinics...serving over 1000 patients at 3 different sites including Huntley. The Centegra Anticoagulation Clinics have been recognized as the best in the nation for clinical quality and consistently rank above the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction. Our pharmacists are expanding into other direct patient care roles - on the frontier...Medication Therapy Management...consultant pharmacists working with the patient... conducting medication therapy reviews... identifying and resolving medication related problems...developing patient centric medication action plans... with the goal of achieving optimal medication outcomes through patient education and empowerment.

I am particularly proud that our Centegra pharmacies are teaching sites for 3 state Colleges of Pharmacy as well as local high schools. In this fiscal year, Clinical Coordinator Alan Mader will mentor 20 students from all levels of learning...from 4th year pharmacy students...to high school freshmen.

In closing...I am proud to represent Centegra...and proud to stand with our doctors, nurses, pharmacists, caregivers, and associates...to support Centegra Hospital Huntley. We are here to serve...we have always been here to serve...we are the caretakers of our community.

## **Testimonial – Richard Parsons for Project #10-090**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the proposed Centegra Hospital Huntley. My name is Richard Parsons and I am the Director of Respiratory Care, Neurology, and Sleep Services. I have been with Centegra Health System family for over six years as part of the leadership team.

As part of the leadership team, I am very pleased with the commitment our organization and the Associates continue to demonstrate on a daily basis to meet and exceed the community needs. This commitment extends from the Board of Directors in guiding senior leadership, to educating, preparing and developing the leaders with a servant leadership philosophy, to engaging the Associates to deliver the finest and most compassionate care to our patient population. The desire to excel in all aspects of a patient focused model of care is clearly illustrated in all we do.

In 1989 based on community assessments, Centegra Health System identified a need for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep related disorders. The Sleep Services department cared for its first patient on October 10, 1989. As the requirement for treating more patients grew, Centegra expanded to two beds in 1996 and then four beds in 2003. In 2008, in an effort to further meet the requests of the community, Centegra Health System expanded the operations to seven days per week. Due to the overwhelming support from the community of patients, the physician experts leading the way, and the quality of services delivered by outstanding clinicians, Centegra is in the process of expanding to add more beds in McHenry County.

This ongoing strategic planning and subsequent actions provides just one example of how Centegra Health System continues to meet the needs of the residents of our community closer to their homes. Historically and ongoing, Centegra Health System continues to have a long-term strategic plan in identifying the health and wellness needs of the community and providing these and other services to enrich the lives of those we serve.

Once again, thank you for your support of building care closer to the homes of our families in Huntley, Illinois.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Leslie Phillips

Address: 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

### Testimonial:

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.



February 4, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Testimony of Support, Project # 10-099, Centegra Hospital-Huntley  
*Mercy  
Crystal Lake Hospital, Crystal Lake*

Dear Ms Avery:

My name is Jack Porter. I am a local McHenry county resident, residing at 1552 Bobolink Circle, Woodstock, IL. I am President of Jack Porter & Associates, Inc. and Mg. Partner for LandKeepers, LLC with offices also in Woodstock. In addition, I serve on the Board of Governors for the Centegra Health System and am a member of the Quality and Service and Human Resource Committee for Centegra Hospital system. I also serve as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Woodstock.

My wife and I have been in McHenry County for over 22 years and have watched Centegra grow and become a leader in this area for health care. I was honored to be asked to serve on the board over four years ago. Since then I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and understanding of our health care system and needs. ~~Most of all, I have come to respect the unyielding dedication and commitment of our physicians, nurses, executive team and all the Centegra's associates. The Centegra Health system has made significant financial contributions to the community in facilities, jobs and services and their commitment to quality care is unmatched.~~

With a background in planning and development, I understand the need for providing convenience and balance for a growing population. Health care in the right location is fundamental to servicing that growth. Logic would dictate that you identify service gaps in the market and locate them in areas that will be best served. In my opinion, Mercy Hospital request to locate in Crystal Lake would provide an oversaturation of beds and overlapping services. However, Centegra's proposed location in Huntley is ideally situated to provide the greatest opportunity to deliver care in one of the fastest growing areas of the state. We are already seeing highway and infrastructure improvements being put in place to handle the planned residential and commercial growth in Southern McHenry and Northern Kane, not to mention the already built in need to service Del Webb's age restricted community. Planning ahead to meet those health care needs are imperative. In my opinion, ~~Centegra's vision and strategy is right on target.~~

*a new hospital in Crystal Lake would not effectively meet the needs*  
As a resident, businessman and as a member of our community health care governing body, ~~I would like to go on the record to support Centegra Health System and its request to build a the Centegra-Huntley hospital. Thank you.~~ *popper*

Sincerely,  
  
Jack Porter  
President

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*of the residents of  
Southern McHenry and  
Northern Kane Counties,*

*the application  
of Mercy Alliance to  
establish a new hospital  
in Crystal Lake in  
Project No. 10-089.*

**Kathy Powell**  
**Centegra Board of Governors**  
**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project 10--090**

I am Kathy Powell, and I am a firm supporter of Project 10 – 090.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, I learned about this project several months ago. The time, effort and detailed preparation that went into the plans were immediately apparent. This proposal was not thrown together in a day and has been well thought out. It's the result of many years of studying the population, demographics, residents and their medical needs. All, in a region that the Centegra Health Care System knows very well.

There is no doubt that Centegra Health System understands McHenry County. The hospital system has had a presence in the county for more than 100 years. We have grown as the needs of the community have grown and today we stand ready to take the next step in providing for the medical needs of our area residents.

As we know, Centegra's efforts to provide care in southern McHenry County began more than 5 years ago. Since then, thousands of residents from Huntley and the surrounding communities use the Immediate Care Center on Centegra's Huntley campus. Right now, urgent care patients who require the services of an acute care hospital need to be transferred elsewhere. A hospital on the Huntley campus would eliminate this challenge, bringing comprehensive services close to home in a growing population.

Centegra administration has worked tirelessly for thousands of hours to clearly culminate a strong application that meets the Board's rules. It addresses the needs identified by the state for Planning Area A-10. There is no better health system than Centegra to fulfill this need.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley and appreciate the opportunity to share my view. Thank you.

LEO A. REYES, M.D.,P.C.  
715 W. Judd St. Woodstock Illinois 60098  
Telephone (815) 338-5940

My name is Leo A. Reyes, the first formally trained Pediatrician and General Practitioner to establish permanently and still practicing in Woodstock since 1972. I have been on the active medical staff of CHS for 39 years, served as its President, chairman in my specialties, numerous committees and was a member of CHS Board of Governors. I was the co-creator of McHenry County's Well Child & Immunization Clinics, the first Medical Director of McHenry County's Valley Hi Nursing Home, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Home Health, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Skilled Nursing Facility and the first Medical Director of Centegra's Utilization Management.

Led by Mr. Michael Eesley 9 years ago, then the new President and CEO, Centegra made a commitment to serve with genuine respect, passionate caring and joyful spirit.

Physicians are the dominant decision makers when it comes to choosing hospitals and services for the care of their patients. In a marketplace that finds physicians increasingly competing rather than collaborating with hospitals, through physician-owned facilities offering profitable services once exclusively enjoyed by hospitals, it is critical that hospitals make physician satisfaction and communication a top strategic priority. I can tell you that Centegra Health System recognizes that priority and has shown outstanding efforts in strengthening physician relations, increasing opportunities for collaboration, moving market share through enhanced referral networks, increasing revenue and building physician preference for its hospitals.

Seven years ago our daughter from Oswego,IL gave birth to our first grandchild a blond blue eyed girl at Centegra. We were hooked on her and Centegra.

I have been all over this country and the world. I can tell you that Centegra's associates from housekeeping, nursing to directors, its Administration from the Board of Governors, VPs to the President, facilities, equipments and doctors all will stack up to the best of them in everything.

A patient will come to me in sickness and in health. They have choices but they will usually go to where I will send them. You can forget modern medical technology, you can forget a gleaming hospital and you can even forget the weather but you must remember the good people of Centegra.

One is only as good as one is available. Centegra is not only good but is also available. And now please welcome CHS to the Huntley neighborhood.



# Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. Based on this, I believe there is a need for a full-service hospital in this area.

The Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District provides not only traditional fire and rescue services to our District, but also paramedic ambulance service including transport to the nearest hospital. A new hospital facility constructed at the proposed site would significantly improve the transport time for many critically ill or injured patients from our District. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I support and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Rynders, Fire Chief  
1020 West Algonquin Road  
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

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**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**  
**Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

Kevin Rynderas  
Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District  
Village of Lake in the Hills

My name is Kevin Rynderas and I am the Chief of the fire protection district for the Villages of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin. I am here this morning to voice my support for the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley

My department currently serves nearly 60,000 residents, and quick, local access to medical care is an integral part of what we provide. Last year, our department responded to more than XX calls (add other stats?)

In our job, the time it takes to access medical care is critical, and the current long travel times and indirect access to existing facilities puts our residents at risk.

As a part of EMS Region IX, our closest hospital to the south is on average 20 minutes away and the closest hospital to the north is often longer. If the proposed hospital in Huntley is built it will be about half the distance—only 5 miles away. Having immediate access to life-saving care is critical to the job of our team and why we support this project.

In addition to the patient care benefits, shorter trips to and from the hospital will free up our vehicles and personnel faster to the benefit of our local residents. It's important to understand, that our travel time is not just the time it takes to respond to a call and transport the individual to an emergency room, it is also the time it takes us to return and put our personnel and vehicles back in service.

The Lake in the Hills and Algonquin communities are growing, and the area we serve is much larger than it was just a few years ago. In just six years our population has grown by over 13,000 people, resulting in more frequent emergency calls and greater medical needs.

I know that the towns of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin and would greatly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley. I know I speak for my emergency responder colleagues when I say that a new hospital in Huntley is imperative to the health and care of area residents and to maintaining a timely, cost-efficient operations emergency.

For these reasons, I ask this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley and bring much needed local medical care to a growing community.

**Kathy Kozak, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Hello, my name is Kathy Kozak. I am the Group Fitness Manager for Health Bridge Fitness Center, both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley! There is a great need for a hospital in southern McHenry County/ northern Kane County.

Since we opened our Huntley location in 2008, the people of the area have filled our Fitness Center. They come from all walks of life and in many shapes and sizes. Some of our exercisers are there to maintain and improve their fitness levels, and others come to us for life-changing advice as they strive toward a healthier, happier lifestyle. We offer fitness classes, nutrition counseling, aquatics, sports facilities, activities for children and families and a spa to help people relax their minds and indulge their bodies in a healthy way.

The success of Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Huntley comes from Centegra's goal to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities we serve. It is clear to all of us at HealthBridge that the people of the Huntley region were just waiting for the opportunity to live more active lifestyles, and Centegra met the needs of the community by building the Centegra Campus in Huntley.

I'm especially excited when I see the young families of the area who visit Health Bridge together. The parents are setting positive examples for their children, and I believe those kids will grow up to be healthier than the previous generation. This wouldn't be possible without Centegra's impact on the community. From our CEO to the Associates who work at Health Bridge, we consistently demonstrate our commitment to the region's overall wellness.

Personally, my parents live in Del Webb Huntley and use Centegra for their wellness needs. My in-laws live in Algonquin and work out at Health Bridge in Huntley. I live in Algonquin. My entire family deserves a hospital closer to our homes.

Making Centegra Hospital - Huntley another part of the Huntley Campus would complete the continuum of care we have already begun to provide to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I am proud to be a part of Centegra's Huntley campus and deeply believe that Centegra is the best health system and Huntley is the best location for a new hospital.

**Bonnie Saban in Support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Good Morning/Afternoon. My name is Bonnie Saban and I am a long time resident of McHenry County. I am the Manager of Volunteer Services and Patient Express for Centegra Health System. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and am the coordinator of the State of Illinois-Senior Health Insurance Program sponsored and supported by Centegra. I also served for several years as the President of the McHenry County Task Force on Aging.

I would like to speak to you today on behalf of the aging community of McHenry County. A demographic study done by the Metro Chicago Information Center and Northwestern University forecasts that, of Chicago's five collar counties, McHenry County will experience the most dramatic growth in their senior population between the years of 2000 and 2020. Our county can expect to see a 66% increase in seniors with the next largest increase of 60%, taking place in Kane County.

Sun City Huntley, the largest 55+ community in the Midwest, straddles the McHenry and Kane county lines and is home to more than 9,000 seniors. That number includes my parents, Lloyd and Bette Miller. As they have aged it has become more and more important that health care services are easily accessible. In fact, the demographic study mentioned earlier, found that 84% of participants cited the availability of quality medical care as the most important aspect of their community.

Centegra Health System has consistently worked to identify the healthcare needs of the community and then provide for those needs. The purchase of property on Haligus Rd and the subsequent construction of the Immediate Care Center, Centegra Primary Care and Healthbridge Fitness Center is an example of that commitment. Construction of a hospital at the Haligus location clearly best meets the needs of the aging community of McHenry and Kane County.

I would like to encourage you to approve Centegra Health System's application for the construction of Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today.

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**

Jerry Sagona, Village Administrator  
Village of Lake in the Hills

Good morning. I'm reading this testimony on behalf of Village President Ed Plaza. I am the Village Administrator for the town of Lake in the Hills. Our community lies in southern McHenry County and we have a growing population of over 30,000 people. The location of the proposed hospital in Huntley is ideal for our townspeople, as we fall within its primary service vicinity and have a growing need for accessible healthcare.

As with any new addition serving our community, we want to ensure that a new hospital will act as a partner to the residents of Lake in the Hills, not merely a business. I strongly support this project because Centegra has already proven its commitment our community and our residents.

Centegra has a well-kept, established Huntley campus with a state-of-the-art fitness center and physician offices. Its Immediate Care facility provides timely, high-quality treatment for our surrounding area and has served as a necessary go-to for those with less serious medical needs. Many Lake in the Hills residents choose the Huntley campus for their routine health and wellness needs.

Centegra's Huntley campus is the right place to build a new hospital—already operating as a functioning, integral part of our community. In addition, the new hospital will provide hundreds of construction and thousands of permanent jobs to sustain and foster the economic growth of our communities, which is vital to our expanding population. The indirect economic development benefits to all of the neighboring communities is critical to keeping our businesses strong, our residents employed and our towns growing.

Lake in the Hills has seen tremendous growth over the past decade, like so many of our neighbors in McHenry County. Projections for future growth are just as strong with 10% increase in our community population in just the next 4 years.

Clearly, the proposal for a new hospital comes at a time of growth, drawing a need for greater, localized access to medical care. Southern McHenry County is medically underserved and a new hospital in Huntley will help to meet that need.

The Centegra healthcare system has invested in our community, and I strongly believe that a new hospital in Huntley will bring a sustaining partnership and a vital economic boost to our area.

The community needs this hospital, and so I ask that the board lend its support. Thank you.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Connie Secor

**Address:** 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152

**Company:** Centegra Health System

**Title:** Director, Surgical Services

My name is Connie Secor. As the Director of Surgical Services for Centegra Health System and as a community member living in Marengo, I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley.

Centegra Health System's Surgical Services departments provide comprehensive services for both ambulatory and in-patient populations for the communities of McHenry County and beyond. Performing nearly 14,000 surgical procedures annually, our combined 15 operating rooms serve more than 110 surgeons, covering more than 15 different service line specialties. These service lines include our open heart program at the Centegra Hospital - McHenry campus and a weight loss surgery program at our Centegra Hospital – Woodstock campus. We are proud to say that our weight loss surgery program has been designated as a Bariatric Center of Excellence from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

In addition, our ancillary service areas provide combined visits of more than 16,000 annually in our Endoscopy and Ambulatory Treatment Departments. These service areas play a critical role in the provision of care to citizens throughout McHenry County and surrounding communities. We are very proud of the excellent care we provide and that our associates remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our patients.

As a community member, I am very excited that Centegra is building upon its excellence and continues to bring important medical services to the communities in need. Thank you for your time and consideration of this much needed hospital and the many services it can bring to the community.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Sheila Senn

Address: 148 Glenbrook Trail McHenry IL 60050

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Behavioral Health Services

### **Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as an Associate of the health system, as a resident of McHenry County and as an advocate for those who suffer from Mental and substance abuse illnesses. During my 15 years with Centegra, it has been my calling to care for those individuals who are marginalized and underserved and work toward the reduction of stigma associated with Mental Illness and substance abuse.

I am proud to be a part of Centegra Health System as this organization shares these same values. While other hospitals have chosen to reduce or entirely eliminate Behavioral Health Services, Centegra has maintained services for those in need in our community. The decisions to maintain such services have been made exclusively on the basis of what our community needs not on the impact to our financial bottom line which incidentally is negative. In the spirit of our mission to serve our community, we have partnered with other community agencies to coordinate services and meet the changing needs of McHenry County. A recent example is our involvement with the suicide taskforce in McHenry County. It saddens me to report to you today that the number of residents who have ended their lives by suicide in this past year has doubled since 2008. As the number of suicides mounted last year, we worked with many community agencies to offer free education to our residents related to suicide prevention. We educated our physicians and Associates regarding the group most at risk and common signs and symptoms.

I think most of us would agree that the past few years have been some of the most economically and emotionally challenging for our country and our community. Unemployment and foreclosures have taken a toll on our community at the same time that access and resources for Mental health and substance abuse services have been seriously diminished. Though there has been a complete elimination of support from the state for acute psychiatric services, we have maintained our acute care services. Acute psychiatric services are not optional services, they are essential and should not be compromised. These services are a person's very last option. They are provided when nothing else will

do to insure the safety of the individual or others. We continue to care for people because it is consistent with our mission and simply, the right thing to do.

The Huntley hospital will provide an additional access point for people to seek entry into the most appropriate level of mental health or substance abuse services. We provide truly integrated and informed services to our community. I am very proud to be a part of such a sophisticated approach to care. I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those we serve.

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My name is David Shinherr and I'm a Woodstock resident and Executive Director of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Centegra Health System.

Centegra's orthopaedic surgeons have advanced education in their areas of expertise and integrate the latest orthopaedic treatments to provide our patients the best quality care. We offer advanced procedures to treat injuries and problems of the hand, shoulder, back, hip, knee, and foot. The surgeons on our medical staff deliver new approaches to hip replacement, knee replacement and finger joint replacement and spinal surgery.

In addition to outstanding orthopedic care Centegra Health System offers the complete continuum of rehabilitation services. From skilled nursing and home health care to outpatient therapy, Centegra is committed to providing McHenry County with the best rehabilitative care. One thing that I think is important to note is the fact that Centegra Health System maintains the only Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit in McHenry County, which allows patients to rehabilitate following a brain injury either from a stroke or trauma close to home. Centegra also operates the Neuro-Rehab Center a very unique clinic in Crystal Lake which is essentially the outpatient version of the acute inpatient unit where patient continue their progress in order to return to the highest level of function following these life altering disease processes. This is one of only five similar clinics in the entire state of Illinois.

Because of my background in chiropractic care, I was also thrilled when Centegra added chiropractic medicine to the Centegra Orthopaedic Care continuum. The addition of complimentary and alternative medicine as part of the patients "health care team" insures collaboration amongst the patients primary care physician and ancillary providers is another way Centegra provides outstanding care to our patients.

At Centegra Hospital - Huntley, Centegra Orthopaedic Services will continue to provide the highest levels of treatment and care through a complete continuum of specialized orthopaedic and rehabilitative programs and services for people of all ages.



Hello I'm Rita Slawek, President and CEO of the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce. I represent more than 320 business members and their employees and I support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.

Centegra Health System is an Executive Club Member of our Chamber, and has consistently provided the highest level of support to the community and our Chamber.

The Chamber and its Members encourage the expansion and retention of area businesses. We also work closely with the Village of Huntley and other community organizations to attract reputable businesses and organizations in an effort to generate employment opportunities and continue the economic growth and development of our community.

Our chamber works hard to promote the area's economic growth and supports our business community members. This Centegra hospital project makes great business sense. It has been thoroughly planned to meet the healthcare needs of our growing and aging community.

Full-service hospital services are needed in the southern McHenry County area and Centegra has the health system best suited to provide these services.

With a Sun City Huntley senior community in excess of 9,000 residents, the hospital will be a huge benefit to this population. For some of these residents, the distance it takes to currently get to a hospital may be the difference between life and death.

I choose life and I hope you choose to support the life of this project.

Thank you.

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**Erin Smith, Village President of the Village of Lakewood  
Support of Project #10-090**

Good Afternoon. My name is Erin Smith and I am happy to share with you my excitement for a new hospital serving southern McHenry County.

I am proud to serve Lakewood and its more than 3,500 residents as Village President. Lakewood is a unique place with many benefits, including wetlands, bike paths, local businesses and a true sense of community. As president, I am committed to furthering our residents' quality of life today and in the future. A new hospital in Huntley will do just that.

We find ourselves in a unique moment. As the rest of the country recovers from the recent recession, we have seen a remarkable growth in our area's population. With that excitement comes the responsibility to provide the services that helps keep a community vibrant. Health care, of course, is a critical service that must be accessible.

Together with many of our neighboring communities' we have seen demand for inpatient and emergency services exceed what is available to them. With the growth we have experienced in recent years also comes congestion, infrastructure challenges and a greater need for core human services.

Our area is one of the only in the state of Illinois that faces a bed shortage at current hospitals, and our population growth points to the need for more access. This proposal would provide 128 additional beds, a dedicated Women's Center, and non-invasive cardiology services among many other needed treatment and services. This proposal is clearly a forward-thinking project that will bring a hospital directly to where it is most needed.

The Village of Lakewood falls in the proposed hospital's primary service area. What that means to the community I serve is greater access to health care as well as shorter travel time for residents and emergency vehicles. All of these are of the utmost importance to me and the Lakewood residents.

In addition, I am confident that the proposed hospital will provide Lakewood residents with quality care. Centegra has already shown Lakewood and McHenry County that it is indeed a true community partner by providing excellent health care through its hospitals in McHenry and Woodstock and its newly expanded Huntley campus.

As we hear at the local and national levels, access to health care must be a priority in every one of our communities. I urge you to help provide that access to the community I represent by approving Centegra's proposal for a new hospital in Huntley. This project is needed and is the right investment for our community.

Thank you.

**Berni Szczepanski**  
**In Support of Project #10-090**  
**Public Hearing Speech**  
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You heard earlier about our confidence in being able to staff this new facility-- about how our retention demonstrates our ability to attract and retain staff.

Indeed the retention rate of 95.8% is impressive. What contributes to this? Centegra commits to its Associates—to their success and satisfaction. We commit to developing great leaders, creating a pipeline for healthcare professionals, and providing Associates with the Total Rewards they value.

Centegra is committed to being a learning organization. Our Leadership Development program is tied to our strategic objectives and is driven by the Leaders themselves. Our curriculum, tools and resources are built on our leaders needs. Our best in class program combines external speakers, internal talent, hands on tools, and facilitated small group highly—interactive sessions to deliver over 48 hours of Leadership Development programming per year. The skills introduced in the sessions are then further supported with an on-line Leader Resource site and a unique one-on-one coaching program.

We support our leaders—and they in turn support their staff and our community. Our leaders participate in Leadership Greater McHenry County—a program designed to develop community leader awareness, skill, and collaboration. In fact, the program was developed by Centegra and 29 Centegra leaders have graduated from the program. Those Leaders then go on to serve on numerous community boards and further share their skills in helping both non-profit and for-profit community organizations in strategic planning.

Our commitment in developing a consistent pipeline of healthcare talent is evident through the many unique programs implemented by Centegra. The **Student Nurse Shadowing Program** was created last year in response to the decrease in nursing jobs available for new graduates and provides nursing students the opportunity to experience our work place culture.

For six years, The **Healthcare Career Fair** inspires and educates thousands of 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the exciting careers of healthcare professionals, through an interactive wonderland of simulated surgeries and futuristic pharmacy.

Centegra proposed and authored a three credit course, **Health Profession Career Exploration**, offered through McHenry County College which is held at Centegra Hospitals. Students explore government defined healthcare paths via testimonials from Centegra associates, tours of units, job shadowing and skills exploration.

Centegra serves hundreds of clinical students from over 40 different colleges every year. Although many healthcare systems have clinical rotations few have a **Red Carpet Clinical Rotation Program**. It provides students with a warm and welcoming learning environment that features a comprehensive orientation, enthused and engaged mentors, leader rounding of students and student feedback gathered by a quantitative tool.

The **Student Nurse Internship Program** provides a learning experience specifically designed to enhance the student's confidence as a practitioner post graduation with our unique, multi-tiered program and varied opportunities to further advance clinical skills and develop expertise within a chosen specialty.

Finally, we commit to the well-being of each of our 3700 Associates. Our benefits and compensation philosophy, called Total Rewards@Work, is to tailor benefits to each Associate's unique needs. Our Total Rewards philosophy is based on competitive salary and benefits, workplace culture and development. At Centegra we focus on the Associate personally and professionally. For the busy Associate that is managing work-life balance, we offer a concierge service providing dry cleaning, oil changes, video rental, gift cards and much more.

Our commitment to our leaders, our community, our future workforce, and to each and every Associate is what makes Centegra a great place to work. It is also what will support us in our efforts to extend our great healthcare to Huntley.

**Testimony of Dee Tallon in favor of Centegra Health System's application for a CON  
Project #10-090**

Good Morning. My name is Dee Tallon. I am the clinical manager of OB at our Woodstock campus, and most recently named Interim nurse leader. I'd like to share with you why Centegra Health System is not only an excellent healthcare provider -- it is also an outstanding employer to our Associates. My own experiences as both a Centegra Associate and a leader have overwhelmed me with warmth, spurred me to grow and have helped me maintain a healthy balance between my career and my family life.

I was welcomed as a new nurse leader just 13 months ago. Before joining Centegra, I was living in Kentucky. I remember being surprised when I received our new leader welcome package from Centegra Health System Chief Executive Officer Michael S. Eesley at my home just days after accepting their offer. The package included a nice welcome letter from Mike, a DVD that talked about Centegra's values, and a nice leather binder. It was such a nice welcome before I even arrived. My husband is the dean of a business college, and he was impressed, too! Perhaps a bit jealous since he has never been treated this way.

On my first day at the Family Birth Center, I was welcomed with a breakfast by the staff and physicians. Staff members made a scrapbook including pictures of them and their stories, so I could immediately get to know my team. The welcome was overwhelming. Since my husband still lived in Kentucky, I remember calling him to share I felt like they'd rolled out the red carpet for me. I have been a nurse leader for more than 15 years and I can tell you that Centegra's culture is completely unique. I have time to build relationships and see how happy Associates provide better patient care. I am so impressed with this staff. This is by far the best group of people I've ever worked with. Throughout the hospitals, people have smiles on their faces and acknowledge each other.

As a nurse, I appreciate how hands-on caregivers are asked to contribute to process improvement at Centegra. They take part in shared governance, which calls on the expertise of the nurses to improve practices and quality of care. I feel accepted, secure and confident in my role at Centegra Health System because of Centegra's supportive work environment. I love coming to work each day. I always want to tell my team and the people I report to, "Thank you for allowing me to bring my joyful spirit to work." When I think about extending the exceptional level of Centegra care to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, I get so excited I get goose bumps! I whole-heartedly support Centegra's plan and am ready to welcome 1,100 new Associates to our culture of excellence.

Matt Towler, Vice President of Support Services  
Centegra Health System  
Support of Project #10-090

Hello... I am Matthew Towler and I am the Vice President of Support Services for Centegra Health System.

My role within Centegra includes providing oversight and support to the operations teams that facilitate our construction services. If the Centegra proposal for Centegra Hospital – Huntley is approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, I will oversee the construction and occupancy of the new hospital.

This is very exciting for the people who reside in McHenry and Kane counties and are in need of improved access to Centegra's healthcare services. The planning and development of the new hospital facility has been in process since the purchase of land in 2006. The new facility will be a necessary part of our plan to fulfill the Centegra mission to provide wellness for people in the communities we serve.

The bid process will utilize criteria of Financial Cost, Relevant Healthcare Experience, Relationship with Centegra and Alignment to Centegra's Mission, Vision, and Values, which will be competitively evaluated from the pool of respondents. Our philosophy is to make it a priority to hire skilled laborers and tradesmen from the communities we serve. Through the hospital construction process we look to create more than 800 jobs in the construction-related fields. These jobs have an estimated economic impact of \$152 million on area communities, with an anticipated additional \$45 million to be generated from the professional salaries and commercial sales that would be needed to support the construction work.

This is a very exciting time for me. To have the privilege to provide leadership to this project is a true honor. I look forward to the opportunity to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Thank you.

**Nancy Turngren, Manager of Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley  
In Favor of Project #10-090**

My name is Nancy Turngren, and I currently manage of the Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley, an active living community of more than 10,000 seniors. Sun City is located in Kane County just north of I-90 just west of Route 47 in Huntley.

With the Sun City residents in mind, I strongly support the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090). The location to our facility is ideal, and in addition, Centegra is already a valued wellness partner within the Sun City community.

As an active-living senior residence community, many in Sun City are healthier and stronger than their peers. Clearly however, the medical needs of an aging population only increase as the years pass. Easy access to a quality health care, particularly for a senior community is imperative.

The proposed location of the new hospital is only minutes from Sun City. Many residents in fact already visit doctors and immediate care facility on the Centegra Huntley campus. An extension to a full-service acute care hospital within minutes of this community of senior citizens would be a blessing.

Sun City has had the pleasure of truly partnering with Centegra to provide residents with much of the wellness care they need. The Centegra name is one many know and trust. Through the wellness center in Sun City, Centegra provides health screenings, customized nutrition counseling, home safety assessments, health assessments and a wide variety of community health lectures.

Since the Wellness Center opened in [year], residents have responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback. In fact, this feedback and the demand for more quality wellness services led to the extension of the center's hours and the expansion of available services. Now our residents have access to more in-depth services such as blood testing, osteoporosis screenings and behavioral health services, among others.

The Sun City residents would certainly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley, and particularly, one that would be operated by such a community partner. I encourage this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley. I look forward to the access that a new hospital in Huntley would afford the Sun City community.

Thank you.

**Marianna Wolfmeyer**  
**3428 W. Skyway Drive, McHenry, IL 60050**  
**Support letter for Centegra Hospital-Huntley #10-090**

My name is Marianna Wolfmeyer and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and Chaplain for Centegra Health System providing care through the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

Centegra is committed to caring for people holistically - body, mind and spirit – a part of which is providing support services and opportunities to meet emotional and spiritual care needs. Counseling, care and support are offered in various forms throughout our system to associates, patients, families and groups at no cost. More often than not, I meet with people in difficult and challenging times which are filled with anxiety and distress. For example, after a cancer diagnosis or recurrence. When enduring difficult treatment and/or side effects. When facing end of life. At death and through bereavement. When I meet with people and they realize that they can receive support services at no cost, they are not only surprised (because as many often say, “Really, this just doesn’t happen in today’s world - nothing is free!”) but sometimes they just cry, expressing real gratitude for receiving services that they know they need, but can’t pay for. I am so proud to work for a health care system that not only talks about its interest in and responsibility for community health and wellness, but more importantly acts, by committing real resources and money despite challenging financial times, to employ me and others, including counselors, social workers and chaplains who in caring for people in very difficult emotional and spiritual times, profoundly impact community health and wellness for the better.

Centegra seeks to be flexible and adaptive in response to community needs. For example, recognizing that the needs of cancer survivors along the continuum of care could be further enhanced, an education and support program for men living with prostate cancer was recently begun in Huntley. Additionally the needs of cancer survivors post treatment are now being addressed through a program called Cancer Transitions, a six week research based program focusing on fitness, nutrition, and emotional and medical management. We are also excited about two grants from the City of Hope recently awarded to staff at Centegra Sage Cancer Center for training this spring, that will facilitate additional types of support services and programming for patients and caregivers. Centegra’s mission, vision and values exhibit a real commitment to health and wellness. We will continue meeting our community’s needs as we move toward future expansion.

**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090; Huntley-Centegra Hospital  
Rick Zirk—Village President, Village of Gilberts  
February 16, 2011**

Hello, my name is Rick Zirk. I am the Village President of Gilberts, Illinois, and I am here today to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090).

Gilberts is a relatively small village of just under 10,000 residents, but like its surrounding communities, Gilberts has continued to grow rapidly throughout the recession and our growth is expected to continue.

Population projections through 2015 cite an increase in Gilberts residents by 11.7 percent . With this scenario repeating itself throughout southern McHenry and northern Kane Counties, travel times to area hospitals is growing exceedingly long. We cannot continue to rely on distant surrounding communities to provide the vital services we need, such as healthcare.

Centegra has long had a reputation as a top notch healthcare system, and they stand as the provider of choice for many in our community. They are very well positioned to bring about the next evolution of care—a fully comprehensive community hospital—as a seamless, natural progression from its existing Huntley campus.

Gilberts is not one of the largest communities in Kane County, but we are situated among them. Along with the surrounding towns we will benefit economically, but the medical advantages we will gain are imperative. Our area needs more beds, and I am behind Centegra's proposal to fill this gap and provide medical care to my residents.

I strongly urge approval for Centegra Hospital Huntley. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR SUSAN MILFORD  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning, I am Susan Milford, the Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing, Planning and Wellness Services at Centegra Health System.

I would like to tell you how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital - Huntley meets the CON Rules regarding Bed Need and Service Demand based on Rapid Population Growth.

McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, known as A-10. The Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued "Bed Need Determinations" through 2015. The current monthly "Revised Bed Need Determinations" indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Med-cal-Surgical/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds in 2015.

The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County has a rapidly increasing population, among the highest in Illinois.

Because of the rapidly growing population in McHenry County as well as in the market area that we identified for this hospital, we were able to project the demand for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service based upon rapid population growth in the target market area, as specified in the CON Rules. This review criterion permits us to document population growth based upon population projections that may extend as much as 10 years from the date the CON application is submitted.

The second full year of operation of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not occur until mid-2018. Although that will be several years later than the most recent Adjusted Bed Need figures, it was possible to determine Calculated (Adjusted) Bed Need for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service for mid-2018 using the State's own methodology that was used to calculate the 2015 Bed Need figures.

We found that the State's Bed Need Determination will show a need for 104 additional Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds by mid-2018 due to the rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This is 21 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds more than shown in the current "Revised Bed Need Determinations."



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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Subject: Project #: 10-090 – Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois to support the approval of Centegra Health System's Certificate of Need for a new hospital in Huntley.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois is the largest provider of hospice and palliative care services in our region, which encompasses Boone, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties. Our agency has provided quality end-of-life care to area residents for 27 years and has developed one of the largest grief support programs in the State of Illinois. Several years ago, we partnered with Centegra in the development of an inpatient hospice program located at Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock to provide end-of-life care to clients for whom hospice care at home is not an option. Centegra's commitment to all aspects of the healthcare continuum for the residents of McHenry County was key in the decision-making process for that partnership, and the decision to build a new hospital in Huntley underscores that commitment.

I fully support the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's approval of this Certificate of Need. Centegra Hospital-Huntley will benefit our clients and their families by improving access to quality healthcare. Our support of this project is also in harmony with our mission to enhance life by providing dignified, compassionate care and guidance to those coping with loss and the end of life.

Sincerely,

Anne B. Miller  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Hospice and Palliative Care for Northeastern Illinois  
Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care  
405 Lake Zurich Road  
Barrington, Illinois 60010

**Angela McAuley**  
**Centegra Hospital-Huntley -- Support**  
**Project # 10-090**

My name is Angela McAuley, and I am here to share my support for Centegra's plans for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. There is no doubt that this application meets the state's rules for approval. And what I can best speak to are the impressive elements of this project and the character of the health system that is proposing it.

As a current Centegra Board member and a former employee for more than three decades, I have a deep understanding of healthcare and how it has changed over the years. Women's health, in particular, has always been of interest to me. This proposal includes plans for a dedicated Women's Center with a separate entrance. I cannot think of a better resource for my granddaughters as they grow up in the surrounding area.

A space devoted to women will help patients feel as comfortable as possible while undergoing tests and treatments that are rather uncomfortable in nature. Perhaps more importantly, it's a great way to advance collaboration among the medical practitioners who work with women. This is a terrific asset of the project, and it shows that Centegra truly is a forward-thinking health system. Dedicated Women's Centers are a relatively new idea in healthcare, and Centegra recognizes their value.

Through my positions with Centegra, I also understand the organization's unrelenting loyalty to the people it serves. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding communities deserve this level of commitment from a healthcare provider. I began my career at Centegra as a part-time nurse. In that role, I learned the "contagious" dedication that those who work for this organization have. The system's staff and leaders are involved in our community on a number of levels, and they carry a genuine respect and joyful spirit in whatever they do.

I support this project wholeheartedly and based on my understanding of the state rules, I believe that this proposal meets those rules for approval.

Thank you.



Letter of Support

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. The fact is, hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides.

Centegra has long been committed to Huntley and the surrounding communities through outpatient services and other health services that have already been brought to the area. Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site.

As an Executive Director of a community based organization, I personally appreciate that, along with needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Signature Terry Legare Date 2/15/2011

Printed Name: Terry Legare, Executive Director, Lakeside Legacy Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 401 Country Club Road \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: Crystal Lake, IL 60014 \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Fernando Lamounier  
In Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley Project #10-090

I joined the staff at Centegra Health System last January and have worked with Cardiac Surgery Associates to provide the latest techniques for cardiothoracic surgery. I completed my thoracic surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center in 2006 and specialize in valve surgery.

My expertise complements the already impressive procedures performed at Centegra to improve the overall health and wellness of the McHenry County community. The first ever open heart surgery in McHenry County was performed at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, formerly known as Northern Illinois Medical Center, on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2006, when cardiac surgeons from Centegra performed bypass surgery on a female patient from Woodstock. That procedure inaugurated Centegra Health System's open heart surgery program.

Centegra partnered with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, four years ago to be the cardiovascular surgical team performing all of Centegra's cardiovascular procedures. The physicians of CSA have provided our patients with the highest quality cardiac care in the state. We continue to focus on new ways to bring the most state-of-the-art cardiac care right here to McHenry County. The expansion of our cardiothoracic program demonstrates the commitment of the entire Centegra family as we continue to make a difference in the communities we serve.

With this important service, patients and their families are receiving the care they need closer to home. Centegra's cardiovascular program includes three cardiac catheterization labs for angioplasty procedures and electrophysiology to help correct heart electrical problems, as well as Centegra's Heart Failure Clinic that coordinates a patient's care and reaches out to other agencies when needed. I fully support Centegra's proposal to further develop our heart program by offering additional services to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

**Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Public Hearing February 16, 2011**

My name is Judi Jefko, I serve as Director of Performance Improvement for Centegra Health System. I have had the pleasure of being a part of this great organization in serving our community for 32 years. As part of the Centegra Healthcare Team, the patient and their family are at the heart of all that we do each day. Over the years Centegra has shown an ongoing commitment to the community through expansion of services to ensure quality care can be received close to home. Several of the expanded services that offer the latest technology and procedures are cardiac, cancer, orthopedic and bariatric, along with a full continuum of outpatient services, home health, rehab, behavioral health and wound care.

The vision to expand an acute care hospital in Huntley again demonstrates Centegra's commitment to fulfill the community needs. In providing healthcare services, we have shown commitment to ensure safe, efficient, quality care. Centegra has always been a leader in participating in voluntary public reporting initiatives. Recently Centegra chose to take quality and safety to an even greater level by voluntarily reporting information to the Leapfrog Group. As the leading healthcare system in McHenry County, we are already committed to the quality and safety measures that we use to protect our patients and to improve the care we provide. We joined more than 1500 hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic that are volunteering patient outcome information. I am proud to join Centegra leaders in our shared belief that transparency provides information to the community and makes us a better healthcare system. Additionally Centegra has achieved certifications and accreditations in many areas to ensure gold standards of care are provided.

Not only have I had the honor of being part of the Centegra Healthcare Team for many years, I have also been a part of the community for 52 years and experienced the compassionate, quality care for myself and family. When my mother had a heart attack, the Centegra team saved her life following a cardiac arrest. She has received subsequent cardiac procedures and cardiac rehab that have maintained her active quality of life. Each of my family members have experienced a need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to provide the "very best", quality care by experienced, dedicated physicians, leaders and associates. I experienced a patient centered, collaborative team, showing compassionate care - a team I could trust.

I look forward to expanding this same quality of care for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Judi Jefko  
Director, Performance Improvement  
4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050

## **Lawrence Howell, Village of Lakewood Chief of Police**

My name is Lawrence Howell and I serve the Village of Lakewood as Chief of Police. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the construction and operation of a new hospital in Huntley. I encourage the board to also support this hospital and approve Project #10-090.

As Village President Erin Smith can tell you, Lakewood residents truly enjoy the quality of life they find in their community. We work hard to keep our community a safe and healthy place to live by protecting residents and also by providing access to the services they require.

From my experience, I can tell you that when fire and police services respond to emergencies, it is critical that their travel times be as short as possible. Our ability to deliver emergency service relies on our ability to arrive on the scene as quickly as possible and then transport a person just as fast. We know southern McHenry County lacks a full-service emergency facility. This is a void that must be filled.

For many years, area development was such that traveling to McHenry or Woodstock wasn't a big deal. It's clear to anyone traveling on 47 that those days are gone.

As Chief of Police, I am committed to keeping Lakewood a safe and healthy place to live and work. I am joined by other public servants here today whose job is to both serve and protect. We must be willing to do both if we want a productive and vibrant community. In this instance, serving our community means providing the access to health care that is certainly in demand. I ask this board to help open further access to health care in McHenry County.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the proposed hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.



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January 18, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090.

As a large employer in McHenry County, we have partnered with Centegra for over a decade. The support and service they provide for our business and the well-being of our employees has been outstanding.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides. Centegra has long been committed to our community through outpatient services and other health services such as worksite wellness. In addition to the health care services Centegra would provide with a new facility, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare that this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Lon D. Hollis  
Vice President – Human Resources

# Surgical Associates of Fox Valley

General, Vascular, Laparoscopic, Oncologic & Bariatric Surgery

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## Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital - Huntley

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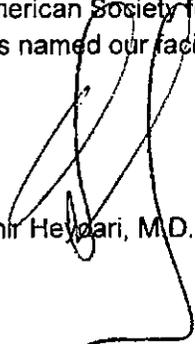
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The Centegra Weight-Loss Surgery Center offers a multidisciplinary approach to significant weight loss for people when all other attempts at weight loss have failed. We use a comprehensive approach to the whole person that combines surgery with behavior-based counseling, exercise and nutritional counseling to achieve the most effective results possible. After surgery, we provide support groups that encourage patients to follow the program to achieve their weight loss goals. Our bariatric program is unique in its approach to the care of the morbidly obese patient. We are the area's leading bariatric surgery program because we have a multidisciplinary clinic that combines the expertise of dietitians, mental health clinicians, exercise physiologists and other healthcare professionals. Our minimally-invasive surgery procedures include laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding (LapBand and Realize Band) and laparoscopic gastric sleeve. We also perform surgical revisions for patients whose gastric bypass surgeries at other facilities have caused complications. Blue Cross and Blue Shield has designated Centegra Hospital-Woodstock as a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery. To date, only 230 facilities nationwide have received a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery designation. We are also designated as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, and Aetna Insurance Company has named our facility as an Institute of Quality for Bariatric Surgery.

  
Amir Heydari, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Gina Heinz in support of Project #10-090

Hello, my name is Gina Heinz, I am the manager of the cardiac cath lab at Centegra Hospital – McHenry. Since the early 1990s, Centegra Health System has been performing cardiac catheterization at Centegra Hospital – McHenry. The program has grown and expanded to include three state-of-the-art cath labs capable of providing the highest-quality procedures. With the support of highly skilled cardiologists, electrophysiologists and clinical staff, Centegra can offer diagnostic caths, angioplasty and electrophysiology procedures that provide the community with full spectrum cardiovascular care. The procedures provided by the cath lab are used to diagnose and treat a number of heart conditions, such as coronary heart disease, valve disease, and cardiac arrhythmias. At Centegra there is heart in the healing, rehabilitation and nurturing of every patient we serve. Residents can feel confident in our comprehensive prevention and wellness programs, access to the most advanced medical technology and the impressive heart surgery options available to them right here in McHenry County. With the addition of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, many more residents will have greater access to this full spectrum of cardiovascular care.

Thank you.

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project 10-090**  
**Testimonial**  
**Illinois Health Facilities & Services Planning Board**  
**February 16, 2011**

Crystal Lake Orthopedics

My name is Edward Grogg; I am the Executive Director of Crystal Lake Orthopedics. Crystal Lake Orthopedics is a five physician orthopedic group with our main office in Crystal Lake and a newly opened office in Huntley. We provide orthopedic services for over 4,000 patients a year and capture approximately 30% of the orthopedic market in McHenry County. Our surgeons use the latest technology providing sub-specialty services for knees, hips, shoulders, hands, wrists, and spine.

In 2009 we decided to open an office in Huntley because of the population growth in southern McHenry County, including the consistent growth in the Dell Webb development. Patient demand from McHenry County and northern Kane County residents was vital in our decision-making process to open a Huntley office. Patients wanted to see our physicians but did not like traveling to the northeast side of Crystal Lake, especially when their post-op and therapy schedules require 2 to 3 visits per week. We have found the same mentality holds true for selecting the hospital they prefer for surgery, especially from patients south of Algonquin Rd. in Huntley. These patients struggle with going north to Woodstock and even more so going further northeast to McHenry. We opened our Huntley office in June 2010 and have seen steady growth in patient volumes each month. It is my belief that if a hospital were built in Huntley, the majority of our Huntley (and surrounding area, including Hampshire, Marengo, and Lake In The Hills/Algonquin) patients would choose to stay in Huntley for their care.

To conclude, Crystal Lake Orthopedics has made a significant strategic and financial investment in the southern and western market of McHenry County. We have had a terrific and appreciative response from our patients needing orthopedic care. We expect the demand to continue to grow as our practice matures and gains more traction in the market. A new hospital in Huntley would only enhance our growth because fewer patients would leave the county for surgical services. Therefore, we encourage the Board to approve Centegra's Certificate of Need for this project.

LYNN GRIESMAIER RN MS FOR PROJECT #10-090  
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WE have a problem in McHenry County. Our county has women who are diagnosed at a later stage of breast cancer than almost all other counties in IL. We diagnose about 3-4 women a week. From age 26 to 93, rural to neighborhood, fit to not so fit women. The profile isn't set. It can happen to any woman. Centegra has recognized the severity of this situation and has implemented an action plan to address it. We have taken the lead on establishing the first Comprehensive Breast Health Program in McHenry County. Following National Standards for Breast Programs, we are providing access for all women to come forward to have state of the art digital mammography, breast ultrasound and MRI. We provide onsite radiologists who meet with every patient who comes to us with a breast issue. We then provide a multidisciplinary approach under the direction of our 2 medical directors, that allows a patient to benefit from the expertise of all our breast specialists to help manage through their very personal journey back to health.

Even my role as the only Breast Health Navigator in McHenry County, is an indication of how sensitive Centegra is to meeting the needs of very fearful women facing one of the biggest challenges of their lives, knowing they have a touchstone with my position, to be there every step of the way with them.

Outreach and education about breast cancer awareness is extremely important. Our commitment to take this out to the community is demonstrated in many ways such as the first Tuesday of the month when Family Health Partnership takes over the mammography department at our Woodstock Hospital and our technologist do mammograms while their nurse practitioner examines patients in our treatment rooms. If a positive diagnosis is made, we keep the patients in our system and continue to provide treatment whether it is surgery, chemotherapy or radiation therapy. In other words, we take care of patients and we love what we do.

Having a specialized women's center such as at what we plan for Huntley, will allow us to expand offering this great commitment to women, knocking down the barriers, so they know they can expect comprehensive breast treatment, with the most competent physicians, latest technology and high touch care that reflects the values that make us Centegra.

Thank you.

Public Hearing for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, in favor of Project #10-090

Michelle Green  
6513 Coachlight Rd.  
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My name is Michelle Green, and I am a wife and mother of two boys in Crystal Lake, Illinois. I proudly support Centegra Health System's application to build Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

My Crystal Lake location is close to both Centegra Hospital – McHenry (where my family has been for emergency care) and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock (where I delivered my second son). Truthfully, I would drive for hours to continue to receive the high-quality, compassionate care that Centegra consistently delivers.

I currently travel to Centegra's facilities in Huntley whenever I need to see one of my physicians. Dr. Yvonne Yao, who left Mercy Health System to join Centegra Primary Care's staff, is my obstetrician/gynecologist. Like many of her patients, I followed her to Centegra and have been thrilled with my decision. Because I wanted all of my physicians to be through Centegra Primary Care, I began seeing Dr. Erin Davis, an internal medicine physician at Centegra Primary Care – McHenry. As a Crystal Lake resident, it takes me 15 minutes to get to Dr. Yao in Huntley and just eight minutes to see Dr. Davis in McHenry. I love the easy access Centegra provides my family and me.

I delivered my oldest son at another Illinois hospital where I worked and was lucky enough to be checked in as a VIP. When my husband and I moved to north Crystal Lake and we had our second baby, I scheduled my repeat C-section at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock. There, I had no VIP label and wondered how my care would be different this time around. Rather than being treated as a VIP, I was cared for as a cherished friend or sister. I'll never forget my third morning there, when one Family Birth Center nurse came in and said, "I haven't gotten to hold this chubby little guy yet. Can I have a quick snuggle?" I was so moved that someone who'd been a labor and delivery nurse for more than 20 years would still feel that kind of passion about her job. That passion is what Centegra is all about for me and my family.

Please add my name to the long list of people who support Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I know for sure that Centegra is the health system that is best suited to provide care to my community for generations to come.

## Support of Project #10-090

My name is Dr. Frances Glosson and I have been employed in the Centegra Health Care System for 35 years in a variety of roles and I fully support Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.

I have a background in critical care nursing and have a doctorate focused in leadership, learning, service and research. I have lived in McHenry County since 1973; however, the Glosson family has roots in this county dating back to 1852.

Centegra has been serving this county for a very long time and has had a positive impact on the overall health of the community as evidenced in recent healthy community studies. **Centegra is a perfect organization to open a new hospital in Huntley.** I can report to you that Centegra is a vision and values led organization. The governance of the organization, the physicians, leaders and all 3800 Associates are true servant leaders. As I said Centegra is values driven, committed to serving the community's healthcare and wellness needs with genuine respect, passionate caring, and a joyful spirit. Their emphasis on wellness and community outreach and most importantly, quality of healthcare makes them the obvious choice in expanding services **here in Huntley, Illinois with a new hospital.**

Centegra is positioned to serve this area in an integrated manner based on their ability to offer the full continuum of care. I look forward to the day my grandchildren, Matt and Maggie, who live less than a mile from the proposed Huntley hospital site can seek services from this well established and led organization. It is of great comfort to our family that Centegra would be so accessible for their health needs. My son was diagnosed with cancer two years ago and when he needs immediate care it will be ideal that a Centegra hospital is literally just around the corner **in his neighborhood.**

I have witnessed and can declare with certainty that **Centegra is the right choice** for this community. Healthcare is delivered in a **team approach** and Centegra excels in this area having created a nationally recognized learning organization. Leadership and learning are essential elements as we continue to operate and excel in the new healthcare reform arena. Centegra is also a leader in collective community leadership contributing to the overall health of every citizen through multiple diverse programming.

As I mentioned, Servant Leadership is the leadership style emphasized by Centegra leaders to enhance service to others and improve the engagement of the workforce. This style of leading provides a holistic approach to work; promoting a sense of community; and the sharing of power in decision making. The healthcare of the future will continue to require this type of leadership approach. Centegra has been a pacesetter with this leadership platform, which will continue **at the new Huntley hospital.**

At Centegra the associates are characterized by performing meaningful work; clarity of the organization's direction, performance accountability, and having a safe, trusting, and collaborative environment. I can attest to this after 35 years and we will build on this strength **at the Huntley hospital.**

Please endorse the plans for the Centegra Huntley hospital. **Again, it is the perfect choice.**

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Sandy Gabl  
Address: 11933 Harrison Road  
Huntley, IL 60142

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as a Del Webb resident and Centegra Health System patient. My husband, Dan, and I have utilized Centegra's facilities and services a great number of times over the years.

I've had ear surgery at Centegra Hospital-Woodstock, another unrelated procedure at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, I regularly see my Centegra Primary Care Physician, Dr. Patel in the Algonquin office. I've visited immediate care in Huntley several times for a number of ailments and health conditions. I've visited Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Crystal Lake for rehab and physical therapy following a knee replacement. I've used their imaging and lab services as well.

I've had nothing but superior care and support at all the locations and would deeply appreciate having that type of care right here in our own backyard. As we age, travel becomes more of an issue so having a full-service hospital close to home would benefit us a great deal.

We also have additional family in the area who will benefit from great healthcare close to home. My Grandkids have used immediate care and emergency care as well.

I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those they serve. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Hector Flores on behalf of Centegra Hospital – Huntley project 10-090  
February 16, 2011**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Hector Iyan Flores. I am the lead Interpreter/Ambassador at Centegra Hospital Woodstock. I have been working at Centegra for about six and a half years now. I have personally witnessed the strides that Centegra has taken in order to ensure that we are providing great service and overall excellent medical care to all the people that live in our community.

As interpreters, we offer the best language service in the area. We are pivotal in the assistance of communication between patients whose primary language is Spanish and the medical personnel in the hospitals and other Centegra satellite facilities. We have significantly increased our translation services to having twenty-four hour coverage at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock and 12-hour daytime coverage and nighttime call at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to meet patients' needs. We have set forth a great effort to ensure that we understand the cultural customs of our patients in order to provide healthcare services in a respectful manner. As a result, patients choose the Centegra hospitals for their care.

From my perspective as someone who is dedicated to serving the diverse population of our region, a new hospital in Huntley will be an extension of the already established programs to address the unique language and cultural needs of all area patients. In McHenry County, more than 11% of area residents are of Hispanic descent and those numbers continue to climb and population increases.

By hiring of the right personnel, implementing the proper training, and following the Centegra Values, all area residents, regardless of their native language, are able to put the hassles of barriers behind them and focus on their care and recovery. At Centegra, we strive to improve the community as a whole, and this sentiment will be expressed fully if a new Huntley hospital is opened.

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February 16, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support – Project #10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is in support of Centegra Health System's proposed hospital in Huntley, Illinois. My name is Michael J. Fleck. I am an attorney in Huntley and have been affiliated with Centegra for 15 years, first serving on the Board of Directors for the Foundation (1996-2003) and recently as a member of the Foundation's Development Council. I believe in Centegra Health System. I have experienced firsthand its dedication to the communities it serves, and I recognize the need for high quality hospital services in this community. Centegra is the right choice for this project, and this is the right project for this community.

When I began my private practice in Huntley in 1995, there were approximately 2,500 people in the area. Today, there are 25,000 and the infrastructure is in place to serve tens of thousands more over the next few decades. I have seen Huntley grow over these years, including an influx of seniors as well as families with growing children. Along with that growth comes the entire spectrum of healthcare needs.

As an attorney who deals with estate planning, estate administration and guardianships for disabled persons, my practice allows me to assist seniors and families on a very personal level, people whose legal issues include health-related matters. So often I hear how these clients and their families need to travel quite a distance to obtain the quality health services that are necessary. A rapidly growing community of 25,000 (with a significant population whose healthcare needs are relatively more evident) should have a full service hospital nearby. So there is no question that the need exists in this underserved, expanding community.

The opportunity to watch the growth of the Huntley area, alongside the growth of the Centegra Health System over the last 15 years leads me to the conclusion that Centegra is the proper provider for this project. I was impressed with Centegra's commitment to the Huntley area, even

when Huntley was not the biggest community in Centegra's then service area. Involvement with the business community through Chamber of Commerce events, sponsorship of community health initiatives and a physical presence with local medical offices and ultimately the creation of the existing healthcare campus are a few examples of Centegra's commitment and investment in the growth and development of the greater Huntley area.

Because of the obvious need in the area; because of the existing partnership between the community and this health care provider; and because of the proven commitment to offering the finest quality health care in the region, Centegra Hospital – Huntley should be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Fleck  
LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL J. FLECK, P.C.

Pam Fender  
11303 Lincoln St.  
Huntley, IL 60142  
Support of Project 10-090

My name is Pam Fender and I am a trustee for the Village of Huntley. I am proud to support Centegra Health System and its proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley. Centegra is the right health system and Huntley is the right location for a new hospital in McHenry County.

This hospital will be a great addition to our Community; Centegra offers state of the art medical services, varied employment opportunities, total health and wellbeing education, and a neighborhood partnership of caring. With our current population of 25,000 people in Huntley soon expected to grow to 45,000, we need great medical care close to home. Between 2010 and 2018, Huntley's population is projected to grow by 20 percent. Algonquin's population is expected to increase by 17.6 percent and Lake in the Hills is expected to grow by 16.7 percent in the same time frame. Our total area population is expected to be 273,886 people by 2018. I believe this merits a hospital.

Regional roadways in the area are already congested and the people of my region deserve immediate access to healthcare in case of emergencies. I look forward to being able to quickly access emergency services, cardiology services and women's services right in my community.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Centegra Hospital-Huntley and Project 10-090. Thank you.

**Centegra Health System – Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra  
Hospital – Huntley  
Project No. 10-090**

Sue Dobbe

I have been a resident and business owner in McHenry County for more than two decades.

Centegra has been the hospital of choice for my family. Through my business I have had the opportunity to work with many of the professionals at Centegra. The servant leadership concept of operating the organization modeled by Mike Eesley has been an amazing advantage to McHenry County healthcare. Having some familiarity with local business and economic development, it is my desire to see the Centegra Huntley campus provide the needed healthcare services to that part of the county.

Congratulations to the Centegra team for such an innovative and comprehensive facility plan.

Sue Dobbe,

Board Member Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Vice President Downtown Crystal Lake Main Street  
Secretary McHenry County Economic Development Corporation  
Leadership Greater McHenry County Class of 2010



**CENTEGRA - Public Hearing – 2/16/11**

My name is Gordy Smith. I have been in full time ministry for 30 years, the past 10 as pastor of Heartland Community Church in Rockford. I've spent a lot of time in hospitals visiting patients and subsequently observing the care they receive, including time as an on-call chaplain at Rockford Memorial Hospital.

But I'm here today to speak of the care I've observed at Centegra in Woodstock as both my mom and dad were patients there in the past year. Having visited them in the ER, the ICU, and in hospital rooms, I experienced first hand both an ease of navigating the facility, and a friendliness of the staff that quickly left me the sense that Centegra was not a large corporate healthcare machine, but a welcoming community-minded hospital.

My parents are both in their 80's (which doesn't seem as old to me as it used to...). I have seen hospitals over the years treat people in this age-group simply with a sense of inevitability. Not so with Centegra. They saved my dad's life twice. But more than that, they had as their goal to get him healthy and strong to continue to enjoy life.

One day I was visiting my dad as he was recovering from brain surgery. It was a scary day for us because they were not able to wake up Dad. Not sure why, they were running tests to see if he'd had a stroke in his sleep or something else. Dad seemed unaware of our presence in his room. At one point his nurse came in and began talking to him while she was checking on him. It was clear that she was not just taking care of a patient, but that she truly cared about my dad. As she talked to him and asked him some questions, he gave her a thumbs up! It was obvious he recognized her voice and was responding to her care. Shortly after that he began to show signs of improvement. Today he is back home, doing well, and helping care for my mom as she battles cancer.

I can't speak to the level of medical care of the hospital. I'll let my dad's health speak for that. I'm here today to testify to the level of personal care and community mindedness often lacking in large corporate healthcare, but which I've experienced firsthand at Centegra.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordy Smith, Pastor  
Heartland Community Church

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RE: Letter of Support for project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

February 16, 2011

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a chiropractor who recently joined the Centegra Primary Care-Huntley. The addition of chiropractic care enhances Centegra's high-quality orthopaedic and rehabilitative services by offering patients another way to treat pain and improve wellness. By adding chiropractic care to our services, we are providing the people of greater McHenry County new ways to get well and stay well. I treat patients who suffer from back pain, neck pain, pain in the arms and legs, and headaches. Chiropractors are extensively trained to diagnose and treat conditions of the musculoskeletal system that are mechanical or functional in origin. We use a holistic and evidence-based approach while educating our patients about exercise, nutrition and lifestyle choices. Chiropractic care fits well into the continuum of orthopaedic and rehabilitative medicine services at Centegra Health System.

Chiropractic care is often the primary method of treatment and it can also complement treatments that are prescribed or implemented by primary care physicians, orthopaedic surgeons and physical therapists. Chiropractors co-manage a patient's care with physicians and physical therapists and refer patients to other healthcare providers when a different clinical approach is needed.

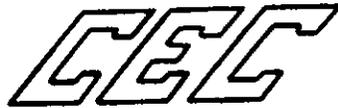
Because I am part of a specialty network of physicians, my patients are able to seamlessly receive the multidisciplinary care approach they deserve. I fully support expanding our Huntley campus to include a full-service acute care hospital.

Yours in Health,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy J. David". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Randy J. David D.C.

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**CAREY**

**ELECTRIC CONTRACTING INC.**

**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Thomas Carey  
Carey Electric Contracting, Inc.

We are writing to express our full support of the proposed hospital by Centegra Health Systems in Huntley, IL. (Project #10-090). Hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and we feel Centegra is the health system best suited to provide these services. Centegra's commitment to the entire community is unparalleled and is demonstrated in virtually every aspect of the health services which they provide.

Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site. In addition to the needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community and the entire county.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and the surrounding areas, we urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health Systems for a new hospital in Huntley, IL.

On a personal level, the importance of a high quality healthcare system offering a full continuum of services to a community cannot be overstated. At some time in all of our lives, we will require some form of healthcare and to be able to rely on Centegra to provide those services locally without having to travel to Chicago, or Milwaukee is a huge benefit to our entire community. This Huntley Hospital will further enhance the quality healthcare available to our community, locally – here at home.

As members of this community, my family and I have chosen to support the Centegra Health Care System for two main reasons. First, a quality healthcare system enhances the quality of life for our entire community and that is a benefit for everyone. The second reason, and probably the most compelling reason for me personally, is the fact that Centegra Health System is such a vital part of the community – not only by the jobs and services it provides- but through its support of so many of the programs and community events throughout McHenry and Kane Counties. To see a healthcare system so invested and willing to support all aspects of our community makes me want to be a full supporter of the Centegra Healthcare System.

McHENRY COUNTY  
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

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February 16, 2011

My name is Tom McTavish. I am the Business Manager of IBEW Local 117 and the President of McHenry County Building Trades. The trade unions that are members of our council represent thousands of members and their families with the majority of them from McHenry County and even right here in Huntley, Lake in the Hills, and Algonquin. We fully support Centegra's proposed new hospital here in Huntley.

The two most important reasons for us are the fact there has been a tremendous amount of growth in this area of McHenry County with much more to come in the future. The location of this hospital is ideal to service this expansion. The hospital will also be an economic engine that is very much needed to provide good long lasting jobs to this area of the county now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. McTavish

**UNION  
YES**

**Dr. Terrence J. Bugno  
2719 Red Barn Road  
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Centegra Board of Governors  
Radiation Oncologist, Centegra Sage Cancer Center  
McHenry IL  
February 16, 2011  
Public Hearing on the Centegra Health System Application to build:  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL – HUNTLEY, Project #10-090**

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My name is **[KAY PRESHLOCK]** and I am speaking on behalf of Dr. Terrence Bugno, member of the Centegra Board of Governors and Radiation Oncologist on staff at the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

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I strongly support the Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project. It is the right answer to an unmet healthcare need, situated in the right place, being 'birthed' at the right time, and pursued for the right reasons by our System – anchored in McHenry County Illinois --- building on the Promise which Centegra Health System Made in 1995 --- that the PATIENT is the CENTER of what we do, who we are, how we work (from a BASIS OF INTEGRITY) – and providing modern technologic advances delivered through compassionate personalized care.

This IS CENTEGRA – it's history, it's mantra, it's charge.

My career path has brought me to McHenry County on two occasions – the first in the 1980's, the second as of 2000. What a difference a few decades makes! I have grown to be passionate about CENTEGRA – as physician, a cancer doctor, former medical director of Radiation Oncology Services, a Board Member and a resident of McHenry County. We continually contribute to the health and welfare of our own residents. I wish to speak to access, quality, technology, 'heart' and 'stewardship' in my remarks.

As an Oncologist specializing in radiation medicine arriving to McHenry County in the mid 1980's, state of the art services were fragmented, often inaccessible and requiring compromises by hard working families to 'go elsewhere' ... Wisconsin, downtown Chicago, collar county university and academic centers and yes, even Mayo Clinic.

Scared of the big "C" ... worried about limited options or choices... daily sacrifices were made --- because you did the 'right thing'. Priorities and values drove many out of the area for specialized care. It's just the way it HAD to be. Caring physicians aligned with NIMC and Woodstock Hospitals helped to bridge the gap and provided fundamental services --- closer to home, inspired by the "war on cancer" national directive on Community Cancer Programs.

Come 2000 and my return to this area --- new realities --population expansion, growing and aging families, rising prevalence of acute and chronic illnesses despite medical advances --- and with it ---a real need for comprehensive Cancer Care. Awareness of, and proper planning for, dedicated multidisciplinary cancer services 'right in our own county' ultimately birthed the Sage Cancer Center in McHenry-- with collaboration amongst physicians, diverse healthcare providers, consumers and generous support from all sectors of the business community. The result? Improved access and benefits for our residents.

In my area - Radiation Oncology - we acquired progressive high tech equipment and procedures -- linear accelerators, Tomotherapy, High dose rate radiation, sophisticated planning software systems -- and, we were able to attract many 'best and brightest' minds to our Center --- academically credentialed but choosing to live, work and give their talents to McHenry County residents.

We've met the needs in the diversity of Cancer Services offered across the continuum of care --- from screening & prevention, diagnosis, individualized cancer treatment programs, clinical trial access, aftercare support including survivorship, and when appropriate --- palliative and hospice care. Being there throughout that patient's cancer experience. High technology, progressive cancer care -- distinguished by professionals who believe in 'high touch' personalized approach with 'heart'.

Our success is measured beyond our excellent patient satisfaction surveys, through testimonials who tell us: "They treated us like their own family! We felt right at home!"

I can attest that Centegra Health System is 'well beyond expectation' in it's delivery of Cancer Care Services for McHenry County . We've answered with 'high tech' state of the art diagnostics, leading edge radiation oncology and infusion services -- and a solid nationally accredited program. Our 'team approach' interconnects our System, medical providers with our partnering community. Expansion to the Huntley area affords many more individuals access to 'what we do best' in cancer care.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors (who happens to be a physician)... I have watched this Healthcare System demonstrate keen understanding of, and leadership to acquire, deliver and steward appropriate Inpatient and Outpatient accessible facilities for McHenry County. It takes it's mission seriously and responsibly.

I have both observed and participated in our executive team's 'common sense' yet insightful steering through the maze of changing Healthcare with high moral and ethical

character, decision-making, and 'doing things for the right reasons'. Our Board's responsibility towards behavioral health for McHenry County, new initiatives in Cardiovascular, Cancer, Degenerative and Chronic Diseases as well as Women's Health, newborn and pediatric care and in community education, patient access and self empowerment are very evident.

The board , executive team and it's hundreds of associates embrace our mission, vision, values in the conduct of our activities. We do our best, and seek, retain and support our dedicated workforce. There is a healing culture, a 'team' born of local residents living, working, caring and involved ---- In realizing our charge as the leader for Healthcare for McHenry County. Ours is a culture of Servant Leadership .

We've recognized the changing scene for the growing population in our southern corridor ---- and have already established a presence including Health Bridge & Outpatient Center which has been well received and incorporated into the fabric of this area.

We do note that healthcare is NOT defined by a building, but a continuum of integrated services. It is imperative that we win our community's confidence that we are 'right around the corner' – ready, able, attentive – with quality healthcare initiatives... easy access.... experienced leadership... compassionate caring and genuine respect ... and ..... involved! ...

As an Oncologist, Centegra Board Member – and McHenry County Resident ---- I know that Centegra is THE dedicated service provider who's answering this call –for the present --- for the future. The next step in the satisfying that growing expectation for onsite healthcare is... Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

We have studied healthcare needs, done our due diligence and explored various options . Despite the imposing present economy, healthcare trends and life stressors living in McHenry County- Illinois, Centegra genuinely believes it's culture, it's 'roots' and demonstrated responsible stewardship during these trying times - can bring substantial benefit to those who live, work and play right here – and achieve the vision.

I believe that our mantra to be a destination system with Mayo's clinical and Ritz Carlton's service reputation is what this Huntley area relates to, and best aligns with in its Healthcare Needs for now and the future. This Centegra Hospital Huntley initiative is the 'best' answer and I urge it's approval.

Thank you.

Daniel Byars in support of Project #10-090  
Director, Patient Support Services, Centegra Health System

I strongly support the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley; project number 10-090 because Centegra Health System is well-suited to meet the area need and able to provide the most effective integrated healthcare network for the residents of the greater McHenry County area.

Changes to the Medicare payment system and other healthcare reforms that become effective in July of 2011 will move all hospitals toward a more health facility – community integrated approach to providing health services. Examples of these reforms include: Medicare payment methods that reward preventative service such as providing pneumonia and flu shots to vulnerable populations and payment strategies that penalize poor outcomes such as patients being readmitted to a hospital within 30 days of being discharged.

Because of the need for greater effectiveness of health services, the future of Health Care in the McHenry County area, as well as, the entire country requires the effectiveness that is delivered by a highly integrated approach to health services. This integrated approach would be enhanced if a new full-service hospital were built upon the existing Centegra campus in Huntley.

Based on its 100+ years of providing care, Centegra has well established collaborative relationships with the network of health services providers that serve the residents of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. Because of Centegra's existing broad base of inpatient and outpatient services as well as its well established relationships with physicians, allied health professionals, nursing homes and other health service providers in the area, the Centegra Huntley- Hospital would ensure the most effective integrated healthcare network for the greater McHenry County area.

In conclusion, I enthusiastically support the proposed Centegra Huntley – Hospital because it will meet area need and provide health services to the greater McHenry County area in the most effective manner.

**Jefferson Batt  
2412 Dakota Ridge  
Johnsburg, IL 60051  
Ph. 847-477-5096  
In Support of Project #10-090**

February 16, 2011

My name is Jeff Batt, a partner of McHenry Financial and the founding President of the Rotary Club of McHenry-Sunrise. As a long standing and active member of our community, I support project #10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Centegra has been an excellent citizen in our community. There is a need for a hospital and its clear Huntley is the right location.

On New Year's Day 2010 my Grandmother had surgery at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to repair a broken knee cap from a fall she had taken the day before. My Grandmother suffers from severe dementia and was a “challenging” patient to say the least. The care that the doctors and nurses took with my Grandmother during her surgery and recovery has made me a raving fan of Centegra and their standard of healthcare.

I strongly believe Centegra is the right organization to provide our community with another excellent resource for health care.

Jefferson Batt  
Partner  
McHenry Financial

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name: Elissa Brebach, MD**

**Address: 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152**

My name is Dr. Elissa Brebach – thank you for this opportunity to speak my support for Centegra Health System’s proposed hospital project in Huntley. As section chief of women’s health and as a radiologist serving the community through Centegra’s Medical Imaging Services, I am uplifted by Centegra’s commitment to the women of our region. When it comes to early detection of breast cancer, we still have a long way to go to ensure the health of many women and men nationwide and certainly in the greater McHenry County area communities.

Centegra Health System has demonstrated a true commitment to providing outstanding medical imaging services to help women and men in the fight against breast cancer. McHenry County's breast cancer statistics are sobering. Between 2002 and 2006, 135 women out of every 100,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer. That was higher than Illinois' rate of 127 diagnoses per 100,000 women.

In the six-county Chicago metro area, McHenry County also has more women who are diagnosed with late-stage cancer -- 32% -- than any other county. Because of the late-stage cancer diagnoses, McHenry County also has higher breast cancer mortality rates than other surrounding counties. Centegra is committed to improving these numbers throughout greater McHenry and Kane Counties. We recently opened the Centegra Gavers Breast Center to provide a centralized location to meet each individual’s breast care needs. This center offers a multidisciplinary approach with leading edge technology including digital mammography, breast MRI and stereotactic and ultrasound guided biopsies.

Today I stand here to demonstrate my support for Centegra Health System’s proposed hospital project in Huntley which will bring additional women’s services to communities in need so that we can continue to reach out to the many women in the county that still need to get annual screening mammograms and those that can benefit from follow up services.

I'm honored to be a member of the Centegra community and see a promising future ahead.

**Kathy Kozak, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Hello, my name is Kathy Kozak. I am the Group Fitness Manager for Health Bridge Fitness Center, both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley! There is a great need for a hospital in southern McHenry County/ northern Kane County.

Since we opened our Huntley location in 2008, the people of the area have filled our Fitness Center. They come from all walks of life and in many shapes and sizes. Some of our exercisers are there to maintain and improve their fitness levels, and others come to us for life-changing advice as they strive toward a healthier, happier lifestyle. We offer fitness classes, nutrition counseling, aquatics, sports facilities, activities for children and families and a spa to help people relax their minds and indulge their bodies in a healthy way.

The success of Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Huntley comes from Centegra's goal to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities we serve. It is clear to all of us at HealthBridge that the people of the Huntley region were just waiting for the opportunity to live more active lifestyles, and Centegra met the needs of the community by building the Centegra Campus in Huntley.

I'm especially excited when I see the young families of the area who visit Health Bridge together. The parents are setting positive examples for their children, and I believe those kids will grow up to be healthier than the previous generation. This wouldn't be possible without Centegra's impact on the community. From our CEO to the Associates who work at Health Bridge, we consistently demonstrate our commitment to the region's overall wellness.

Personally, my parents live in Del Webb Huntley and use Centegra for their wellness needs. My in-laws live in Algonquin and work out at Health Bridge in Huntley. I live in Algonquin. My entire family deserves a hospital closer to our homes.

Making Centegra Hospital - Huntley another part of the Huntley Campus would complete the continuum of care we have already begun to provide to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I am proud to be a part of Centegra's Huntley campus and deeply believe that Centegra is the best health system and Huntley is the best location for a new hospital.

## **Testimony – Supporting Centegra Hospital Huntley, Project #10-090**

**Judy Andronowitz**

**February 10, 2011**

My name is Judy Andronowitz, Director of Nursing Support Services for Centegra Health System. I have been with Centegra for over 20 years and I am extremely proud today to represent Centegra's 819 nurses who as we speak are at the bedside of our patients serving them with passionate care and joyful spirits. Our nursing Associates are actively engaged in quality improvement processes and evidence-based nursing practice to ensure the very best care for each of our patients. We foster professional growth and career advancement for nursing Associates through active participation in professional and educational activities. Each year we host over 250 undergraduate and graduate nursing students from 13 schools, developing future nurses to serve our community, and we partner with five schools for BSN completion programs for the development of our current nursing team. Centegra Health System is actively on the nationally recognized Magnet journey for nursing excellence. We promote the health of our community through active participation in health-related events and the role modeling of health. The clinical nursing teams have responsibility, authority and accountability for providing outstanding patient care and achieving the best patient outcomes. Through our nursing shared governance councils, our nurses and other clinicians have a strong voice in how care is provided within our system to ensure high quality outcomes for those we serve. We currently have over \_\_\_ nurses actively working on the design of our cutting edge, fully integrated, high-tech electronic medical record which will further enhance quality and patient safety, timely care and patient satisfaction. The mission of the Department of Nursing at Centegra Health System is to provide care that is of the highest quality. As we treat the physical and mental needs of our patients, we also consider their spiritual and cultural beliefs. We encourage our nurses to maintain a balance between work and family life so when they care for our patients they can do so with a joyful spirit. Our patients are our neighbors, friends, families and loved ones. It's personal, we take it to heart, and we deliver excellence in all we do. Centegra has been part of this community for nearly 100 years. We are fully committed to bringing the best care to the Huntley area, because this IS our community.

I support the Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.

**Centegra Health System – Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Project No. 10-090**

Chad Alexander  
270 Timber Trails Blvd.  
Gilberts, IL 60136

My name is Chad Alexander of Gilberts and I am here in support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley as a community member.

My wife-to-be and I moved to the area in early November of 2005. One of the first things we needed to do was to find a health system that would fit our needs. Centegra distinguished itself as health system designed to meet the needs of its community. As my family has grown, so too has the Centegra family. We have all used the new immediate care center in Huntley for numerous reasons including our flu shots the past few seasons. My father-in-law has even used the immediate care for his flu shots when he has been in town and was thoroughly impressed.

As I mentioned, our family has grown since we moved to the area. My wife delivered both children at Centegra Hospitals (McHenry and Woodstock). Our first child came within an hour of her water breaking and I barely made it to the hospital in time. Thanks to the staff in labor and delivery at McHenry, I was in constant contact with my wife on my way to the hospital. They even alerted security to meet and escort me up to the unit. If that had not happened I would have missed the birth of our first son. Since the delivery was so quick, I did not have a camera to capture any of those first moments. Again the staff at Centegra went above and beyond. One nurse let us borrow her camera and even put the pictures on a CD for us. Since our first child was a speedy delivery, we decided that my wife would deliver the next a little closer to home at Centegra Hospital in Woodstock. When my wife went into labor with the second child, we found out last minute that the baby was breach. Along with the attending physician, Dr. Brown, my wife's primary ob/gyn, Dr. Yao, was there within 5 minutes to help deliver our son. Again, the care was beyond expectations. It would be great to have a Centegra Hospital closer to our home.

Last thing about the Centegra family, we knew that as first time parents we wanted to find a pediatrician close to home. Again, we found that something special at Centegra in Dr. Dana Hartwigen. Dr. Hartwigen is not just a pediatrician but a friend and a valued family resource. We feel that she takes care of our children as she would one of her own kids.

Thank you for your time and consideration of Centegra's proposed Hospital in Huntley.

Chad Alexander

**SUPPORT FOR PROJECT #10-090  
Centegra Huntley Hospital**

I would first like to preface my remarks by saying that I was born in Woodstock Hospital, the medical building prior to the Centegra Healthcare System that we now enjoy. I have been in this county my entire life so I am speaking as someone who can reflect on decades of local healthcare from first hand knowledge.

The first hospitals in McHenry County were not started by a sophisticated medical system, but by a group of community members and doctors who were looking at supporting their community. McHenry County has enjoyed a burst of growth in recent years and it has become an attractive target for medical care, but I continue to remember that our Woodstock Hospital and McHenry Hospital were created for the community, by the community. The integration of these hospitals into the Centegra system was a long process that required tremendous support of the board, administrators, service providers and residents to make it happen. We should all be very proud of our Centegra system today.

I have lived in Huntley for the past 37 years and I have owned a woodworking business for the past 15 years. When the HealthBridge Fitness Center building and the Ambulatory building were let out for bid in my hometown, my McHenry County millwork company was among many other local companies who received an invitation to bid competitively on this local job. I was grateful for the opportunity to at least bid on this job. I was ecstatic to find that the General Contractor for the job, acting on behalf of Centegra picked my company for the millwork for both projects.

My employees and I put much effort into these projects and are very proud that we were a part of helping to provide the availability of quality health care to our neighbors. Centegra has made a commitment to McHenry County contractors and we will continue to support their efforts to help us live longer, healthier lives.

Sandra M. Pierce  
President  
Phoenix Woodworking Corporation

**Berni Szczepanski**  
**Director, Human Resources Development**  
**Centegra Health System-McHenry**  
**4201 Medical Center Drive**  
**McHenry, IL 60050**

**Project #10-090**

You heard earlier about our confidence in being able to staff this new facility--about how our retention demonstrates our ability to attract and retain staff.

Indeed the retention rate of 95.8% is impressive. What contributes to this? Centegra commits to its Associates—to their success and satisfaction. We commit to developing great leaders, creating a pipeline for healthcare professionals, and providing Associates with the Total Rewards they value.

Centegra is committed to being a learning organization. Our Leadership Development program is tied to our strategic objectives and is driven by the Leaders themselves. Our curriculum, tools and resources are built on our leaders needs. Our best in class program combines external speakers, internal talent, hands on tools, and facilitated small group highly—interactive sessions to deliver over 48 hours of Leadership Development programming per year. The skills introduced in the sessions are then further supported with an on-line Leader Resource site and a unique one-on-one coaching program.

We support our leaders—and they in turn support their staff and our community. Our leaders participate in Leadership Greater McHenry County—a program designed to develop community leader awareness, skill, and collaboration. In fact, the program was developed by Centegra and 29 Centegra leaders have graduated from the program. Those Leaders then go on to serve on numerous community boards and further share their skills in helping both non-profit and for-profit community organizations in strategic planning.

Our commitment in developing a consistent pipeline of healthcare talent is evident through the many unique programs implemented by Centegra. The **Student Nurse Shadowing Program** was created last year in response to the decrease in nursing jobs available for new graduates and provides nursing students the opportunity to experience our work place culture.

For six years, The **Healthcare Career Fair** inspires and educates thousands of 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the exciting careers of healthcare professionals, through an interactive wonderland of simulated surgeries and futuristic pharmacy.

Centegra proposed and authored a three credit course, **Health Profession Career Exploration**, offered through McHenry County College which is held at

Centegra Hospitals. Students explore government defined healthcare paths via testimonials from Centegra associates, tours of units, job shadowing and skills exploration.

Centegra serves hundreds of clinical students from over 40 different colleges every year. Although many healthcare systems have clinical rotations few have a **Red Carpet Clinical Rotation Program**. It provides students with a warm and welcoming learning environment that features a comprehensive orientation, enthused and engaged mentors, leader rounding of students and student feedback gathered by a quantitative tool.

The **Student Nurse Internship Program** provides a learning experience specifically designed to enhance the student's confidence as a practitioner post graduation with our unique, multi-tiered program and varied opportunities to further advance clinical skills and develop expertise within a chosen specialty.

Finally, we commit to the well-being of each of our 3700 Associates. Our benefits and compensation philosophy, called Total Rewards@Work, is to tailor benefits to each Associate's unique needs. Our Total Rewards philosophy is based on competitive salary and benefits, workplace culture and development. At Centegra we focus on the Associate personally and professionally. For the busy Associate that is managing work-life balance, we offer a concierge service providing dry cleaning, oil changes, video rental, gift cards and much more.

Our commitment to our leaders, our community, our future workforce, and to each and every Associate is what makes Centegra a great place to work. It is also what will support us in our efforts to extend our great healthcare to Huntley.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

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**Address: 815 Foxanna Circle, Fox River Grove, IL 60021**

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I'm honored to be a member of the Centegra community and see a promising future ahead.

**Joseph Emmons, MD, in favor of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

My name is Dr. Joseph Emmons and I am the medical director of internal medicine with Centegra Primary Care. I practice at our Woodstock location. I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board to approve Centegra's Certificate of Need application for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

In my years with Centegra Health System, Centegra has been the region's leader at bringing new specialties and services to the people of greater McHenry County. As the region's population has grown and our patients' needs have changed, Centegra has recruited physicians to provide healthcare to the people of the communities we serve.

Centegra has significantly enhanced the availability and the level of heart care services for the people of the region. We work with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, to provide open heart surgery to our patients. Our cath labs perform lifesaving noninvasive procedures to thousands of patients each year.

In orthopaedics, Centegra surgeons deliver the newest in spine surgery, hip and knee replacement, arthroscopic procedures and even finger joint replacement surgeries. Centegra's physician partners deliver the extraordinary care our patients demand and deserve.

Please allow Centegra to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I represent all Centegra Primary Care physicians when I say we want our patients to have Centegra's state-of-the-art care close to home. I support Centegra Hospital – Huntley as the right place and now as the right time for a new hospital. Thank you.

## **Testimony in Support of Centegra Hospital Huntley**

**Mayor Chuck Sass  
Village of Huntley**

Good Morning and welcome to Huntley. It is with great pride that I stand here today on behalf of the more than 23,000 residents of our Village and offer our wholehearted support for Centegra Hospital Huntley. With my testimony, I am also including for the record a Resolution of Support approved unanimously by the Huntley Village Board on January 27, 2011.

Since Centegra first announced its vision for a hospital in our community I have heard from area residents and businesses who are excited about the plans. It is clear that so many others recognize what those of us in Huntley have known for many years: Residents here and in surrounding communities need improved access to healthcare!

Huntley and southern McHenry County has been at the heart of regional population growth for the past decade and more. As Village President since 2001, I have watched our community grow exponentially and worked tirelessly to manage growth and to make our Village attractive for both residents and businesses alike.

According to the 2008 Special Census, Huntley's population grew at an annual rate of 19.1% between 2000 and 2008. In total that is more than a 300 percent increase since 2000. And as you will hear from my colleagues in the neighboring communities of Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Gilberts and others, we are not alone. These are the exact communities the proposed new hospital is designed to serve.

Huntley is home to the largest active adult community for those 55 and over in the state with more than 10,000 residents in Del Webb's Sun City. We are also home to a large number of young families with young children. This combination of residents makes having a full-service hospital in our community, with easy access, that much more imperative.

From the State Department of Public Health's own data, our communities are underserved and in need of additional hospital beds. Centegra is the healthcare provider that has stepped up to the plate to meet this need.

They invested in our community with millions of dollars to build an immediate care facility, physician offices and outpatient services. No other health system in the region has recognized the need in our region and taken the necessary steps to address these needs. Centegra is committed to our community.

We stand strongly behind the proposal for Centegra Hospital Huntley. We ask that those who claim a hospital isn't needed to look around this room at the supporters, look at the

population of our communities and look at the needs outlined clearly by state health officials.

Now is the right time. Huntley is the right place for a new full-service acute care hospital in McHenry County. Thank you.



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY**

**RESOLUTION (R)2011-01.05**

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County and the population of the Village of Huntley has more than tripled in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley is interested in ensuring the availability of quality healthcare to all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley has had the opportunity to collaborate with Centegra Health System in the development of a state-of-the-art Immediate Care Center, primary care physicians' office, and fitness center and believes that the proposed project will yield benefit, not only for the Village of Huntley, but for the entire region, and that Centegra is the best suited to serve the community through this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Huntley commends, and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

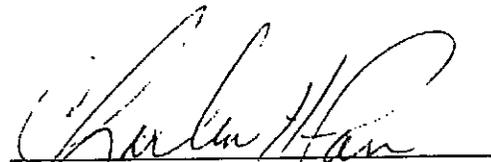
PASSED and APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

AYE: Trustees Fender, Kadakia, Kanakaris, Mercer and Piwko  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Leopold  
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

  
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**Luke Johnsos, Centegra Board of Governors  
Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Project # 10-090**

My name is Luke Johnsos. I am a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, and I am here to support Centegra Hospital – Huntley. This application abides by state rules and would bring a new hospital to an underserved area.

As a business owner, I know that numbers don't lie. In this case, numbers show that southern McHenry County's population is growing rapidly. Numbers also show that Planning Area A-10 doesn't have enough hospital beds.

I see every reason to approve this application. Please vote in favor of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

My name is Ryan Nestruck and I support the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I believe that the proposed hospital in Huntley reinforces Centegra's commitment to serving the community and local businesses by having a full service healthcare campus that can meet any healthcare need of people living and working in this growing area of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. As an Associate of Centegra I have the privilege of leading our home health agency. Nearly 70% of our agency patients are over 65 and Medicare beneficiaries. Dell Webb Sun City is just over four miles from the proposed hospital site, and has an estimated 8,000 residents. As Dell Webb and the surrounding community ages, so does the need for access to high quality healthcare services. The 2010 MedPAC Medicare study shows that the average Medicare beneficiary receives \$8,865 of care each year. The data goes on to show that Medicare beneficiaries access healthcare services at increasing rates as they age. Countless studies show that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, pneumonia (to name a few) frustrate suffers and increase utilization of healthcare services. Centegra Health System has been working diligently to link evidence based education and care pathways from the hospital bed to home in hopes of positively impacting the quality of life for those managing chronic illness.

Centegra Primary Care geriatrician Rex Nzeribe has shared with me that within 7 office visits his patients typically need either home health or are hospitalized. Most of them take more than 8 medications and visit multiple subspecialists. Dr. Nzeribe's holistic view of patients is seen in his comprehensive clinic. His clinic consists of dieticians, physical and occupational therapists, behavioral health specialists and nurses who listen to the patient's goals and assess how their expertise can help those goals be attained. This is just one example of how our community can count on Centegra Health System to meet the needs of the aging population with the approval of this project.

As a community member who moved here specifically because of Centegra's commitment to patient centered care, this project fulfills the vision I first learned four years ago. I am honored to represent and support Centegra Health System's commitment to bring excellent healthcare services to Huntley (and surrounding communities) with the building of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

**Lisa Glosson, MD, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

My name is Dr. Lisa Glosson and I am a family practice physician with Centegra Primary Care-Woodstock. I am here today to implore the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board to allow Centegra Health System to fulfill a promise it made to my patients. That promise was to improve healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Centegra Hospital-Huntley is the solution to our region's need for greater access to healthcare. I sincerely hope my patients will be able to receive emergency services, noninvasive cardiology care, women's services and access to a helipad if they need to be transferred to a Level I Trauma Center.

As the population increases there will be more people in need of family practice, internal medicine and pediatric physicians who will serve as the front-line providers of healthcare. Centegra Health System is THE health system that is committed to recruit and support the physicians that our growing population will need.

I know that southern McHenry County and northern Kane County need improved access to healthcare, and Huntley is the right location. Please give Centegra Health System the Certificate of Need to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.



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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair  
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**Re: Illinois Department of Public Health CON Public Hearing 10-090 Centegra  
Hospital-Huntley, Huntley**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am speaking at the request of Sherman Health, located in Elgin, Illinois, which is opposing the need for Project 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Huntley. This testimony provides a national perspective of the impact of healthcare reform and value-based care delivery on utilization trends and bed need calculations, including the determination of need for this proposed project.

As payment reform moves toward more outcomes-based payment (e.g., bundled payments, Pay-for-Performance), legislation is aimed at creating clinically integrated care delivery models and reimbursement. Traditional utilization study and bed need calculations are now becoming obsolete as healthcare continues this movement toward value-based care delivery over traditional volume-driven care. A case in point is the findings<sup>12</sup> of the impact on utilization of health reform in Massachusetts. Treatment intensity as measured by length of hospital stays decreased by one percent, while expanded insurance coverage resulted in a two percentage point decrease in the fraction of hospital admissions from the emergency room. Hospital inpatient admissions for treating preventable conditions also fell almost three percentage points.

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<sup>1</sup> Wright, Sarah H. The Impact of Health Insurance Reform in Massachusetts. *The NBER Digest*. The National Bureau of Economic Research. November 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Kolstad, Jonathan T. and Kowalski, Amanda E. The Impact of Health Care Reform on Hospital and Preventive Care: Evidence from Massachusetts. *NBER Working Paper*, No. 16012, May 2010. © 2010 by Jonathan T. Kolstad and Amanda E. Kowalski.

The emergence of patient-centered medical homes, bundled payments, clinical integration, and accountable care organizations are directing the organization and delivery of healthcare away from the traditional fee-for-service, volume-based model. In the next few years, providers will begin to experience the impact from this paradigm shift in care delivery and reimbursement away from the inpatient, acute care hospital-driven delivery system towards one that is more clinically integrated, coordinated, and ambulatory-based. Examples of where this change has occurred include Brown & Toland in San Francisco, California; Greater Rochester IPA ("GRIPA") in Rochester, New York; and Advocate Health Care in Oak Brook, Illinois.

These trends are also supported by the latest future trend reports published by leading national healthcare research firms. Sg2 forecasts<sup>3</sup> health reform will result in a decline in inpatient utilization and increase in outpatient utilization. The HFMA report "*Ambulatory Stands Out Under Reform*"<sup>4</sup> states that inpatient utilization and margins have stagnated, with rate of inpatient admissions declining by ten percent from 1987 to 2007. A recent Thompson Reuters<sup>TM</sup> report<sup>5</sup> notes the "demand for outpatient services will grow and ambulatory care will be prioritized" as a result of payment reform initiatives such as bundled payments, Pay-for-Performance, and episode-based payments. The Advisory Board issued a report<sup>6</sup> last year that discussed the changing role of the traditional acute care model and the reduction in inpatient utilization that is likely to result. In this report, The Advisory Board notes that inpatient admissions were already deteriorating before the worst of the downturn of the economy. In addition, Pay-for-Performance initiatives are targeting cuts on hospital-based care, "making specialty care less lucrative, more efficient, and penalizing lack of coordination." In this post-reform healthcare landscape, providers will face new payment methodologies that will fundamentally change their business models and organizational design and further drive the need to leverage interdependency with physicians and value-based alignment.

Market consolidation of providers will accelerate in 2011 and beyond. Payment reform will drive regional health system consolidation at the service line level for high resource intensive services. The HFMA report<sup>4</sup> sites reform legislation aimed at reducing costs of episodic care for

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<sup>3</sup> Sg2 Forecasts Inpatient Services to Decline 1.9% and Outpatient Services to Grow 30% Over the Next Decade. Press Release, June 9, 2010.

<sup>4</sup> Johnson, T.K. Ambulatory Care Stands Out Under Reform. *HFMA. Healthcare Financial Management*, 64(5):56-63, May 2010.

<sup>5</sup> Dunn, D., Lewandowski, D., and Pickens, G. The Influence of Reform on Local Coverage and Utilization: White Paper. Thompson Reuters<sup>TM</sup>, September 2010.

<sup>6</sup> *Future Strategy, Future Growth: How the Recession and Reform Will (and Won't) Change Hospital and Health System Economics.* White Paper. May 19, 2010. © 2010 The Advisory Board Company.

chronic conditions that should be managed proactively outside of the acute care setting. Therefore, providers should expect increased mergers, closures, and conversions with surviving health systems restructured to provide high value (high quality, low cost). These restructured systems will be clinically integrated across facilities and with physicians, have geographically distributed primary care physicians ("PCPs") and access points, and be operating at 90 to 95 percent occupancy with high throughput.

The emergence of new care delivery and payment models reflect this trend toward value over volume incentives (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") demonstrations, commercial payer pilots, etc.). Pay-for-Performance and bundled payment programs will drive further physician alignment and collaboration as a mechanism to improve efficiency and improve overall quality by moving beneficiaries to participating acute care episode ("ACE") demonstration providers. The goal of these programs is to reduce or stabilize growing costs to Medicare for acute care services by maximizing the use of available capacity in high quality providers. Clinical integration and accountable care organization ("ACO") focus will be to improve population health and preventive care. As a result, the projected inpatient utilization per capita will decrease.

Benefit design is now focused on high deductible, high copay health plans that will soften demand for diagnostic testing and procedures as consumers become accountable for a larger percentage of their healthcare costs.<sup>7</sup> Efforts to "bend the cost curve" will result in doing less (i.e., lower utilization) and paying less. This trend is demonstrated in recent changes in Medicare payments, or actually reduction in payments. Medicare is no longer paying for hospital-acquired infections.<sup>8</sup> Medicare is also reducing payment for all hospital readmissions<sup>9</sup> for heart attack, heart failure, and pneumonia (up to one percent reduction in FY 2013, up to two percent in FY 2014, and up to three percent in FY 2015 and beyond). Beginning in FY 2015, Medicare can expand this list to include an additional four conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease ("COPD"), cardiac and vascular procedures, and other conditions or procedures as the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines appropriate.

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<sup>7</sup> Syre, Steven. Picturing lower costs. *The Boston Globe*. January 25, 2011.

<sup>8</sup> Paddock, Catherine. Medicare Will Not Pay For Hospital Mistakes And Infections, New Rule. Medical News Today. August 20, 2007. © Medical News Today <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/80074.php>

<sup>9</sup> Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Title III, Subtitle A; Part 3, Sec. 3025. Hospital readmissions reduction program. May 1, 2010.

Patient Centered Medical Home pilot programs have also demonstrated significant declines in inpatient admissions and readmissions, improved quality, lower costs, and overall better value through adoption of medical homes. For example, Geisinger Health System saw a 15 percent decrease in hospital admissions for a savings of \$3.7 million. Community Care of North Carolina experienced a 40 percent reduction in Medicaid hospital admissions.<sup>10</sup>

Employers are also developing innovative programs to manage health costs, many in partnership with local insurers. Boeing partnered with Regents Blue Cross in Washington to work with three clinics to build "Ambulatory ICU" models for 700 predicted high cost employees and dependents. This program resulted in a 28 percent decline compared to baseline in hospital admissions.<sup>11</sup> IBM and UnitedHealthcare have collaborated on a primary care medical home initiative in Arizona<sup>12</sup> with the goal of enhancing patient access to quality care and improving the care of chronic conditions.

Insurers are also making a move toward global payment and value-based care reimbursement. Blue Cross Blue Shield ("BCBS") of Massachusetts is driving a move toward global payments.<sup>13</sup> Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois ("BCBSIL") and Advocate Health Care signed an accountable care agreement<sup>14</sup> to improve performance and delivery of quality healthcare service. BCBSIL is also partnering with the Illinois Hospital Association to reduce readmission rates, as Illinois ranked 44<sup>th</sup> among states for Medicare 30-day readmission rates.<sup>15</sup> Commercial insurers in Michigan are collaborating to use BCBS of Michigan's Physician Group Incentive Program for medical home to manage chronic diseases through the CMS Innovation Center.<sup>16</sup>

Based on these results, it is clear that the emerging payment and care delivery models have significant implications on current and projected capacity for inpatient, acute care market

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<sup>10</sup> Fields, D., Leshen, E., and Patel, K. Driving Quality Gains and Cost Savings Through Adoption of Medical Homes. *Health Affairs*, May 2010; 29(5):819-826. Appendix Exhibit 1.

<sup>11</sup> Milstein, A. and Kothari, P. Are Higher-Value Care Models Replicable? *Health Affairs Blog*, October 20, 2009. <http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2009/10/20/are-higher-value-care-models-replicable/>

<sup>12</sup> cmeans. IBM, UnitedHealthcare collaborate on medical home initiative for Ariz. Docs. *Healthcare IT News*, February 9, 2009. <http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/ibm-unitedhealthcare-collaborate-medical-home-initiative-ariz-docs>

<sup>13</sup> Weisman, Robert. Blue Cross CEO says providers must control costs or else. *The Boston Globe*. January 23, 2011. © 2011 Globe Newspaper Company.

<sup>14</sup> Jaspen, Bruce. Blue Cross, Advocate raise bar on accountability. *Chicago Breaking Business*. October 6, 2010. <http://chicagobreakingbusiness.com/2010/10/blue-cross-advocate-deal-raises-bar-on-accountability.html>

<sup>15</sup> Page, Leigh. Illinois Blues, Hospital Association Partner to Reduce Readmission Rates. *Becker's Hospital Review*. February 2, 2011.

<sup>16</sup> Paul, Shannon. Michigan Health Insurance Payers Collaborate in National Program to Improve Health Care. *Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Blog: Blues Perspectives*. November 17, 2010. <http://bcbsmblog.com/2010/11/17/michigan-health-insurance-payers-collaborate-in-national-program-to-improve-health-care/>

providers. Closer alignment, collaboration, and clinical integration with physicians by hospitals will be critical to long-term success, in demonstrating better value through improved outcomes, lower costs, and reduced variation in care. Physicians make or break the care model, and new incentive models are also directly impacting physician practice patterns and utilization. These market forces will drive decreased inpatient utilization by physicians, creating more capacity at existing facilities or restructuring existing capacity to meet reduced inpatient demand (i.e., smaller acute care/inpatient footprint).

In summary, the traditional volume-based demand and utilization projection methodologies in use today do not account for these innovations in care delivery and payment models. These models focus on chronic disease management and care coordination that are designed to keep patients out of the higher cost, acute care inpatient setting and therefore consume fewer resources. Decision-making based on this outdated approach will result in an overestimation of future inpatient need. This will drive unnecessary capital investment and create additional inpatient capacity that will continue to underperform financially and clinically in a value-based reimbursement environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven T. Valentine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steven T. Valentine  
President

Testimony in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090

Jason Sciarro  
Centegra Corporate Office  
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My name is Jason Sciarro, and I am the President and Chief Operating Officer for Centegra Health System.

I want to address a couple of the opposition issues that have been raised today.

- The proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley has been defined by opposition as a “limited service hospital”. Community hospitals are the backbone of health services for suburban and rural communities across the country. Proximity to care is extremely important and arguably the most important factor in determining a patient outcome. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will be a Level II Trauma Center and provide the proximity to care that is necessary for this fast growing population.
- Both Centegra Hospital McHenry and Centegra Hospital Woodstock have achieved national accreditation for chest pain services. Centegra Hospital Huntley will follow this trend. In fact, there are only 11 hospitals in the state of Illinois that currently have this designation. Besides Centegra no others are represented in the room today. This designation certifies that our facilities have implemented national recognized – evidenced based - clinical practice that is proven to save lives even in the absence of cardiac intervention. This is one example of how hospitals do not need to provide every service to have positive effects on patient outcomes.
- While it is arguable who provides the majority of convenient services to McHenry County, it is certainly clear who is stepping up to provide the necessary services. From health and wellness, to general medical and advanced surgical - and the only provider of behavioral and mental health services in the county - Centegra serves critical health care needs locally. Let’s not be fooled by the opposition who oppose Centegra Health System. We, in fact should applaud Centegra for its unwavering commitment, in the face of opposition, to do what is right for the communities in which we serve and live each and everyday.
- And lastly, a lot has been said today about health care reform. Healthcare reform is not about building or not building new hospitals. Healthcare reform is about providing integrated healthcare services – locally. Understanding the needs of your local community is the first step in being able provide these services. No one understands the needs of our community better than the people that are in the community everyday. Our support by the people of McHenry County is unwavering. The very people who live in our communities and the healthcare provider who has been providing service to these communities for over 100 years understands these needs and this is why we are proposing Centegra Hospital Huntley. We began this journey 5 years ago providing outpatient and immediate cares services to this community closely followed by our state-of-the-art wound care services and then, and only then did we propose this hospital project. Centegra Hospital Huntley is exactly what is needed, in the exact place it is needed and at the exact time it is needed.



# ALEXIAN BROTHERS

St. Alexius Medical Center

## PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

of Scott Rowley, St. Alexius Medical Center Asst.VP of Administration

PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Hello. My name is Scott Rowley, and I am the Assistant Vice President of Administration for St. Alexius Medical Center. I have 26 years of experience in hospital administration, including five years with the Illinois Department of Mental Health.

I am against the construction of a new hospital in Huntley primarily for this reason: It would severely hurt the ability of our hospital and others in our area to provide patients with the quality medical care they deserve.

St. Alexius currently has no problem managing its patient load, and I believe other area hospitals would say the same. We know inpatient hospital bed demand has been steady or declining the northern Fox Valley area. And, population growth has been minimal in the last few years with little expectation for a home building boom.

Because there is not sufficient demand, a new hospital in the area would create an unnecessary duplication of services. In this case, more is not better. Duplication of services does not promote better health care in the region. Instead, it wastes resources and ultimately raises costs for everyone through higher public and private insurance costs.

Right now, several hospitals, including St. Alexius, provide comprehensive medical care to southeastern McHenry County residents. At St. Alexius, our responsibility is to provide critical medical care to underserved and uninsured populations that depend on us as their safety net.

In contrast, Centegra's proposed hospital would only provide a limited spectrum of care, and only to a narrow, affluent area. The hospital seems designed to "cherry-pick" the area's most profitable patients while avoiding the cost of serving those without the ability to pay for care. By drawing patients and resources from St. Alexius and other area medical centers, Centegra's hospital would undermine our region's ability to provide life-saving medical care to our disadvantaged residents.

Also, Centegra's proposed hospital would only provide the most basic services, meaning that patients in need of advanced care such as a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or cancer treatment would need to transfer to a full-service medical center like St. Alexius regardless.

If you're sick and require a major medical procedure, the last thing you want to do is transfer to another hospital. Adding an extra step to the process only wastes time and resources and detracts from patient care.

For all these reasons, I ask the board to reject Centegra's plan to build a new and unneeded hospital in the area. It would hurt hospitals and, ultimately, residents throughout the region. We cannot let this happen. Thank you.



**ALEXIAN**  
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Neurosciences Institute

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Robbin Arnfelt  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Robbin Arnfelt and I am the Regional Manager for Business Development for the Alexian Brothers Neurosciences Institute.

I oppose Centegra's attempt to build a hospital in Huntley because it would duplicate health care services and undermine regional specialty programs like those we offer at the Neurosciences Institute.

In my position, I act as a liaison between our neuroscience specialists and other physicians throughout the region, who need to refer their patients for neurosciences care. There is a shortage of neurosurgeons who perform the complex and comprehensive procedures that our neurosurgeons do. This means that our programs serve the neurological needs of residents (both adults and children) from throughout the northern Fox Valley – including Huntley and Crystal Lake. Our specialties include stroke, epilepsy, dementia, Gamma Knife and neurosurgery.

Our programs are on par with the academic medical centers in the city of Chicago, thanks to Alexian Brothers' dedication to recruit top specialists and obtain the most up-to-date technology and equipment.

St. Alexius is able to offer this hard-to-find care to southeastern McHenry County because we are a regional medical center, just like Sherman, Provena St. Joseph and Advocate Good Shepherd hospitals. Residents in the Huntley, Lake in the Hills and Algonquin areas are fortunate to be so close to so many outstanding hospitals.

Right now, all of the hospitals in and around McHenry County have plenty of hospital beds available because the projected growth for the area in the last few years hasn't materialized. And, area hospitals have made commitments to the state that they will serve the entire region. Not only that, but the goal in health care these days is to have quicker, and fewer, inpatient visits. And, by 2018, we should expect lower patient demand because of the changes required by federal health care reform.

If this new hospital were allowed, the health care system in this area would be overbuilt. And that spells trouble for programs like ours, which would be weakened. When St. Alexius suffers, our Institute does, too. And, worse, so do the residents of the entire region who depend on specialized health care.

It doesn't have to be this way. I hope the Board realizes Centegra's plan is not viable for an area that already has plenty of open hospital beds. I ask that you reject this application for a certificate of need.

Thanks.



**ALEXIAN**  
**BROTHERS**

St. Alexius Medical Center

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Linda Gump, St. Alexius Vice President, Administration**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi, my name is Linda Gump. I am the Vice President of Administration at St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. I am the person that is responsible for submitting the IDPH annual bed report. I am here to urge you to reject Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in Huntley.

There are currently six regional medical centers – including St. Alexius – within about a half-hour of the proposed Centegra site in southern McHenry County. Each of those hospitals has plenty of open beds to care for more patients. Given that existing hospital capacity can easily keep up with any potential growth in the area, it makes no sense to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on a brand new limited care facility. It will duplicate services and increase health care costs for everyone.

Many of our existing hospitals have already invested in improvements to increase and expand care. Sherman Hospital and Provena St. Joseph have new or newly upgraded facilities that are well-positioned to serve the Huntley area.

And, as you may be aware, Alexian Brothers is ready to break ground on a new children's hospital on the campus of St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. Alexian Brothers will be able to offer coordinated care among pediatric subspecialists as well as care for the tiniest infants and their mothers. This facility, located near Interstate 90 and Barrington Road, was approved by the state because it will serve a large geographic region, including southeastern McHenry County.

The six-story patient tower is scheduled for completion in early 2013. At 209,000 square feet, the tower will feature 96 additional patient beds, a pharmacy, MRI facilities and expanded pediatric facilities. It will also include an extension of same-day surgery and emergency department observation areas.

At a cost of \$117 million dollars, that expansion represents a significant investment that St. Alexius is making in our hospital and in our community.

A duplicative new hospital would undermine the long-term plans and investments of our regional medical facilities. It would, ultimately, adversely affect the level of health care available to the residents of our communities.

That's why I ask that you deny Centegra's certificate of need for this project.

Thank you.

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**William Cox, MD, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley,  
Project #10-090**

My name is Dr. William Cox and I am an orthopaedic surgeon and co-founder of McHenry County Orthopaedics. My practice has offices in Crystal Lake and Huntley, and I am also a board member at Centegra Health System. I am proud to offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

As a surgeon who specializes in sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery, I believe healthcare accessibility is an issue for the people of southern McHenry County and northern <sup>Kane</sup> Cook County. I believe Centegra Hospital – Huntley needs to be built for the same reason our practice has established our Huntley offices – patients deserve to have high-quality care close to home.

An acute-care hospital in that region would provide immediate medical access for people who suffer serious orthopaedic injuries as well as those who have heart attacks, strokes or other life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

Centegra is already improving the wellness of the region by providing Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center and clinical services on its Health Campus in Huntley.

I trust Centegra's leadership to provide outstanding care for our patients for years to come. That is why I support Centegra Hospital – Huntley as the right place and now as the right time for a new hospital. Thank you.

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February 16, 2011

Letter of Support  
CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM

The hallmark of a healthy community is how its public health system understands and reacts to the health needs of all of its residents. Centegra Health System has long shown its deep commitment to the public health system and this new endeavor is no exception. Building for future growth and providing increased access to health care is good news for a growing community and a much needed shot in the arm for a weak economy.

Centegra has been a valued public health partner and an avid supporter of community projects for many years. McHenry County Department of Health has been fortunate to work with Centegra on many of these projects but two in particular have far-reaching effects for the entire public health system – that being, the 2010 McHenry County Healthy Community Study, the results of which will be presented to the community at McHenry County College on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the other is the MAPP initiative (“mobilizing for action through planning and partnership”) which is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. MAPP is a systems approach to understanding the public health needs, devising a plan to address those needs and then implementing that plan. Centegra has been an integral partner in the MAPP process with an active participation on issues such as access to care, cardiovascular health and a central information and referral network. As a community leader, Centegra has also partnered with the Department of Health in the H1N1 outbreak, children's vaccination campaign and smoking cessation programs.

Centegra has played a consistent role in the County's assessment and implementation of priority health issues. Contributions to these projects have helped us build a strong public health infrastructure for the betterment of our communities. We wish Centegra's leaders and its associates continued success in providing quality health care for McHenry County residents.



Patrick J McNulty  
Public Health Administrator

Dr. Yvonne Yao  
Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090

My name is Yvonne Yao. I have been practicing OB-GYN at Centegra Hospital Woodstock since 2000. I have always trusted Centegra Health System with my patients, even when I worked with a competing health system. I never hesitated to refer a patient to a Centegra facility when that was the best option for the patient.

The population growth in Huntley is very clear to me. When I joined Centegra Primary Care, I moved to the Huntley campus and saw swift growth in my outpatient practice. The new hospital in Huntley could service patients in the rapidly growing Lake in the Hills / Huntley area and also patients from parts of Crystal Lake that are further from Centegra Woodstock.

Patients in Huntley have voiced a desire to have a full-service hospital closer to home. With increasing traffic and in bad weather, a Huntley facility would make a difference in travel times for area residents.

I feel that Centegra is the most trustworthy healthcare provider in the region. I trust Centegra. My patients trust Centegra. Please approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090**  
**Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Gail D. Rudolph  
Vice President, Development  
Centegra Health System

I live about two minutes from the proposed hospital site in Huntley. Over the last few years my family has utilized the emergency services at Centegra many times between my son's broken bones, my daughter's appendix and my husband's traumatic accident.

A year ago on January 18<sup>th</sup>, my fiancé at the time was helping a young lady with her car because he thought it was unsafe for her to drive. While he was working, a large tool slipped and hit him square in his left eye. The injuries were very severe.

I will never forget the sound of him yelling for me and how I knew something was wrong by the blood running cold in my veins.

When I reached him, blood was pouring out of his eye. I covered his eye with a clean towel because his hands were covered in grease. I helped him into the car and drove him over thirty minutes to the nearest hospital in Woodstock.

When we arrived the staff uncovered his eye. It had numerous lacerations, and it was crushed.

The team at Centegra not only took care of the injuries, they also treated our fears, both his and mine.

We spent the entire night at the hospital, and the Centegra team treated him as if he was family and reconstructed his eye. If it was not for their superior skills he would have an empty socket.

In an emergency, all anyone desires is getting their loved one to the hospital, and that drive to Woodstock felt like an eternity. A hospital at Algonquin and Haligus Roads would save the citizens of this area that gut wrenching drive of 20-30 minutes, even more if traffic is bad, to get the healthcare they need.

It is true, I work at Centegra, and I hear donors talk everyday about how they want to financially support Centegra because Centegra brings fabulous and convenient healthcare to our community.

Thank you.

Amy Moerschbaeher RN BSN MA  
Executive Director Oncology Services, Centegra Health System  
In Support of Project #10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley

Centegra Health System is committed to raising awareness about the importance of early cancer detection. As a community member who has had a spouse and a brother with early detection of two different types of cancer and who are now both cancer survivors, I truly understand the importance of what our "Get Checked" program can provide.

"Get Checked" provides information about guidelines for routine screenings that can make a big difference in one's life. Cancer has a measurably higher survival rate when caught in its earliest stages but that can occur only if you are vigilant about conducting self exams, having regular physician visits and following guidelines for testing and screenings

Self exams and screening should be part of your regular personal routine. Breast, cervical, colorectal, testicular, skin and prostate cancer are among those conditions most likely to be detected through self exams and routine screenings.

At Centegra Health System we educate the public and provide free screenings on a routine basis. We help community members find physicians and provide comprehensive care and support throughout the patient and caregiver experience. We look forward to extending that type of care and support in the southern portion of McHenry County and northern Kane County. I fully support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.

**Luke Johnsos, Centegra Board of Governors**  
**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project #10-090**

My name is Luke Johnsos. I am a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, and I am here to support Centegra Hospital – Huntley. This application abides by state rules and would bring a new hospital to an underserved area.

As a business owner, I know that numbers don't lie. In this case, numbers show that southern McHenry County's population is growing rapidly. Numbers also show that Planning Area A-10 doesn't have enough hospital beds.

I see every reason to approve this application. Please vote in favor of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

**TO:** Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

**FROM:** Terrence P. Egan, President/CEO

**RE:** Support for Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital-Huntley

**DATE:** February 11, 2011

My name is Terry Egan and I am President and CEO of Hearthstone Communities. Hearthstone Senior Living Community is a continuing care retirement community that has been serving the healthcare and residential needs of older adults since 1903. Our 200 residents include those living independently, as well as seniors requiring assisted living or skilled nursing care. Since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914 Centegra has been a trusted partner in providing for the acute health care needs of our residents.

The long term collaboration between Centegra and Hearthstone continues to this day not only when our residents need emergency or acute care services, but also when patients from the community are discharged from the hospital and require post-acute care in nursing facilities such as Hearthstone. We currently work with Centegra associates on "Critical Pathways", a clinical collaboration on quality measures to insure that patients who are sent from Centegra to Hearthstone for post-acute care, receive the highest quality care in the most efficient manner.

Another reason why we support the Centegra Hospital-Huntley project was identified in a 2010 independent market review study that confirmed Huntley as residing within Hearthstone's primary market area. Clearly, a new hospital would meet the current and future health care needs of our residents who reside in or near the Huntley area.

Finally, wherever Centegra Health System has a presence in a community, they give back generously to individuals and nonprofit organizations in those communities. For example, Centegra's support of organizations such as Leadership Greater McHenry County has had a direct positive impact on the development of leaders of many organizations in the community. At our organization alone, seven of our leaders have benefitted from this visionary program since 2005.

Hearthstone Communities fully supports Centegra Health System's proposal for a new 128 bed hospital in Huntley.

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I feel that we need diversity in health care. If Centegra receives a third hospital in this county I do not feel that the competitive drive to constantly improve health care standards will exist here. With what I consider to be a monopoly in this county should a third Centegra facility be built, no one in this area will have the choice to review options. I have had two surgeries, several procedures and delivered two babies at the Centegra facilities and have not had all wonderful experiences. I do say that my care was adequate, and I felt most of the staff did their best most of the time.

I have concerns about the culture at Centegra based on being addressed with great surprise during admission encounters by comments such as "You are a Mercy Health System employee and you are coming here?", "don't you like your own facilities?" "I guess your physician must like us better". While I know we are all individuals and our employers can not be responsible for each statement we make I am very concerned how management presents the issue of competition to their staff at Centegra. I have felt on these occasions that there was hostility toward my employer and I wonder why these individuals would feel this way. They were very kind and concerned about me up to the point of asking my employer. I will say that they regained composure and continued doing their jobs, these comments were very surprising to me just the same.

During a couple of my hospital stays I was concerned that my comments and concerns were never addressed at the time of care. I believe being given an option of health care, some of my complaints would have been investigated and addressed as they would have wanted my complete satisfaction. I did complete the survey received in the mail after my visits.

I know Centegra has many fine attributes; obviously that is why I have used their facilities on more than one occasion. I feel that fair competition will expand services in a variety of ways for multiple health care systems if there were more than one to choose from.

Thank you for allowing the time to speak,

Chris Lippert  
Wonder Lake, IL

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Testimony of Andy Andreski/  
President, McHenry County Board of Health  
2200 N. Seminary Ave.  
Woodstock, IL 60098

My name is Andy Andreski, President of the McHenry County Board of Health. I am also a local resident and business owner of 1776 Restaurant in Crystal Lake.

I would like to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System. Centegra's plans call for meeting an established need for additional healthcare services in southern McHenry County. It is clear that their committed to the community makes them best-suited to provide these needed medical services.

The job of the McHenry County Board of Health is to promote health, wellness and emergency preparedness. McHenry County residents are touched every day in many ways by the McHenry County Board of Health services. Every time we eat in a restaurant, need assistance for healthcare, or get our children vaccinated for school, the Health Department is involved to make us safer and healthier.

Centegra has been a primary partner of ours for decades.

For the past 100 years, Centegra has played a critical role in improving the health status of our broad community. A recent example of this was during last year's H1NI flu epidemic. Centegra led the way in providing access so thousands of residents could be vaccinated. They proactively partnered with us to reach out to schools and opened their facilities so we could reach more community members.

McHenry County is in need of additional medical services serving our growing southern communities.

I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley and urge the board to approve the application.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Andreski", is written in a cursive style across the bottom right of the page.

**Rachel Sebastian in Support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project, #10-090**  
128 Ashton Lane  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

My name is Rachel Sebastian and I am the Vice President of Service Line Operations with Centegra Health System. In my role I am responsible for the overall strategic leadership of Centegra Health System's Service Lines. I strongly support Centegra's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to improve healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Centegra Health System's leaders are passionate about their commitment to the patients we serve. We continually assess the needs of our communities and discuss ways to improve our services according to changes in the population.

It is important to note that McHenry County's current ratios of beds to population are far below those of the State of Illinois. Based on 2010 figures, McHenry County had 0.65 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds per thousand population, while the entire State of Illinois had 1.79 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds per thousand. Similarly, McHenry County had 0.10 Intensive Care beds per thousand population, while the entire state had 0.25 beds per thousand, and McHenry County had 0.12 Obstetric beds per thousand, while the entire state had 0.21 beds per thousand population. I believe the people of McHenry County deserve at the very least the same access to healthcare as other Illinoisans receive. Centegra Hospital – Huntley is the answer.

Centegra has demonstrated a real commitment to the community's healthcare needs throughout its history. Just a few years ago Centegra filed a CON application for our Open Heart program, a program that was specifically designed to meet the needs of residents and their families who had to travel outside the county for treatment and care. Centegra did not propose this project until there was a demonstrated need locally, but when the need was clear, we acted quickly. The Open Heart program is successful, it serves a critical need and it is making a real difference in people's lives.

The new hospital in Huntley reflects Centegra's ongoing commitment to serving local needs; it also reflects the organization's strong sense of stewardship with an eye toward the growing demand for medical services in the fastest growing portion of the County. This is the right project, at the right time in the right location and I am hopeful that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board will approve this application.

Thank you.

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## Testimony – Centegra Hospital Huntley

Judy Andronowitz  
982 Donnelly Place  
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February 16, 2011

My name is Judy Andronowitz, Director of Nursing Support Services for Centegra Health System. I have been with Centegra for over 20 years and I am extremely proud today to represent Centegra's 819 nurses who as we speak are at the bedside of our patients serving them with passionate care and joyful spirits. Our nursing Associates are actively engaged in quality improvement processes and evidence-based nursing practice to ensure the very best care for each of our patients. We foster professional growth and career advancement for nursing Associates through active participation in professional and educational activities. Each year we host over 250 undergraduate and graduate nursing students from 13 schools, developing future nurses to serve our community, and we partner with five schools for BSN completion programs for the development of our current nursing team. Centegra Health System is actively on the nationally recognized Magnet journey for nursing excellence. We promote the health of our community through active participation in health-related events and the role modeling of health. The clinical nursing teams have responsibility, authority and accountability for providing outstanding patient care and achieving the best patient outcomes. Through our nursing shared governance councils, our nurses and other clinicians have a strong voice in how care is provided within our system to ensure high quality outcomes for those we serve. We currently have over 50 nurses actively working on the design of our cutting edge, fully integrated, high-tech electronic medical record which will further enhance quality and patient safety, timely care and patient satisfaction. The mission of the Department of Nursing at Centegra Health System is to provide care that is of the highest quality. As we treat the physical and mental needs of our patients, we also consider their spiritual and cultural beliefs. We encourage our nurses to maintain a balance between work and family life so when they care for our patients they can do so with a joyful spirit. Our patients are our neighbors, friends, families and loved ones. It's personal, we take it to heart, and we deliver excellence in all we do. Centegra has been part of this community for nearly 100 years. We are fully committed to bringing the best care to the Huntley area, because this IS our community.

I support the Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.





**TO:** Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

**FROM:** Terrence P. Egan, President/CEO

**RE:** Support for Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital-Huntley

**DATE:** February 11, 2011

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The main reason we support the Centegra Hospital-Huntley project was identified in a 2010 independent market review study. That study confirmed Huntley as residing within Hearthstone's primary market area. **Clearly, a new hospital would meet the current and future health care needs of our residents who reside in or near the Huntley area.**

**Finally, wherever Centegra Health System has a presence in a community, they give back generously to individuals and nonprofit organizations in those communities.** For example, Centegra's support of Leadership Greater McHenry County has had a direct positive impact on the development of leaders of many organizations in the community. At our organization alone, seven of our leaders have benefitted from this visionary program since 2005.

Hearthstone Communities fully supports Centegra Health System's proposal for a new 128 bed hospital in Huntley.

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Matt Towler, Vice President of Support Services  
Centegra Health System  
Support of Project #10-090

Hello... I am Matthew Towler and I am the Vice President of Support Services for Centegra Health System.

My role within Centegra includes providing oversight and support to the operations teams that facilitate our construction services. If the Centegra proposal for Centegra Hospital – Huntley is approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, I will oversee the construction and occupancy of the new hospital.

This is very exciting for the people who reside in McHenry and Kane counties and are in need of improved access to Centegra's healthcare services. The planning and development of the new hospital facility has been in process since we first purchased land from Tom Halat. The new facility will be a necessary part of our plan to fulfill the Centegra mission to provide wellness for people in the communities we serve.

The bid process will utilize criteria of Financial Cost, Relevant Healthcare Experience, Relationship with Centegra and Alignment to Centegra's Mission, Vision, and Values, which will be competitively evaluated from the pool of respondents. Our philosophy is to make it a priority to hire skilled laborers and tradesmen from the communities we serve. Through the hospital construction process we look to create more than 800 jobs in the construction-related fields. These jobs have an estimated economic impact of \$152 million on area communities, with an anticipated additional \$45 million to be generated from the professional salaries and commercial sales that would be needed to support the construction work.

This is a very exciting time for me. To have the privilege to provide leadership to this project is a true honor. I look forward to the opportunity to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Thank you.

**Jefferson Batt  
2412 Dakota Ridge  
Johnsburg, IL 60051  
Ph. 847-477-5096  
In Support of Project #10-090**

February 16, 2011

My name is Jeff Batt, a partner of McHenry Financial and the founding President of the Rotary Club of McHenry-Sunrise. As a long standing and active member of our community, I support project #10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Centegra has been an excellent citizen in our community. There is a need for a hospital and its clear Huntley is the right location.

On New Year's Day 2010 my Grandmother had surgery at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to repair a broken knee cap from a fall she had taken the day before. My Grandmother suffers from severe dementia and was a “challenging” patient to say the least. The care that the doctors and nurses took with my Grandmother during her surgery and recovery has made me a raving fan of Centegra and their standard of healthcare.

I strongly believe Centegra is the right organization to provide our community with another excellent resource for health care.

Jefferson Batt  
Partner  
McHenry Financial

February 16, 2011

Dr. David A. Shinherr  
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Woodstock, IL 60098

**Supporting Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090**

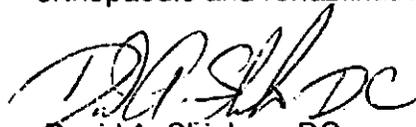
My name is Dr. David Shinherr and I'm a Woodstock resident and Executive Director of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Centegra Health System.

Centegra's orthopaedic surgeons have advanced education in their areas of expertise and integrate the latest orthopaedic treatments to provide our patients the best quality care. We offer advanced procedures to treat injuries and problems of the hand, shoulder, back, hip, knee, and foot. The surgeons on our medical staff deliver new approaches to hip replacement, knee replacement and finger joint replacement and spinal surgery.

In addition to outstanding orthopedic care Centegra Health System offers the complete continuum of rehabilitation services. From skilled nursing and home health care to outpatient therapy, Centegra is committed to providing McHenry County with the best rehabilitative care. One thing that I think is important to note is the fact that Centegra Health System maintains the only Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit in McHenry County, which allows patients to rehabilitate following a brain injury either from a stroke or trauma close to home. Centegra also operates the Neuro-Rehab Center a very unique clinic in Crystal Lake which is essentially the outpatient version of the acute inpatient unit where patient continue their progress in order to return to the highest level of function following these life altering disease processes. The Neuro-Rehab Center is one of approximately 18 similar clinics in the entire state of Illinois.

Because of my background in chiropractic care, I was also thrilled when Centegra added chiropractic medicine to the Centegra Orthopaedic Care continuum. The addition of complimentary and alternative medicine as part of the patients "health care team" insures collaboration amongst the patient's primary care physician and ancillary providers is another way Centegra provides outstanding care to our patients.

At Centegra Hospital - Huntley, Centegra Orthopaedic Services will continue to provide the highest levels of treatment and care through a complete continuum of specialized orthopaedic and rehabilitative programs and services for people of all ages.



David A. Shinherr, DC

Dee Tallon  
609 Handel Lane  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
Project #10-090

### **Testimony of Dee Tallon in favor of Centegra Health System's application for a CON**

Good Morning. My name is Dee Tallon. I am the clinical manager of OB at our Woodstock campus, and most recently named Interim nurse leader. I'd like to share with you why Centegra Health System is not only an excellent healthcare provider -- it is also an outstanding employer to our Associates. My own experiences as both a Centegra Associate and a leader have overwhelmed me with warmth, spurred me to grow and have helped me maintain a healthy balance between my career and my family life.

I was welcomed as a new nurse leader just 13 months ago. Before joining Centegra, I was living in Kentucky. I remember being surprised when I received our new leader welcome package from Centegra Health System Chief Executive Officer Michael S. Eesley at my home just days after accepting their offer. The package included a nice welcome letter from Mike, a DVD that talked about Centegra's values, and a nice leather binder. It was such a nice welcome before I even arrived. My husband is the dean of a business college, and he was impressed, too! Perhaps a bit jealous since he has never been treated this way.

On my first day at the Family Birth Center, I was welcomed with a breakfast by the staff and physicians. Staff members made a scrapbook including pictures of them and their stories, so I could immediately get to know my team. The welcome was overwhelming. Since my husband still lived in Kentucky, I remember calling him to share I felt like they'd rolled out the red carpet for me. I have been a nurse leader for more than 15 years and I can tell you that Centegra's culture is completely unique. I have time to build relationships and see how happy Associates provide better patient care. I am so impressed with this staff. This is by far the best group of people I've ever worked with. Throughout the hospitals, people have smiles on their faces and acknowledge each other.

As a nurse, I appreciate how hands-on caregivers are asked to contribute to process improvement at Centegra. They take part in shared governance, which calls on the expertise of the nurses to improve practices and quality of care. I feel accepted, secure and confident in my role at Centegra Health System because of Centegra's supportive work environment. I love coming to work each day. I always want to tell my team and the people I report to, "Thank you for allowing me to bring my joyful spirit to work." When I think about extending the exceptional level of Centegra care to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, I get so excited I get goose bumps! I whole-heartedly support Centegra's plan and am ready to welcome 1,100 new Associates to our culture of excellence.

Scott L. Padjen

2/16/2011

1713 South Street, Crystal Lake IL 60014

Reference: Project #10-090

### Centegra Hospital Support Letter

My name is Scott Padjen. I serve as the Pharmacy Director for Centegra Health System. I emphatically support Centegra's certificate of need to build a hospital in Huntley. I believe there is a clear need in this location to serve not only the growing demographics of southern McHenry County, but also the residents of Northern Kane County.

I am a 10-year Centegra associate. I believe this organization's dedicated caregivers are most qualified, best prepared and naturally suited to fulfill this need. It's what we have been doing in this community for generations. We are an integrated and proactive community partner, we are eager to answer the call...to expand our offerings of healing, nurturing and wellness.

A word about Pharmacy services at Centegra...we are progressive and dynamic...with an advanced clinical pharmacy practice and medication management practices that ensure safe and correct dispensing of live-saving medications. Clinical pharmacists collaborate with physicians and nurses to promote evidence-based medicine. Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the physicians who serve on that committee are active and engaged in implementing best practices for medication formulary management, physician order sets and pharmacist-managed protocols for high-alert medications. Pharmacy embraces a medication safety culture - openly reporting and monitoring both actual and potential errors to drive process improvement. Advanced information systems utilize medication bar code verification to improve safety and, with the exception of urgent need, pharmacists review and verify all orders for medications before they are administered to our patients.

Our pharmacists are active in the ambulatory clinic setting. They manage Centegra's anticoagulation clinics...serving over 1000 patients at 3 different sites including Huntley. The Centegra Anticoagulation Clinics have been recognized as the best in the nation for clinical quality and consistently rank above the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction. Our pharmacists are expanding into other direct patient care roles - on the frontier...Medication Therapy Management...consultant pharmacists working with the patient... conducting medication therapy reviews... identifying and resolving medication related problems...developing patient centric medication action plans... with the goal of achieving optimal medication outcomes through patient education and empowerment.

I am particularly proud that our Centegra pharmacies are teaching sites for 3 state Colleges of Pharmacy as well as local high schools. In this fiscal year, Clinical Coordinator Alan Mader will mentor 20 students from all levels of learning...from 4th year pharmacy students...to high school freshmen.

In closing...I am proud to represent Centegra...and proud to stand with our doctors, nurses, pharmacists, caregivers, and associates...to support Centegra Hospital Huntley. We are here to serve...we have always been here to serve...we are the caretakers of our community.

February 16, 2011

Daniel Byars, Director, Patient Support Services, Centegra Health System  
1111 Greenfield Circle  
Geneva, Illinois 60134

Re: Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090

I strongly support the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley; project number 10-090 because Centegra Health System is well-suited to meet the area need and able to provide the most effective integrated healthcare network for the residents of the greater McHenry County area.

Changes to the Medicare payment system and other healthcare reforms that become effective in July of 2011 will move all hospitals toward a more health facility – community integrated approach to providing health services. Examples of these reforms include: Medicare payment methods that reward preventative service such as providing pneumonia and flu shots to vulnerable populations and payment strategies that penalize poor outcomes such as patients being readmitted to a hospital within 30 days of being discharged.

Because of the need for greater effectiveness of health services, the future of Health Care in the McHenry County area, as well as, the entire country requires the effectiveness that is delivered by a highly integrated approach to health services. This integrated approach would be enhanced if a new full-service hospital were built upon the existing Centegra campus in Huntley.

Based on its 100+ years of providing care, Centegra has well established collaborative relationships with the network of health services providers that serve the residents of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. Because of Centegra's existing broad base of inpatient and outpatient services as well as its well established relationships with physicians, allied health professionals, nursing homes and other health service providers in the area, the Centegra Huntley- Hospital would ensure the most effective integrated healthcare network for the greater McHenry County area.

In conclusion, I enthusiastically support the proposed Centegra Huntley – Hospital because it will meet area need and provide health services to the greater McHenry County area in the most effective manner.

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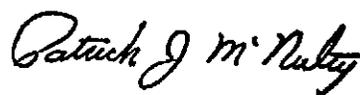
February 16, 2011

Letter of Support  
CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM

The hallmark of a healthy community is how its public health system understands and reacts to the health needs of all of its residents. Centegra Health System has long shown its deep commitment to the public health system and this new endeavor is no exception. Building for future growth and providing increased access to health care is good news for a growing community and a much needed shot in the arm for a weak economy.

Centegra has been a valued public health partner and an avid supporter of community projects for many years. McHenry County Department of Health has been fortunate to work with Centegra on many of these projects but two in particular have far-reaching effects for the entire public health system – that being, the 2010 McHenry County Healthy Community Study, the results of which will be presented to the community at McHenry County College on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the other is the MAPP initiative (“mobilizing for action through planning and partnership”) which is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. MAPP is a systems approach to understanding the public health needs, devising a plan to address those needs and then implementing that plan. Centegra has been an integral partner in the MAPP process with an active participation on issues such as access to care, cardiovascular health and a central information and referral network. As a community leader, Centegra has also partnered with the Department of Health in the H1N1 outbreak, children’s vaccination campaign and smoking cessation programs.

Centegra has played a consistent role in the County’s assessment and implementation of priority health issues. Contributions to these projects have helped us build a strong public health infrastructure for the betterment of our communities. We wish Centegra’s leaders and its associates continued success in providing quality health care for McHenry County residents.



Patrick J McNulty  
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February 4, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: **Project#:10-090—Centegra Hospital Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Centegra Health System has asked that I write in support of their project to bring a full-service hospital to southern McHenry County. I am most happy to do so since I believe the project is not only needed but would be an outstanding addition to an area that is fast-growing but without access to comprehensive healthcare for its residents.

Since the statistical support for this approval is known to you through the application process, I would only like to add that Centegra Health Systems serves residents in my legislative district and has an outstanding reputation. When I recently attended the announcement of Centegra's intent to seek approval for this project, I was extremely impressed with the state of the art fitness center that was filled with area residents who are enthusiastic about services currently available and the possibility of a full service hospital in that location. Such a project would bring jobs and tax revenue for McHenry County as well as comprehensive health care.

My experience with the Centegra system has also shown them to be an outstanding community partner. They and their staff participate in area charitable endeavors including the one very dear to me and my wife, Dee—Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois (HPNI). HPNI has partnered with Centegra in an inpatient hospice program located at Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock. That project could not have come to fruition without the dedication of Centegra to make it a reality. Centegra has also contributed to HPNI in other ways through their contribution to the new Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care in Barrington, Illinois and through sharing two of their top executives with HPNI as members of the Board of Directors. This represents a real commitment to partnership, and Centegra has everyone's utmost respect for their willingness to serve.

I am aware that there must be a limited amount of healthcare resources, and that not every project can become a reality. This project, however, is an important one for McHenry County residents and is one that I fully support. I would be grateful if your board could give Centegra's application every consideration.

Very truly yours,

Mark H. Beaubien  
State Representative, District 52

Project #10-090

LYNN GRIESMAIER RN MS  
533 Bristol Way  
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WE have a problem in McHenry County. Our county has women who are diagnosed at a later stage of breast cancer than almost all other counties in IL. We diagnose about 3-4 women a week. From age 26 to 93, rural to neighborhood, fit to not so fit women. The profile isn't set. It can happen to any woman. Centegra has recognized the severity of this situation and has implemented an action plan to address it. We have taken the lead on establishing the first Comprehensive Breast Health Program in McHenry County. Following National Standards for Breast Programs, we are providing access for all women to come forward to have state of the art digital mammography, breast ultrasound and MRI. We provide onsite radiologists who meet with every patient who comes to us with a breast issue. We then provide a multidisciplinary approach under the direction of our 2 medical directors, that allows a patient to benefit from the expertise of all our breast specialists to help manage through their very personal journey back to health. Even my role as the only Breast Health Navigator in McHenry County, is an indication of how sensitive Centegra is to meeting the needs of very fearful women facing one of the biggest challenges of their lives, knowing they have a touchstone with my position, to be there every step of the way with them.

Outreach and education about breast cancer awareness is extremely important. Our commitment to take this out to the community is demonstrated in many ways such as the first Tuesday of the month when Family Health Partnership takes over the mammography department at our Woodstock Hospital and our technologist do mammograms while their nurse practitioner examines patients in our treatment rooms. If a positive diagnosis is made, we keep the patients in our system and continue to provide treatment whether it is surgery, chemotherapy or radiation therapy. In other words, we take care of patients and we love what we do.

Having a specialized women's center such as at what we plan for Huntley, will allow us to expand offering this great commitment to women, knocking down the barriers, so they know they can expect comprehensive breast treatment, with the most competent physicians, latest technology and high touch care that reflects the values that make us Centegra.

Thank you.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Leslie Phillips

**Address:** 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

**Company:** Centegra Health System

**Title:** Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

### **Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.

**Nancy Turngren, Manager of Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley**

My name is Nancy Turngren, and I manage The Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley, an active adult living community of more than 9,000 residents over the age of 55. Sun City is located in Kane County just north of I-90 just west of Route 47 in Huntley.

With the Sun City residents in mind, I strongly support the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090). The location to our facility is ideal, and in addition, Centegra is already a valued wellness partner within the Sun City community.

As an active adult residence community, many in Sun City are healthier and stronger than their peers. Clearly however, the medical needs of an aging population only increase as the years pass. Easy access to quality health care, particularly for a senior community is imperative.

The proposed location of the new hospital is only minutes from Sun City. Many residents in fact already visit doctors and the immediate care facility on the Centegra Huntley campus. An extension to a full-service acute care hospital within minutes of this community of senior citizens would be a blessing.

Sun City has had the pleasure of truly partnering with Centegra to provide residents with much of the wellness care they need. The Centegra name is one many know and trust. Through The Wellness Center in Sun City, Centegra provides health screenings, customized nutrition counseling, health assessments and a wide variety of community health lectures.

Since The Wellness Center opened in 1999, residents have responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback. In fact, this feedback and the demand for more quality wellness services led to the extension of the center's hours and the expansion of available services. Now our residents have access to more in-depth services such as blood testing, osteoporosis screenings and behavioral health services, among others.

The Sun City residents would certainly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley, and particularly, one that would be operated by such a community partner. I encourage this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley. I look forward to the access that a new hospital in Huntley would afford the Sun City community.

Thank you.

**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Sheila Senn

Address: 148 Glenbrook Trail McHenry IL 60050

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Behavioral Health Services

**Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as an Associate of the health system, as a resident of McHenry County and as an advocate for those who suffer from Mental and substance abuse illnesses. During my 15 years with Centegra, it has been my calling to care for those individuals who are marginalized and underserved and work toward the reduction of stigma associated with Mental Illness and substance abuse.

I am proud to be a part of Centegra Health System as this organization shares these same values. While other hospitals have chosen to reduce or entirely eliminate Behavioral Health Services, Centegra has maintained services for those in need in our community. The decisions to maintain such services have been made exclusively on the basis of what our community needs not on the impact to our financial bottom line which incidentally is negative. In the spirit of our mission to serve our community, we have partnered with other community agencies to coordinate services and meet the changing needs of McHenry County. A recent example is our involvement with the suicide taskforce in McHenry County. It saddens me to report to you today that the number of residents who have ended their lives by suicide in this past year has doubled since 2008. As the number of suicides mounted last year, we worked with many community agencies to offer free education to our residents related to suicide prevention. We educated our physicians and Associates regarding the group most at risk and common signs and symptoms.

I think most of us would agree that the past few years have been some of the most economically and emotionally challenging for our country and our community. Unemployment and foreclosures have taken a toll on our community at the same time that access and resources for Mental health and substance abuse services have been seriously diminished. Though there has been a complete elimination of support from the state for acute psychiatric services, we have maintained our acute care services. Acute psychiatric services are not optional services, they are essential and should not be

compromised. These services are a person's very last option. They are provided when nothing else will do to insure the safety of the individual or others. We continue to care for people because it is consistent with our mission and simply, the right thing to do.

The Huntley hospital will provide an additional access point for people to seek entry into the most appropriate level of mental health or substance abuse services. We provide truly integrated and informed services to our community. I am very proud to be a part of such a sophisticated approach to care. I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those we serve.

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**PAMELA J. ALTHOFF**  
STATE SENATOR • 32ND DISTRICT

January 24, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
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Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Centegra Health Systems' application for a new hospital to be located in Huntley, Illinois. Since 2000 the increase in the southeastern quadrant of McHenry County's population has been 24.8% while the state of Illinois' population has grown at only 0.48%. The need for a full service acute care medical facility is readily evident. Centegra not only provides excellent health care for all of McHenry County but has already established an Outpatient and Immediate Care campus in Huntley. The expansion of services with a new hospital is just the next logical step.

Centegra, as you are well aware, is the preferred choice provider for McHenry County and has consistently provided quality healthcare as the need arises. During the CON hearing for Mercy Health Systems back in 2004, the CON board noted and suggested a better location for any hospital in McHenry County would be further south and west of Crystal Lake, Illinois. Centegra took them at their word. This new hospital would then serve some of the largest communities in McHenry County including Huntley, Lake in the Hills and Algonquin.

And let's not forget, during these extraordinarily challenging fiscal times, the economic benefits this project will bring to the area; benefits like thousands of JOBS, increased tax revenue and direct spending. A project of this magnitude would be a tremendous boon for the area.

Centegra has proven itself to be an excellent community partner that truly cares about the people and families they serve. I have had numerous positive experiences with this health system, both personal and professional, and have absolute confidence in its ability to bring a top-notch hospital to southern McHenry County. I respectfully request the Board give Centegra's application strong consideration.

Regards,

  
Pamela J. Althoff  
State Senator, 32nd District

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## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Laura Walczak

**Address:**

**Company:** Centegra Health System

**Title:** Director of Emergency Department

**Testimonial:**

My name is Laura Walczak, Director of Centegra's Emergency Department. I am honored to be here today to explain why I am in full support of Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley.

The Emergency Departments at Centegra Health System bring state-of-the-art care to the people of greater McHenry County. We treat each patient with dignity and compassion, and help families cope with difficult and sometimes traumatic situations.

Centegra Health System's Emergency Departments at Centegra Hospital – McHenry and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock handle a spectrum of emergencies, from cuts and broken bones to life-threatening conditions. Last year, more than 63,000 patients sought emergency care for lacerations, fractures, heart attacks, respiratory problems, traumas (such as injuries resulting from car, boating or farm accidents) and a variety of other injuries and illnesses.

The highly skilled Associates, physicians and staff in our Emergency Departments work with one of the best Emergency Medical Services programs in the state to be sure residents are never far from outstanding emergency care.

Centegra is committed to providing comprehensive emergency services so that any type of emergency can be addressed. The Emergency Departments at Centegra Hospital – McHenry and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock are designated as Level II Trauma Centers, which means they meet strict criteria set by the State of Illinois for providing high-level emergency care. Both hospitals are staffed 24 hours a day by full-time physicians who are board certified in emergency medicine. The hospitals also have trauma surgeons available. The specially trained nursing staffs are certified in trauma nursing, advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support. Both medical centers have immediate or quick access to X-ray equipment, CAT scanners, surgical facilities and intensive care units.

I look forward to the opportunity to bring additional services such as these to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County with Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

I strongly urge you to approve Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Connie Secor

Address: 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director, Surgical Services

My name is Connie Secor. As the Director of Surgical Services for Centegra Health System and as a community member living in Marengo, I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley.

Centegra Health System's Surgical Services departments provide comprehensive services for both ambulatory and in-patient populations for the communities of McHenry County and beyond. Performing nearly 14,000 surgical procedures annually, our combined 15 operating rooms serve more than 110 surgeons, covering more than 15 different service line specialties. These service lines include our open heart program at the Centegra Hospital - McHenry campus and a weight loss surgery program at our Centegra Hospital – Woodstock campus. We are proud to say that our weight loss surgery program has been designated as a Bariatric Center of Excellence from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

In addition, our ancillary service areas provide combined visits of more than 16,000 annually in our Endoscopy and Ambulatory Treatment Departments. These service areas play a critical role in the provision of care to citizens throughout McHenry County and surrounding communities. We are very proud of the excellent care we provide and that our associates remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our patients.

As a community member, I am very excited that Centegra is building upon its excellence and continues to bring important medical services to the communities in need. Thank you for your time and consideration of this much needed hospital and the many services it can bring to the community.

**Richard Parsons  
11N208 Russinwood Court  
Elgin, IL 60124**

**Project #10-090**

**Testimonial – Richard Parsons**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the proposed Centegra Hospital Huntley. My name is Richard Parsons and I am the Director of Respiratory Care, Neurology, and Sleep Services. I have been with the Centegra Health System family for over six years as part of the leadership team.

As part of the leadership team, I am very pleased with the commitment our organization and the Associates continue to demonstrate on a daily basis to meet and exceed the community needs. This commitment extends from the Board of Directors in guiding senior leadership, to educating, preparing and developing the leaders with a servant leadership philosophy, to engaging the Associates to deliver the finest and most compassionate care to our patient population. The desire to excel in all aspects of a patient focused model of care is clearly illustrated in all we do.

In 1989 based on community assessments, Centegra Health System identified a need for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep related disorders. The Sleep Services department cared for its first patient on October 10, 1989. As the requirement for treating more patients grew, Centegra expanded to two beds in 1996 and then four beds in 2003. In 2008, in an effort to further meet the requests of the community, Centegra Health System expanded the operations to seven days per week. Due to the overwhelming support from the community of patients, the physician experts leading the way, and the quality of services delivered by outstanding clinicians, Centegra is in the process of expanding to add more beds in McHenry County.

This ongoing strategic planning and subsequent actions provides just one example of how Centegra Health System continues to meet the needs of the residents of our community closer to their homes. Historically and ongoing, Centegra Health System continues to have a long-term strategic plan in identifying the health and wellness needs of the community and providing these and other services to enrich the lives of those we serve.

Once again, thank you for your support of building care closer to the homes of our families in Huntley, Illinois.

**Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital**

**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

**Public Statement: Peter Lopatin**

Peter Lopatin  
243 Belle Vue Lane  
Sugar Grove, IL 60054

RE: Project #10-090

Good morning/afternoon,

My name is Peter Lopatin, and I am the Business Manager for Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Services for Centegra Health System. I have had the honor to live in McHenry County for 14 years and to work with Centegra since 2005. Today I am proud to express my strong support for the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Centegra has demonstrated a real commitment to the community's healthcare needs throughout its history. Just a few years ago I had the privilege to work on our CON application to the state for our Open Heart program, a program that was specifically designed to meet the needs of residents & their families who had to travel outside the County for treatment and care. Centegra did not propose this project until there was a demonstrated need locally, but when the need was clear, we acted quickly. The Open Heart program is successful, it serves a critical need and it is making a real difference in people's lives.

The new hospital in Huntley reflects Centegra's ongoing commitment to serving local needs; it also reflects the organization's strong sense of stewardship with an eye toward the growing demand for medical services in the fastest growing portion of the County. This is the right project, at the right time in the right location and I am hopeful that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board will approve this application.

Thank you.

Dr. Fernando Lamounier

In Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley Project #10-090

I joined the staff at Centegra Health System last January and have worked with Cardiac Surgery Associates to provide the latest techniques for cardiothoracic surgery. I completed my thoracic surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center in 2006 and specialize in valve surgery.

My expertise complements the already impressive procedures performed at Centegra to improve the overall health and wellness of the McHenry County community. The first ever open heart surgery in McHenry County was performed at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, formerly known as Northern Illinois Medical Center, on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2006, when cardiac surgeons from Centegra performed bypass surgery on a female patient from Woodstock. That procedure inaugurated Centegra Health System's open heart surgery program.

Centegra partnered with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, four years ago to be the cardiovascular surgical team performing all of Centegra's cardiovascular procedures. The physicians of CSA have provided our patients with the highest quality cardiac care in the state. We continue to focus on new ways to bring the most state-of-the-art cardiac care right here to McHenry County. The expansion of our cardiothoracic program demonstrates the commitment of the entire Centegra family as we continue to make a difference in the communities we serve.

With this important service, patients and their families are receiving the care they need closer to home. Centegra's cardiovascular program includes three cardiac catheterization labs for angioplasty procedures and electrophysiology to help correct heart electrical problems, as well as Centegra's Heart Failure Clinic that coordinates a patient's care and reaches out to other agencies when needed. I fully support Centegra's proposal to further develop our heart program by offering additional services to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Dr. Terrence J. Bugno  
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Centegra Board of Governors  
Radiation Oncologist, Centegra Sage Cancer Center  
McHenry IL  
February 16, 2011

**Public Hearing on the Centegra Health System Application to build:  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL – HUNTLEY.**

My name is [xxx KAY PRESHLOCKxxx] and I am speaking on behalf of Dr. Terrence Bugno, member of the Centegra Board of Governors and Radiation Oncologist on staff at the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

I strongly support the Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project. It is the right answer to an unmet healthcare need, situated in the right place, being 'birthed' at the right time, and pursued for the right reasons by our System – anchored in McHenry County Illinois --- building on the Promise which Centegra Health System Made in 1995 --- that the PATIENT is the CENTER of what we do, who we are, how we work (from a BASIS OF INTEGRITY) – and providing modern technologic advances delivered through compassionate personalized care.

This IS CENTEGRA – it's history, it's mantra, it's charge.

My career path has brought me to McHenry County on two occasions – the first in the 1980's, the second as of 2000. What a difference a few decades makes! I have grown to be passionate about CENTEGRA – as physician, a cancer doctor, former medical director of Radiation Oncology Services, a Board Member and a resident of McHenry County. We continually contribute to the health and welfare of our own residents. I wish to speak to access, quality, technology, 'heart' and 'stewardship' in my remarks.

As an Oncologist specializing in radiation medicine arriving to McHenry County in the mid 1980's, state of the art services were fragmented, often inaccessible and requiring compromises by hard working families to 'go elsewhere' ... Wisconsin, downtown Chicago, collar county university and academic centers and yes, even Mayo Clinic.

Scared of the big "C" ... worried about limited options or choices... daily sacrifices were made --- because you did the 'right thing'. Priorities and values drove many out of the area for specialized care. It's just the way it HAD to be. Caring physicians aligned with NIMC and Woodstock Hospitals helped to bridge the gap and provided fundamental services --- closer to home, inspired by the "war on cancer" national directive on Community Cancer Programs.

Come 2000 and my return to this area --- new realities --population expansion, growing and aging families, rising prevalence of acute and chronic illnesses despite medical advances --- and with it ---a real need for comprehensive Cancer Care. Awareness of, and proper planning for, dedicated multidisciplinary cancer services 'right in our own county' ultimately birthed the Sage Cancer Center in McHenry-- with collaboration amongst physicians, diverse healthcare providers, consumers and generous support from all sectors of the business community. The result? Improved access and benefits for our residents.

In my area - Radiation Oncology - we acquired progressive high tech equipment and procedures -- linear accelerators, Tomotherapy, High dose rate radiation, sophisticated planning software systems -- and, we were able to attract many 'best and brightest' minds to our Center --- academically credentialed but choosing to live, work and give their talents to McHenry County residents.

We've met the needs in the diversity of Cancer Services offered across the continuum of care --- from screening & prevention, diagnosis, individualized cancer treatment programs, clinical trial access, aftercare support including survivorship, and when appropriate --- palliative and hospice care. Being there throughout that patient's cancer experience. High technology, progressive cancer care -- distinguished by professionals who believe in 'high touch' personalized approach with 'heart'.

Our success is measured beyond our excellent patient satisfaction surveys, through testimonials who tell us: "They treated us like their own family! We felt right at home!"

I can attest that Centegra Health System is 'well beyond expectation' in it's delivery of Cancer Care Services for McHenry County . We've answered with 'high tech' state of the art diagnostics, leading edge radiation oncology and infusion services -- and a solid nationally accredited program. Our 'team approach' interconnects our System, medical providers with our partnering community. Expansion to the Huntley area affords many more individuals access to 'what we do best' in cancer care.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors (who happens to be a physician)... I have watched this Healthcare System demonstrate keen understanding of, and leadership to acquire, deliver and steward appropriate Inpatient and Outpatient accessible facilities for McHenry County. It takes it's mission seriously and responsibly.

I have both observed and participated in our executive team's 'common sense' yet insightful steering through the maze of changing Healthcare with high moral and ethical

character, decision-making, and 'doing things for the right reasons'. Our Board's responsibility towards behavioral health for McHenry County, new initiatives in Cardiovascular, Cancer, Degenerative and Chronic Diseases as well as Women's Health, newborn and pediatric care and in community education, patient access and self empowerment are very evident.

The board, executive team and it's hundreds of associates embrace our mission, vision, values in the conduct of our activities. We do our best, and seek, retain and support our dedicated workforce. There is a healing culture, a 'team' born of local residents living, working, caring and involved ---- In realizing our charge as the leader for Healthcare for McHenry County. Ours is a culture of Servant Leadership .

We've recognized the changing scene for the growing population in our southern corridor ---- and have already established a presence including Health Bridge & Outpatient Center which has been well received and incorporated into the fabric of this area.

We do note that healthcare is NOT defined by a building, but a continuum of integrated services. It is imperative that we win our community's confidence that we are 'right around the corner' – ready, able, attentive – with quality healthcare initiatives... easy access.... experienced leadership... compassionate caring and genuine respect ... and ..... involved! ...

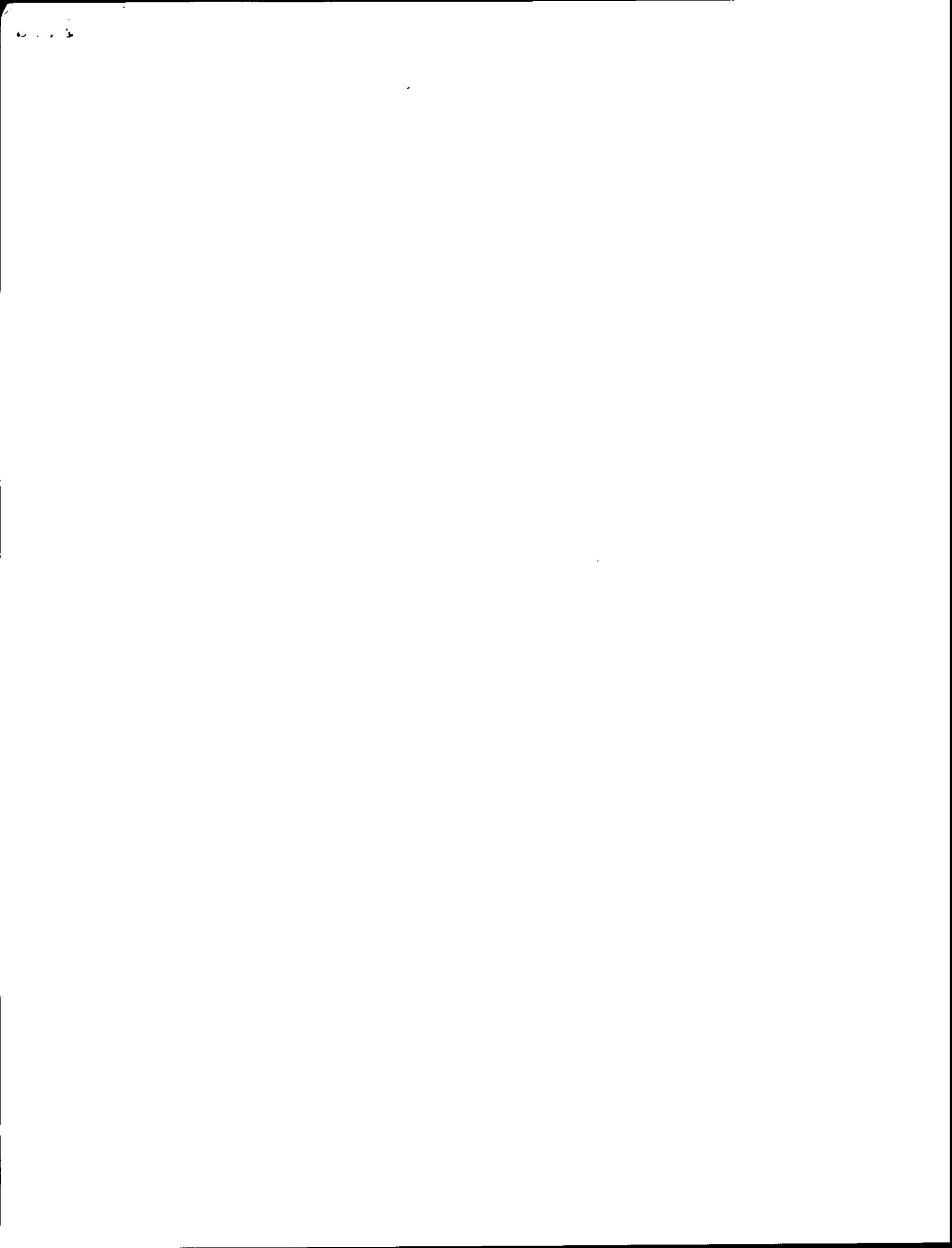
As an Oncologist, Centegra Board Member – and McHenry County Resident ---- I know that Centegra is THE dedicated service provider who's answering this call –for the present --- for the future. The next step in the satisfying that growing expectation for onsite healthcare is... Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

We have studied healthcare needs, done our due diligence and explored various options . Despite the imposing present economy, healthcare trends and life stressors living in McHenry County- Illinois, Centegra genuinely believes it's culture, it's 'roots' and demonstrated responsible stewardship during these trying times - can bring substantial benefit to those who live, work and play right here – and achieve the vision.

I believe that our mantra to be a destination system with Mayo's clinical and Ritz Carlton's service reputation is what this Huntley area relates to, and best aligns with in its Healthcare Needs for now and the future. This Centegra Hospital Huntley initiative is the 'best' answer and I urge it's approval.

Thank you.

*Thomas J. Buga MD*  
2/14/2011



Marianna Wolfmeyer  
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RE: Project #10-090

My name is Marianna Wolfmeyer and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and Chaplain for Centegra Health System providing care through the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

Centegra is committed to caring for people holistically - body, mind and spirit – a part of which is providing support services and opportunities to meet emotional and spiritual care needs. Counseling, care and support are offered in various forms throughout our system to associates, patients, families and groups at no cost. More often than not, I meet with people in difficult and challenging times which are filled with anxiety and distress. For example, after a cancer diagnosis or recurrence. When enduring difficult treatment and/or side effects. When facing end of life. At death and through bereavement. When I meet with people and they realize that they can receive support services at no cost, they are not only surprised (because as many often say, “Really, this just doesn’t happen in today’s world - nothing is free!”) but sometimes they just cry, expressing real gratitude for receiving services that they know they need, but can’t pay for. I am so proud to work for a health care system that not only talks about its interest in and responsibility for community health and wellness, but more importantly acts, by committing real resources and money despite challenging financial times, to employ me and others, including counselors, social workers and chaplains who in caring for people in very difficult emotional and spiritual times, profoundly impact community health and wellness for the better.

Centegra seeks to be flexible and adaptive in response to community needs. For example, recognizing that the needs of cancer survivors along the continuum of care could be further enhanced, an education and support program for men living with prostate cancer was recently begun in Huntley. Additionally the needs of cancer survivors post treatment are now being addressed through a program called Cancer Transitions, a six week research based program focusing on fitness, nutrition, and emotional and medical management. We are also excited about two grants from the City of Hope recently awarded to staff at Centegra Sage Cancer Center for training this spring, that will facilitate additional types of support services and programming for patients and caregivers. Centegra’s mission, vision and values exhibit a real commitment to health and wellness. We will continue meeting our community’s needs as we move toward future expansion.



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February 16, 2011

**Project #10-090**

Centegra Health System is committed to raising awareness about the importance of early cancer detection. As a community member who has had a spouse and a brother with early detection of two different types of cancer and who are now both cancer survivors, I truly understand the importance of what our "Get Checked" program can provide.

"Get Checked" provides information about guidelines for routine screenings that can make a big difference in one's life. Cancer has a measurably higher survival rate when caught in its earliest stages but that can occur only if you are vigilant about conducting self exams, having regular physician visits and following guidelines for testing and screenings

Self exams and screening should be part of your regular personal routine. Breast, cervical, colorectal, testicular, skin and prostate cancer are among those conditions most likely to be detected through self exams and routine screenings.

At Centegra Health System we educate the public and provide free screenings on a routine basis. We help community members find physicians and provide comprehensive care and support throughout the patient and caregiver experience. We look forward to extending that type of care and support in the southern portion of McHenry County and northern Kane County. I fully support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.



Amy Moerschbaeher RN BSN MA  
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February 16, 2011

Re: Project 10-090 Centegra Hospital- Huntley

I am writing as a resident of the west end of Crystal Lake - in full support of a new hospital at the proposed location for the following reasons:

1. Increased access to emergency care. For those of us who live on the west end of Crystal Lake and Lakewood .the time could be reduced to 8-10 minutes from home to ER as compared to 25 to 50 minutes, currently.
2. For Huntley residents, safety is a factor. On Route 47-- traffic from Huntley to Woodstock can be snarled and cause a delay of 45 minutes. In severe winter weather there are snowdrifts. When heading to McHenry Hospital, one can expect 45 minute to 60 minute travel time— and...For those heading to the Elgin Hospitals, we have experienced an increase in traffic and speeding along Randall Road, I-90, and Route 20.
3. 30 years ago I could drive from Crystal Lake to Dundee or Elgin in 20 minutes . In a brief span of time, with the rapid growth of new development, the Randall Road Corridor has become congested, filled with red light after red light and one can expect a 40-minute drive to Elgin hospitals.
4. In my role as Community Outreach Coordinator, I travel the county for Centegra's "Get Checked" program. I have the opportunity to visit companies, community groups, and area organizations. I hear firsthand of the need for more immediate access to healthcare services in the proposed area. A specific need was demonstrated last year during **one six hour event** at Huntley Health Bridge Fitness Center Campus. Centegra partnered with the Skin Cancer Foundation for the National Road To Healthy Skin Tour to provide free skin cancer screenings. Participants came from Crystal Lake, Huntley, Algonquin, Palatine, LITH, Woodstock, and Elgin. During the hours of 10am and 4pm, we saw 115 people—of whom, 36 needed follow up care.

I have witnessed the construction of new buildings —Huntley's library, new village hall, new fire stations. new grocery stores. Algonquin and LITH have done the same, and Lakewood added a Fire Station on Haligus Road. **Wouldn't a new hospital be just as important to this community?**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Kay Freshlock

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**Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Public Hearing February 16, 2011**

My name is Judi Jefko, I serve as Director of Performance Improvement for Centegra Health System. I have had the pleasure of being a part of this great organization in serving our community for 32 years. As part of the Centegra Healthcare Team, the patient and their family are at the heart of all that we do each day. Over the years Centegra has shown an ongoing commitment to the community through expansion of services to ensure quality care can be received close to home. Several of the expanded services that offer the latest technology and procedures are cardiac, cancer, orthopedic and bariatric, along with a full continuum of outpatient services, home health, rehab, behavioral health and wound care.

The vision to expand an acute care hospital in Huntley again demonstrates Centegra's commitment to fulfill the community needs. In providing healthcare services, we have shown commitment to ensure safe, efficient, quality care. Centegra has always been a leader in participating in voluntary public reporting initiatives. Recently Centegra chose to take quality and safety to an even greater level by voluntarily reporting information to the Leapfrog Group. As the leading healthcare system in McHenry County, we are already committed to the quality and safety measures that we use to protect our patients and to improve the care we provide. We joined more than 1500 hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic that are volunteering patient outcome information. I am proud to join Centegra leaders in our shared belief that transparency provides information to the community and makes us a better healthcare system. Additionally Centegra has achieved certifications and accreditations in many areas to ensure gold standards of care are provided.

Not only have I had the honor of being part of the Centegra Healthcare Team for many years, I have also been a part of the community for 52 years and experienced the compassionate, quality care for myself and family. When my mother had a heart attack, the Centegra team saved her life following a cardiac arrest. She has received subsequent cardiac procedures and cardiac rehab that have maintained her active quality of life. Each of my family members have experienced a need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to provide the "very best", quality care by experienced, dedicated physicians, leaders and associates. I experienced a patient centered, collaborative team, showing compassionate care - a team I could trust.

I look forward to expanding this same quality of care for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Judi Jefko  
Director, Performance Improvement  
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Good Afternoon, My name is Trisha Musich and I am the Magnet coordinator for Centegra Health System. I am here in support of the Centegra project. I have been employed at Centegra as a nurse for the past 20 years and am very excited to see the opening of another location to serve our community. Twenty years ago, I started at Centegra as a new graduate. At that time, I had 6 job offers from area hospitals. I picked Centegra over other organizations for the genuine caring environment it showed during my interview process. Twenty years later at Centegra, I have witnessed the nursing care excel in many areas of patient care. Currently I am leading the health system on a journey of nursing excellence called Magnet. The journey has standards that are set by the American Nurses Associations. Hospitals that obtain this status are noted as exceeding in nursing care, Centegra hands down exceeds these standards. Centegra Administrators and staff from nursing to environmental services; work as a team in providing the quality of care the community needs and deserves.

I couldn't be more proud as a nurse in this community working at Centegra. My immediate and extended family use Centegra as their primary point of care. I have personally had my three children at Centegra. In the past year, I have had surgery and my children have had three surgeries. The care exceeded my already high expectations. My mother just had elective knee replacements at Centegra and additional therapy through our extended care unit. It speaks volumes when you know the care your family care is going to be given by the best nursing staff and greatest physicians in the county. Healthcare is personal and emotional. When you know the care you are getting is excellent by the Centegra nurse, it allows you to focus on your loved ones-where your heart should be.

Trisha Musich  
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Jude Musich

## **SUPPORT FOR PROJECT #10-090**

My name is Dr. Frances Glosson and I have been employed in the Centegra Health Care System for 35 years in a variety of roles. I have a background in critical care nursing and have a doctorate focused in leadership, learning, service and research. I have lived in McHenry County since 1973; however, the Glosson family has roots in this county dating back to 1852.

Centegra has been serving this county for a very long time and has had a positive impact on the overall health of the community as evidenced in recent healthy community studies. **Centegra is a perfect organization to open a new hospital in Huntley.** I can report to you that Centegra is a vision and values led organization. The governance of the organization, the physicians, leaders and all 3800 Associates are true servant leaders. As I said Centegra is values driven, committed to serving the community's healthcare and wellness needs with genuine respect, passionate caring, and a joyful spirit. Their emphasis on wellness and community outreach and most importantly, quality of healthcare makes them the obvious choice in expanding services **here in Huntley, Illinois with a new hospital.**

Centegra is positioned to serve this area in an integrated manner based on their ability to offer the full continuum of care. I look forward to the day my grandchildren, Matt and Maggie, who live less than a mile from the proposed Huntley hospital site can seek services from this well established and led organization. It is of great comfort to our family that Centegra would be so accessible for their health needs. My son was diagnosed with cancer two years ago and when he needs immediate care it will be ideal that a Centegra hospital is literally just around the corner **in his neighborhood.**

I have witnessed and can declare with certainty that **Centegra is the right choice** for this community. Healthcare is delivered in a **team approach** and Centegra excels in this area having created a nationally recognized learning organization. Leadership and learning are essential elements as we continue to operate and excel in the new healthcare reform arena. Centegra is also a leader in collective community leadership contributing to the overall health of every citizen through multiple diverse programming.

As I mentioned, Servant Leadership is the leadership style emphasized by Centegra leaders to enhance service to others and improve the engagement of the workforce. This style of leading provides a holistic approach to work; promoting a sense of community; and the sharing of power in decision making. The healthcare of the future will continue to require this type of leadership approach. Centegra has been a pacesetter with this leadership platform which will continue **at the new Huntley hospital.**

At Centegra the associates are characterized by performing meaningful work; clarity of the organization's direction, performance accountability, and having a safe, trusting, and collaborative environment. I can attest to this after 35 years and we will build on this strength **at the Huntley hospital.**

Please endorse the plans for the Centegra Huntley hospital. **Again, it is the perfect choice.**

I support **SUPPORT FOR PROJECT #10-090**

*- Frances Glosson*

Good Day. My name is Bonnie Saban and I am a long time resident of McHenry County. I am the Manager of Volunteer Services and Patient Express for Centegra Health System. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and am the coordinator of the State of Illinois-Senior Health Insurance Program sponsored and supported by Centegra. I also served for several years as the President of the McHenry County Task Force on Aging.

I would like to speak to you today on behalf of the aging community of McHenry County. A demographic study done by the Metro Chicago Information Center and Northwestern University forecasts that, of Chicago's five collar counties, McHenry County will experience the most dramatic growth in their senior population between the years of 2000 and 2020. Our county can expect to see a 66% increase in seniors with the next largest increase of 60%, taking place in Kane County.

Sun City Huntley, the largest 55+ community in the Midwest, straddles the McHenry and Kane county lines and is home to more than 9,000 seniors. That number includes my parents, Lloyd and Bette Miller. As they have aged it has become more and more important that health care services are easily accessible. In fact, the demographic study mentioned earlier, found that 84% of participants cited the availability of quality medical care as the most important aspect of their community.

Centegra Health System has consistently worked to identify the healthcare needs of the community and then provide for those needs. The purchase of property on Haligus Rd and the subsequent construction of the Immediate Care Center, Centegra Primary Care and HealthBridge Fitness Center is an example of that commitment. Construction of a hospital at the Haligus location clearly best meets the needs of the aging community of McHenry and Kane County.

I would like to encourage you to approve Centegra Health System's application for the construction of Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today.

Bonnie Saban

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**Hector Flores on behalf of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project #10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Hector Iyan Flores. I am the lead Interpreter/Ambassador at Centegra Hospital Woodstock. I have been working at Centegra for about six and a half years now. I have personally witnessed the strides that Centegra has taken in order to ensure that we are providing great service and overall excellent medical care to all the people that live in our community.

As interpreters, we offer the best language service in the area. We are pivotal in the assistance of communication between patients whose primary language is Spanish and the medical personnel in the hospitals and other Centegra satellite facilities. We have significantly increased our interpretation services to having twenty-four hour coverage at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock and 18-hour daytime coverage and nighttime call at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to meet patients' needs. We have set forth a great effort to ensure that we understand the cultural customs of our patients in order to provide healthcare services in a respectful manner. As a result, patients choose the Centegra hospitals for their care.

From my perspective as someone who is dedicated to serving the diverse population of our region, a new hospital in Huntley will be an extension of the already established programs to address the unique language and cultural needs of all area patients. In McHenry County, more than 11% of area residents are of Hispanic descent and those numbers continue to climb as the population increases.

By hiring the right personnel, implementing the proper training and following the Centegra Values, all area residents, regardless of their native language, are able to put the hassles of barriers behind them and focus on their care and recovery. At Centegra, we strive to improve the community as a whole, and this sentiment will be expressed fully if a new Huntley hospital is opened.

February 16, 2011

Kathy Young  
Client Executive for Centegra Health System  
Dell  
In support of Project #10-090

My name is Kathy Young. I am the Dell Client Executive responsible for the management of services under the Information Technology outsource agreement between Centegra Health System and Dell.

Over the course of Dell's tenure with Centegra, Centegra has invested significantly in the modernization of its IT environment with a vision of improving and streamlining the delivery of patient care and connecting the hospitals, physicians and community.

In addition to the sizable investment Centegra has made in years in the implementation of electronic medical record technology for Centegra's hospital and clinic operations, Centegra has recently made a commitment to extend its reach into the community of care providers. Through the implementation of a Health Information Exchange, Centegra will enable the electronic sharing of patient results among affiliated physicians and patients. This will aid in the seamless transition of patients from one care setting to another within Centegra Health System. More specifically, for patients who elect to seek services at the new Huntley facility, their clinicians will have access to their entire medical history. This will greatly enhance the continuum of care and patient safety.

Not only will it allow all health care professionals who elect to participate to meet the federal mandates for electronic data exchange, it will provide a foundation for a "Connected Physician Community" which benefits everyone, but, most importantly, the community. This Health Information Exchange (HIE) is the first of its type in Northern Illinois.

In this economic and healthcare reimbursement climate, many healthcare organizations are cutting back on investments in IT. Centegra is thinking toward the future and is planning for a patient-centric approach to care as opposed to a facility-centric approach. Centegra is continuing to make investments in the tools that will allow physicians, other care providers and patients to collaborate on treatment and outcomes.

Centegra Hospital Proposal  
Comments by Ralph Webster

As chief of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, I work in the health care system in Woodstock, a large rural area surrounding the city, and more recently, the Village of Lakewood. From this vantage point, I get the chance to see the delivery of emergency medical services on a first-hand basis. In addition to my duties as fire chief, I have always been very involved in my community and activities within the county. Some of these activities involve interaction with Centegra from a different perspective than my role in the fire service. As I have watched Centegra Health Care System from either perspective, over the past several years, I have been impressed with how they continue to improve the provision of health care within or county. Simply put, their efforts save lives. Whether it be through the cardiac care advancements or the Sage Cancer Center, or more recently, the Gavers Breast Cancer Center, Centegra is continuously improving access to services for McHenry County residents.

With regards to the current proposal, I have to believe that the expansion of services will create the same outcome...that is, additional services for McHenry County resident's that improves upon what is already present, and saves life's as a result. Either through the Women's Center, or the expanded care for infants, we will be better served by their efforts. Couple this with the increased number of beds that will be included with the main facility, this project will be of benefit to residents from McHenry County and northern Kane County. I also believe that it is situated, or located, in an area that builds upon the current health care system...a great strength of the Centegra proposal.

To close, I would ask that you approve the Cengtra plan and allow them to continue their practice of improving the health care system within our county. Thank you for your time.

Ralph Webster  
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Kim Barker  
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Cary IL 60013

Hello, my name is Kim Barker, and I am a McHenry County resident. I'm happy to be here today to express my opposition to Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley.

There are several hospitals around the northwest suburbs. But, I have a strong connection to one in particular, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. I have been a devoted Advocate Good Shepherd patient for many years now. I trust the hospital's physicians and staff with all of my health needs, and, in my experience there, Advocate Good Shepherd continues to exceed health care excellence. I can only imagine that there are many other people who share the same sentiment.

Advocate Good Shepherd provides a level of health care that residents in the area depend on. Its extensive range of services is not something that every hospital offers, and it's certainly not something Centegra's new hospital will be able to provide its patients. Whether it's a major surgical procedure or a round of physical therapy, Advocate Good Shepherd patients receive quality care for all of their various health needs.

As a woman, Advocate Good Shepherd's focus on women's health is something that is of great importance to me. The hospital has a renowned birthing center and Breast Cancer Center along with everyday health care services catered to women. No matter what my need might be, I take comfort in the fact that Advocate Good Shepherd will be able to provide me with the necessary care.

My greatest concern is that Centegra's proposed hospital will hurt Advocate Good Shepherd and all of the other nearby hospitals. The hospitals in our area are outstanding facilities. A new hospital would only take away from their ability to offer comprehensive care. If health care services were scarce in this region, I could understand the reasoning behind a new hospital. However, McHenry County residents receive adequate and high-quality care.

These regional hospitals are too important to the residents to be hurt by an unnecessary hospital entering the community. That is why I urge you to reject Centegra's proposal.

Thank you for your time.

*Kim Barker*

Don Calcagno  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Don Calcagno  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi. I'm Don Calcagno. I'm speaking to you today as a northern Kane County resident who is opposed to Centegra's plan to build a community hospital in Huntley and as a hospital executive at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

I've watched this area grow quite a bit over the years. At some point, we thought the growth would never stop, but it did. The Great Recession made sure of that. Now, I wonder if we'll ever see new houses built in those nearly empty subdivisions around southern McHenry and northern Kane counties.

That's why I was amazed by Centegra's plans to use future growth as the main reason for building a new hospital in the Huntley area. It just doesn't make sense.

At first I was puzzled about Centegra's plans ~~is that they're trying~~ to build in an area that's already well-served. As I became more aware of the Review Board's rules, however, the reason became apparent. The Board's rules state that an Applicant must document need through patient referrals. Centegra clearly cannot obtain sufficient letters from physicians to justify the need for this hospital. In addition to Advocate Good Shepherd, we have other regional medical centers nearby that offer comprehensive care. And a couple of them made major improvements in the last few years.

For example:

- Provena Saint Joseph Hospital recently added a new bed tower at its hospital in Elgin and has carved out a specialty in its heart and vascular institute.
- About a year ago, Sherman Hospital in Elgin replaced its facility with a \$325 million complex at Randall Road and Interstate 90 that will serve the region for many decades.

In both cases, Sherman and Provena sought the state board's approval for their projects. They promised the state that they would serve as comprehensive, regional hospitals for the area, which includes southern McHenry County. When the Review Board approved their projects, these hospitals indicated that they would serve significant numbers of McHenry County patients and sized their projects appropriately to serve these communities. The Centegra facility, if built, would simply be duplicative of facilities the Board has just recently approved.

I believe that adding Centegra's hospital to the mix would be detrimental to all hospitals in the region because the new facility would weaken current hospitals' ability to offer comprehensive care. It would dilute patient volumes and quality.

McHenry County residents already have a wide choice of convenient health care providers. I ask that you reject Centegra's proposal for a community hospital in Huntley.



Sabiha Uraizee, Community member testimony

My name is Sabiha Uraizee. I live in Lakewood, Illinois. I am here to oppose the construction of a hospital in Huntley.

While some might be excited about a new hospital, I am concerned. Yes, a new hospital will provide added proximity for a few people. Instead of driving 20 minutes to a nearby hospital, a resident might only have to drive 10 minutes. However, that is the only advantage that I see in this proposal. And actually, most of us travel 20 minutes or more on a regular basis to work and even to shop. So a twenty minute travel time is really not much of an inconvenience.

The cost of a new hospital, over \$200 million dollars is a huge price to pay for his added convenience. The new hospital does not offer any new services. All of the services proposed by the Centegra-Huntley hospital are already offered at other nearby hospitals. In fact the proposed hospital will not provide many services offered at nearby hospitals.

The construction of a new hospital also has the disadvantage of negatively impacting existing hospitals. Several area hospitals have recently invested money in their facilities. These hospitals are dependent on the patients from the Huntley area to generate the revenue to cover the costs of the new facilities. They need the Review Board to comply with their rules to ensure that there will be sufficient patients to affect the investments made in the existing facilities.

Weighing the single advantage of a shorter drive time against the disadvantages of the enormously high unnecessary costs, the answer is clear, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board should deny the application to construct a new hospital.

*Sabiha Uraizee*

**Renee Norberg  
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**February 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Renee Norberg, I'm a resident of Cary, and I'd like to express my strong opposition to the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

I'm concerned that this hospital is not needed and will just increase the health care costs for everyone at a time we can ill afford it. Our area is already served by several regional medical centers, which serve my immediate community quite well.

Half of McHenry County residents travel 30 minutes to work, and have no problem traveling short distances over the county border to receive quality care. From what I understand, Centegra is using an artificial border in its data, attempting to prove health care need in McHenry County.

I've also heard that Centegra is saying that the area is going to grow a lot in the next several years. I wonder why they think that – home building in this area has been at a virtual standstill for two years and shows no signs of picking up. While there certainly will be an increase in the number of senior citizens that hospitals will need to serve, because the existing community is aging, it would make more sense to expand existing facilities to meet that need, rather than start from scratch. That's why I can't understand Centegra's decision to abandon its women's pavilion in favor of this plan.

So, to sum it up, I believe we have plenty of hospitals here to serve the current population and we're attracting very few new residents who are going to need a new hospital.

I urge you to consider the fact that we don't need a new hospital and reject Centegra's proposal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee Norberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

I am Rev. Dr. Fred Rajan, and since 2006 I have served as the vice president of Mission and Spiritual Care at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. I live in McHenry County. I also work at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. The Joint Commission is visiting Condell this week and I'm unable to get away. I thank the Board for allowing my testimony to be read into the record.

Although a new hospital may appear on the surface to improve access to health services, I am opposed to the Centegra Health proposal for a new facility in Huntley.

Given my position in spiritual care, I know all too well what families face when a loved one is hospitalized. Hospital chaplains are also familiar with the challenge a patient faces if the services he or she needs aren't available at their hospital.

The proposed Centegra facility would be a "community hospital," and would not offer specialized services such as open heart surgery or advanced cancer care. So a patient who is assessed at a community facility may have to be transferred to a regional medical center for advanced care. This is a stressful process for the patient and his caregivers and can result in delays in treatment.

It's far more compassionate to utilize the existing regional medical centers in the Kane and McHenry county region than to move a person who is ill.

For example, ambulances are already bringing residents from Huntley to Sherman Hospital in Elgin because it is nearby and offers a state-of-the-art emergency department, which just opened in December 2010.

And today studies are showing that even in life-threatening situations, the distance to a hospital is not as important as the time it takes for paramedics to arrive and begin stabilizing and treating a patient. That research supports a regional, rather than provincial, approach to even emergency medicine.

The needs of patients must come first in a discussion about new health facilities. The advanced care available in northern Kane and western Lake counties already is meeting patient needs, which makes another hospital unnecessary.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Rajan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Dr. Fred Rajan

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Lisa Fawkes  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Lisa Fawkes. I am here today as a McHenry County resident to voice my opposition to Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley.

When I heard that Centegra had plans to build a hospital at Haligus and Reed Road, I was shocked. A new hospital seems highly unnecessary because there are so many hospitals right next to southern McHenry County, including Advocate Good Shepherd, Sherman and Provena, all of which are really close to McHenry County. Availability of health care facilities has simply not been an issue for people who live near me. Needless to say, I was surprised to hear Centegra describe the area as "medically underserved."

Though these six hospitals are outside of McHenry County, they all remain only a short distance away for McHenry County residents. In fact, Advocate Good Shepherd is only half a mile away from the McHenry County border and Sherman is less than 5 miles away.

Centegra is treating McHenry County as a completely separate entity, and it's ridiculous. The reality is many residents in this region travel through different counties each day. It is not unusual for me and my neighbors to travel through Kane, Cook or Lake counties for work, entertainment or health care.

In fact, even if Centegra's hospital is approved, many patients will end up traveling that distance anyway since Centegra's proposes to build a community hospital. The facility will only be equipped to provide people with basic care. Any patients with major medical conditions will be sent to one of the nearby hospitals for further medical attention. Therefore, for many patients, Centegra's hospital will only be an extra step in the medical process. We can't forget that delays in medical treatment are not good for patients or their families.

Contrary to Centegra's statements, McHenry County is well-served by several nearby hospitals. I ask that you consider the area's current access to health care facilities before the approval process for Centegra's proposed hospital continues.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Lawkes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Thank you." text.

Ryder, Doug

Vice President, Clinical Operations and Service Lines

My name is Doug Ryder and I am the Vice President of Clinical Operations and Service Lines at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, located less one mile from McHenry County and less than 35 minutes from the proposed hospital. I'm opposing this hospital because it will bring no new services to the residents of McHenry County, and all of the current medical needs of McHenry County are being met by existing hospitals.

Good Shepherd Hospital is a comprehensive health center offering a broad range of health care services, including open heart surgery, complex oncology care, robotic surgery and stroke certified services.

The hospital proposed by Centegra is a smaller hospital and would not offer specialized services such as open heart surgery or a comprehensive approach to cancer care. Centegra's application suggests that they will not even offer cardiac catheterization services. This means that patients would still have to maintain their current driving patterns in order to receive these specialized services. Or, if a patient ended up in the emergency department, they would need to be transferred to a regional facility such as Good Shepherd.

Centegra is not introducing any unique services to the community that are not already being provided by a number of existing hospitals within 30 minutes of the proposed site. This is a further point demonstrating unnecessary duplication of services, even among Centegra's own existing hospitals in the service area.

Also, hospitals owned by the applicant, Centegra-McHenry and Centegra-Woodstock, have documented capacity to accommodate inpatients.

Additional hospitals within 30 minutes of the proposed site including Sherman in Elgin, Provena St. Joe's in Elgin and St. Alexius in Hoffman Estates all have capacity and already serve these patients.

Finally, evidence exists to support that it is less expensive to add on to existing facilities rather than build brand new facilities. Centegra has two hospitals in McHenry County and even had approval to build capacity on to their existing Woodstock hospital but chose to abandon the project in favor of costly new construction.

I urge the board to deny the project on the basis that it provides McHenry residents no new services and that the applicants have not demonstrated the need for additional new hospitals when their existing hospitals could have capacity. Thank you.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Roseanne C. Niese**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. I'm Roseanne C. Niese, Director of Emergency Services at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. I'm also a registered nurse and reside in McHenry.

Although I live in this area, I am opposing Centegra's attempt to build a new hospital. I believe that hospitals in the region have more than adequate capacity to serve the northern Fox Valley area.

The demand for inpatient services in southeastern McHenry County has been stable the last four years, according to state statistics. And in northern Kane County, demand has actually declined in this time period.

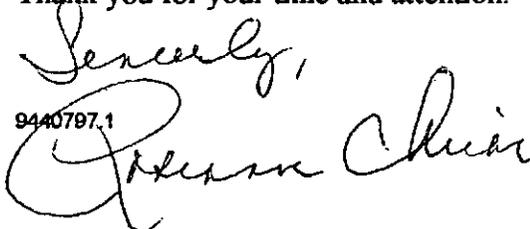
Some people might support this hospital – even though it's a basic, community hospital – because it's a minute or two closer than the regional medical centers in the area. In life-threatening medical emergencies, however, your distance to the hospital is not the most important factor in survival. It's the amount of time it takes for paramedics to arrive and stabilize a patient. The mobile advanced life support equipment in use today and the ability to communicate with the receiving emergency department save lives every day.

In addition, if paramedics assess the patient and determine, for instance, that that person needs to go to a specialized heart center, the paramedics won't necessarily go to the closest hospital. They will likely pass up a community hospital to take the patient to a regional medical center such as Sherman or Advocate Good Shepherd. However, if the paramedic can't make that determination in the field, the patient will go to the closest hospital. This means that if Centegra Huntley is built, a patient needing specialized care could go to the Huntley hospital first and then need to be transferred. This could lead to a significant delay in care for patients who are critically ill.

Currently, ambulances serving Huntley residents bring the vast majority of their patients to Sherman Hospital in Elgin, because it is close and offers an extensive emergency department. Bringing more emergency rooms into the mix would only duplicate services, and mean higher health care costs for all of us.

Therefore, a new community hospital does not make business sense nor medical sense because it would weaken a strong, vital health care system that serves the far northwest suburbs. I hope the review board takes these points into consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
  
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Kari Downey  
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McHenry County

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Kari Downey  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Kari Downey, I live in McHenry County and I want to let you know why I oppose the Centegra hospital project in Huntley.

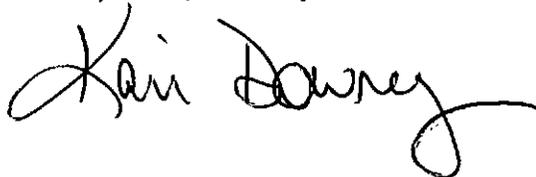
I felt strongly about this because I believe we simply don't need another hospital in our area.

The biggest reason is from personal experience: my family and friends already leave McHenry County for services that would not be provided by the new Centegra Hospital. Thus, we'd still be leaving the county regardless of whether this hospital is built.

And the Centegra Hospital duplicates services we already have, such as those provided at Advocate Good Shepherd. While once robust, growth in our area has stalled, and shows little sign of increasing, more duplicated services just don't make sense. A new hospital will dilute our resources without adding benefits.

I'd recommend that we all save the money. Any time a new facility is built, it will draw on government funding to help pay the bills. Given the state of government budgets these days, it makes more sense to be prudent, and to focus on what we need, not something that we might need in a couple decades.

I ask you to please reject the Centegra proposal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kari Downey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

# **VILLAGE OF LAKE BARRINGTON**

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RE: LETTER IN OPPOSITION; CENTEGRA/MERCY HOSPITAL - MCHENRY COUNTY

**VILLAGE ACCOUNTANT**  
Deborah E. Vernon

Dear Ms. Avery:

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Loretta Peterson

This is to communicate the opposition of the Village of Lake Barrington to the proposed new hospital facility being proposed by Centegra and Mercy Health Systems.

**TREASURER**  
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While we respect and share the desire of the Village of Huntley and McHenry County to assure that their residents have access to world-class health care, we respectfully disagree with the view that this requires the establishment of an additional area hospital. As the home to Good Shepherd Hospital and as a neighbor to Sherman Health in Elgin, Provena St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates, Centegra's existing hospitals in Woodstock and McHenry, and Mercy's existing hospital in Harvard, we believe our region's residents already have access to multiple state-of-the-art hospitals and first-class emergency care.

Indeed, as elected officials charged with protecting the public health and welfare, we note with pride that our region's existing hospitals offer dependable, high-quality access to health care for emergency patients. In 2010, for example, Good Shepherd Hospital was able to serve emergency patients 99.999% of the time and operated on bypass – that is, unable to accept new emergency patients – for only 5 hours of the year. Moreover, three area hospitals were not on bypass at all during 2010 and three other area hospitals averaged only 10 hours on bypass for the entire year. Similarly, existing hospitals also provide urgent care at their five immediate care centers and various ambulatory centers located throughout McHenry County. Additionally, Good Shepherd Hospital has, in recent years, unveiled a new emergency department, a comprehensive cancer center, and an award winning cardiac surgery program – all of which exist to serve residents from across the northern Kane, southeastern McHenry, northwestern Cook and southwestern Lake Counties.

The extant level of high quality care underscores an equally compelling point - namely, the unnecessary expenditures associated with the creation of unneeded hospitals will further

burden already overextended state and federal healthcare budgets. If the proposed hospital is allowed to be built, then either Mercy or Centegra will have to charge high rates to private and public insurance companies to cover their increased costs. Taxpayers, who already pay for over half of the hospital care in the U.S., will have to pick up the tab for needless facilities at a time when everyone is feeling the pinch of a strained economy.

Such costs become even more unjustifiable when one considers that the proposed hospital is only planning to provide a basic level of service – meaning that no new services will be added to the benefit of our region. While Good Shepherd Hospital is a comprehensive regional health center offering broad range of health care services, the hospital being proposed by Mercy and Centegra would only offer limited services. For example, it would not offer open heart surgery or advanced cancer care. Mercy's proposed hospital would not offer endoscopy care and Centegra's proposed hospital would not offer cardiac cath. For that level of care, patients in either instance would have to transfer to a more comprehensive regional facility, such as Good Shepherd.

Since these hospital proposals will not introduce any unique services to the region, it is clear that they will serve only to unnecessarily duplicate of services - again, at a time when federal and state health care budgets are strained. This stands in contrast to existing regional hospitals like Good Shepherd, which has made major investments in its facilities in recent years. A new, but unnecessary, hospital will simply operate to make all the region's existing hospitals weaker by diverting patients from high-level care at regional medical centers.

For all these reasons, the Village of Lake Barrington believes that the proposed new facility fails to meet the requisite tests for community need and we therefore request that you deny the Certificate of Need request for the proposed facility on the basis that the facts and record show it as unwarranted.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our views. Please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have any questions or wish further information as to our views.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely,



Kevin C. Richardson  
Village President

KCR:cam

*Robert and Karen Scott  
362 Merion Drive  
Cary, IL 60013*

My name is Bob Scott, and I'm addressing the review board as a concerned resident of the community of Cary in McHenry County.

I believe the Centegra Health proposal to build a new hospital in Huntley should be denied. Regardless of the sector of the economy, employees today are being asked to use their resources wisely. This includes resources related to providing health care. It's wasteful on so many levels to build a community hospital in such close proximity to new regional medical centers that offer comprehensive care.

Currently the six hospitals near southern McHenry County—including Centegra's two existing hospitals—have plenty of capacity and have the ability to add more beds in the future. The homebuilding boom has considerably slowed and while the need for healthcare services will increase, I can't imagine that it's going to increase by nearly 50% in the next 10 years.

Specialization has made so many industries more efficient, and health care is no exception to that trend. Provena St. Joseph and Sherman hospitals in Elgin have carved out some specialties; for example Sherman now has a comprehensive cancer center that partners with physicians from the University of Chicago Medical Center. That level of focus cannot be offered at a community hospital such as the proposed Centegra facility.

Certainly a large development such as a hospital would be expected to be an economic plum for McHenry County. But the economic and employment benefits of this proposal likely would come at the expense of other established hospitals that already serve the area. These so-called "new" employees would be coming from local hospitals that would face underutilization and possible layoffs.

Health care services must be examined as a regional planning issue, regardless of where the county lines fall.

I encourage the review board to carefully assess the need for a new community hospital in light of the need for controlling health care costs. More building would not be a good use of scarce economic resources when so many health entities already serve McHenry County.

February 16, 2011

Louise H. Fox, M.D.  
15 W. Penny Road  
South Barrington, IL 60010

Huntley Village Hall  
10897 E. Main Street  
Huntley, IL 60142  
Centegra Public Hearing

Good morning. My name is Dr. Louise Fox, and I am a board-certified anesthesiologist who lives in the area. Our area currently has exceptional access to state-of-the-art facilities in the region and an additional facility is not necessary. This proposed hospital will significantly increase the number of beds in the area, and negatively alter the healthcare landscape in the region. My understanding is that this hospital would provide no unique services that the community cannot otherwise access from a number of hospitals within a 30 minute drive.

I also don't understand why Centegra is abandoning their promise to the Woodstock community for a major expansion and Women's Pavilion at their Woodstock facility in favor of building a brand new hospital in Huntley. Intuition would tell us that it's much less expensive to build on to an existing facility, where the entire expensive health care infrastructure is in place, rather than constructing a brand new facility. Recently passed health care reform legislation also should be considered prior to undertaking a project that will increase the number of beds in McHenry County. Reform is set at curbing the excesses of the health care system and rewarding efficiencies. This seems an insufficient use of health care dollars. For these reasons I would like to voice my opposition to the project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Louise Fox, M.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise H. Fox, M.D." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

# Jeff Ziegler

374 Evergreen Circle • Gilberts, IL 60136

February 16, 2010

Hello. I'm Jeff Ziegler and I'd like to let you know why I don't support Centegra's plan for a new hospital in Huntley. I'm a resident of Gilberts, which is in northern Kane County just south of Huntley.

It's clear to me and my neighbors that we already have sufficient health care services in our area.

Centegra wants to say we're "underserved," but we actually have six hospitals very close by, including two Centegra hospitals. Those six hospitals offer urgent care, open heart surgery, advanced cancer care and many other services. It strikes me as odd that anyone would consider ANY new hospitals in an area like ours.

I'd also like to say that I don't like it when the government and businesses waste money, especially when it's my money. Well, that's another reason I'm against Centegra's plan - I think it's a bad way for a health system that depends so much on government money to use those funds.

If this hospital is built, Centegra's going to need to get enough patient revenue to keep it going. And, at the same time, they'll hurt other hospitals that rely on patients to keep their hospitals open for business.

Many of the area hospitals recently invested in their facilities and took on a lot of debt to cover these costs. I am sure that these area hospitals are dependent on the population and growth in Huntley to repay their debt. I am concerned that if the new hospital takes the patients in Huntley there will not be enough patients and revenue for the existing area hospitals to repay their debt.

Some folks believe that the project is a good idea because it will bring permanent jobs to the area. I do not see how there will be a net increase in jobs; the same patients will be served. Jobs will only be reallocated from one hospital to another.

It's time we devote our energy and effort to streamlining services. Right now we have an adequate number of hospitals, and we do not need another hospital.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ziegler



Joan Grossman  
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**Joan Grossman testimony at Public Hearing  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Joan Grossman, and I am a resident of Lake in the Hills. I am here to testify today because I am opposed to the construction of a new hospital in Huntley.

I can't understand the reasoning behind building another hospital in the area. Sherman Hospital is right down Randall Road, Advocate Good Shepherd is just to the west, and there are also Centegra hospitals in Woodstock and McHenry. Not only that, but St. Alexius is building a new children's hospital at its campus on I-90 and Barrington Road.

If people had to travel a long way to get adequate medical care, it would be a different story. But everyone I know feels lucky that we have so many great regional medical centers nearby. I enjoy going to Advocate Good Shepherd, for example, because it's convenient for me and my family.

I realize Centegra has a lot of money to pay for this new hospital. But who will pay for all those empty hospital beds, either at Centegra or the other area hospitals? I hope the state takes into account that Sherman built a beautiful facility near I-90 and Provena made some recent additions to its hospital as well. While growth is projected for the area, I don't think we will have enough people to support another new facility around here. Perhaps Centegra should direct their concerns in making sure their current hospitals are being utilized to the fullest before building a brand new hospital in McHenry County.

If the recession has taught us one thing, it's that we have to look before we leap. As individuals, as businesses and as communities, we have to work to make the responsible decisions today, so we don't end up paying tomorrow.

I ask the board to do the responsible thing today and deny Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Grossman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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February 14, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator Illinois Health Care Facilities & Services Review Board

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to address the proposed building of new hospitals in McHenry County.

I find myself opposed to these new additions for the following reasons.

First, let me present some background on my qualifications for the views that I support. I was on the board of directors of a large hospital corporation for twenty years, was the vice president of a Fortune 500 company, president of a medical software company and currently the Village President of Fox River Grove.

The cost of our nations health care is a great concern and a detriment to business and civil budgets. Actions must now be taken to control and reduce the growing costs by coordinating all new activity in light of this goal.

First, medical treatment continues to use more and more electronic and radiation based methods. These CAT scans, proton generators, X rays, etc create a giant overhead at every hospital which must necessarily be absorbed by all users of the facility. Maintaining a few centers containing these expensive systems separated by about 30 minute drive time will get maximum cost effectiveness from the investments.

Second, the whole payment and treatment system is in desperate need of electronic medical records. Big cost savings attend this change, but the systems work and code writing necessary is great. A few large hospitals make this change attainable.

Third, clinics and immediate care centers staffed with family doctors and nurses is a more desirable and cost effective method of achieving affordable near by care.

Thank you for your service on this project and your attention to my views.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Nunamaker  
Village President

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Julie Mayer**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Julie Mayer; I am Director of Community and Government Relations at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. In my position I am responsible for the development of a community health plan based on the health needs of the communities we serve which includes McHenry County. One of the ways Good Shepherd approaches this is by partnering with the McHenry County Health Coalition which is lead by the McHenry County Health Department. Good Shepherd has been part of this initiative for the past seven years and has made significant contributions both monetary and in-kind which are used for the assessment process as well as for projects which address the health needs in McHenry County. Our hospital is consistently seeking ways to partner and collaborate to ensure the people in our communities know how to stay healthy, manage chronic disease, have adequate access to health care and most importantly prevent illness. These are essential elements to reducing health care costs and are part of the health reform law.

This brings me to why I'm against the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley; the idea is inconsistent with appropriate planning and the prudent use of resources. The effect will be increased cost and jeopardize the quality of care.

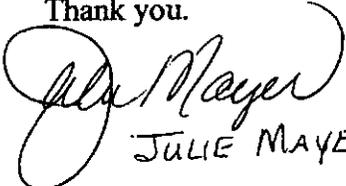
I'd like to point out that:

- Duplication of resources mean higher costs for everyone since none of the facilities can reach maximum capacity. This results in services being phased out and patients not getting the care they need.
- Governments pay for *more than half* of hospital care in the U.S. and any new facility is going to increase the burden on the taxpayers.
- This new hospital would duplicate resources without providing new services. The cash-strapped governments will end up paying for infrastructure that we do not need, and later for health care services that can be provided elsewhere.
- I am also concerned that Centegra is abandoning the Women's Pavilion project in Woodstock in order to build a new hospital in Huntley.

In addition, demand for services are growing but not to the extent that we need a costly brand new hospital.

I ask you, as stewards of our health care dollars, to be prudent and deny this proposal.

Thank you.

  
JULIE MAYER

February 16, 2011

Dale Galassie, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Household Growth in Southern McHenry & Northern Kane Counties

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Metrostudy has evaluated the amount of household growth that has occurred in a pre-defined trade area, and evaluated the potential for future growth through 2015. The following statements reflect our knowledge of the market area and pertain to the charts and tables that follow this summary.

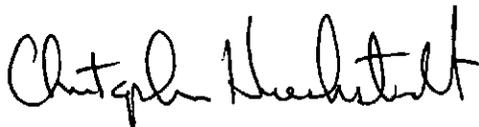
- ➊ Metrostudy is uniquely qualified to gauge household growth in the Chicagoland region as it conducts a quarterly census of the housing market. Each quarter Metrostudy tabulates new home construction, sales, occupancy, and inventory for the Chicagoland market. Metrostudy has been compiling new home data since 1990, tracking the growth of communities throughout the region since that time.
- ➋ In order to conduct a meaningful comparison, Metrostudy compiled data for both the "Primary Service Area" and "Secondary Service Area" as defined in the study compiled for Centegra Hospital by Deloitte Financial Advisory Services. The PSA consists of ten zip codes while the SSA consists of 6 zip codes.
- ➌ Within the PSA, there were just over 22,000 new households added from 2000 to 2010. Metrostudy new home closings report a nearly identical number of new home closings over that same time frame. However, it should be noted that 81% of the overall growth during the decade happened from the end of 2000 to 2006. From 2000 to 2006, the PSA averaged 2,673 new home closings per year (this during possibly the biggest housing boom since World War II). From 2007 through 2010, the PSA averaged just 896 new home closings per year. More recently, in 2009 and 2010, there were just 533 and 345 total new home closings respectively.
- ➍ This would indicate a rapid slowing in the rate of household growth within the PSA. Any forecast that would project population and household growth must take current market conditions into consideration. The demographic forecast put forth by Claritas projects the addition of over 22,000 persons and over 7,200 new households by 2015. This equates to an average of 4,400 persons and nearly 1,500 households per year. (By point of comparison, Metrostudy is forecasting the completion and sale of from 2,500 to 3,000 new homes in 2011 and 2012 for the entire Chicagoland area.)
- ➎ Based on current trends in the Chicagoland economy (most notably the lack of job growth), and in the local housing market, it is likely that the PSA will average from 500 to 800 new households per year through 2015, well below the forecast levels provided by Claritas. Any undertaking dependent upon household growth in the trade area needs to consider that the growth experienced in the market from 2000 to 2006 is not necessarily indicative of growth from 2007 to 2010, nor for the forecast period from 2010 to 2015.

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- Within the Secondary Service Area, or SSA, household growth has been much more modest, averaging a little over 500 new households per year from 2000 to 2010. Much like the overall Chicagoland market and the PSA referenced above, the majority of growth occurred during the first half of the previous decade. In 2009 and 2010 the SSA saw 159 and 117 new home closings respectively, well below the average annual growth rate for the decade. In the near term, it is expected that these much more modest growth rates will be indicative of growth in the SSA through 2015.

This letter represents Metrostudy's opinion regarding the housing market in the trade area as defined above and is based on the information provided in the attachment to this letter. Please let me know if you have questions or comments, or if there is any other information that I can provide.

Sincerely,



Christopher Huecksteadt  
Director, Chicago Market  
Metrostudy

Appendix attached.

# Quarterly Inventory Summary

## McHenry County

Quarter/ Year	Quarter Starts	Annual Starts	Vacant Lots	VDL Supply	Quarter Closings	Annual Closings	Under Const	Fin Vacant	Total Inventory	Inv Supply	Completed Units	Future Inventory	Qtr Lot Deliveries
3Q01	971	2,996	5,007	20.1	867	2,810	1,421	148	1,743	7.4	851	3,460	608
4Q01	783	3,243	4,977	18.4	954	2,941	1,209	189	1,572	6.4	995	3,211	753
1Q02	486	3,019	4,929	19.6	436	2,845	1,257	184	1,622	6.8	438	3,155	438
2Q02	746	2,986	4,306	17.3	755	3,012	1,208	223	1,613	6.4	797	3,791	123
3Q02	747	2,762	4,208	18.3	808	2,953	1,177	210	1,552	6.3	776	3,287	649
4Q02	654	2,633	4,637	21.1	775	2,774	1,049	239	1,431	6.2	782	6,627	1,083
1Q03	405	2,552	4,404	20.7	484	2,822	1,032	186	1,352	5.7	422	10,601	172
2Q03	824	2,630	4,142	18.9	749	2,816	1,068	225	1,427	6.1	788	12,131	562
3Q03	700	2,583	3,885	18.0	628	2,636	1,100	268	1,499	6.8	668	15,612	443
4Q03	631	2,560	3,661	17.2	773	2,634	995	245	1,357	6.2	736	16,156	407
1Q04	468	2,623	3,818	17.5	463	2,613	1,042	341	1,499	6.9	558	17,459	625
2Q04	707	2,506	3,959	19.0	651	2,515	1,112	333	1,555	7.4	637	17,395	848
3Q04	706	2,512	3,624	17.3	696	2,583	1,133	323	1,565	7.3	685	18,647	371
4Q04	545	2,426	4,258	21.1	673	2,483	946	377	1,437	6.9	732	18,300	1,179
1Q05	394	2,352	4,621	23.6	373	2,393	990	349	1,458	7.3	350	19,894	757
2Q05	854	2,499	4,464	21.4	501	2,243	1,271	409	1,811	9.7	573	18,443	697
3Q05	821	2,614	4,316	19.8	798	2,345	1,260	440	1,834	9.4	832	18,685	673
4Q05	533	2,602	4,172	19.2	749	2,421	1,005	473	1,618	8.0	788	22,127	389
1Q06	704	2,912	4,991	20.6	521	2,569	988	672	1,801	8.4	721	23,866	1,523
2Q06	466	2,524	5,142	24.4	859	2,927	862	389	1,408	5.8	592	24,593	617
3Q06	482	2,185	5,729	31.5	435	2,564	803	505	1,455	6.8	541	29,748	1,069
4Q06	403	2,055	6,055	35.4	539	2,354	656	498	1,319	6.7	550	29,018	729
1Q07	246	1,597	6,496	48.8	330	2,163	626	430	1,235	6.9	276	28,482	687
2Q07	485	1,616	6,862	51.0	326	1,630	755	457	1,394	10.3	356	27,744	851
3Q07	269	1,403	6,831	58.4	352	1,547	639	497	1,311	10.2	385	28,121	238
4Q07	197	1,197	7,043	70.6	386	1,394	452	473	1,122	9.7	384	29,715	409
1Q08	128	1,079	7,010	78.0	223	1,287	435	394	1,027	9.6	145	30,620	95
2Q08	210	804	6,998	104.4	278	1,239	372	416	980	9.5	294	31,000	198
3Q08	116	651	6,964	128.4	203	1,090	344	360	893	9.8	144	30,929	82
4Q08	79	533	6,940	156.2	146	850	287	369	826	11.7	136	31,801	55
1Q09	40	445	6,865	185.1	152	779	251	321	714	11.0	76	31,696	-35
2Q09	45	280	6,821	292.3	158	659	197	277	601	10.9	99	31,950	1
3Q09	46	210	6,774	387.1	66	522	197	262	581	13.4	46	32,130	-1
4Q09	42	173	6,835	474.1	107	483	141	258	516	12.8	98	32,027	103
1Q10	28	161	6,677	497.7	72	403	149	220	472	14.1	20	31,918	-130
2Q10	38	154	6,639	517.3	87	332	134	194	423	15.3	53	31,918	0
3Q10	46	154	6,593	513.7	80	346	128	174	389	13.5	52	31,918	0
4Q10	27	139	6,566	566.8	69	308	97	171	347	13.5	58	31,918	0

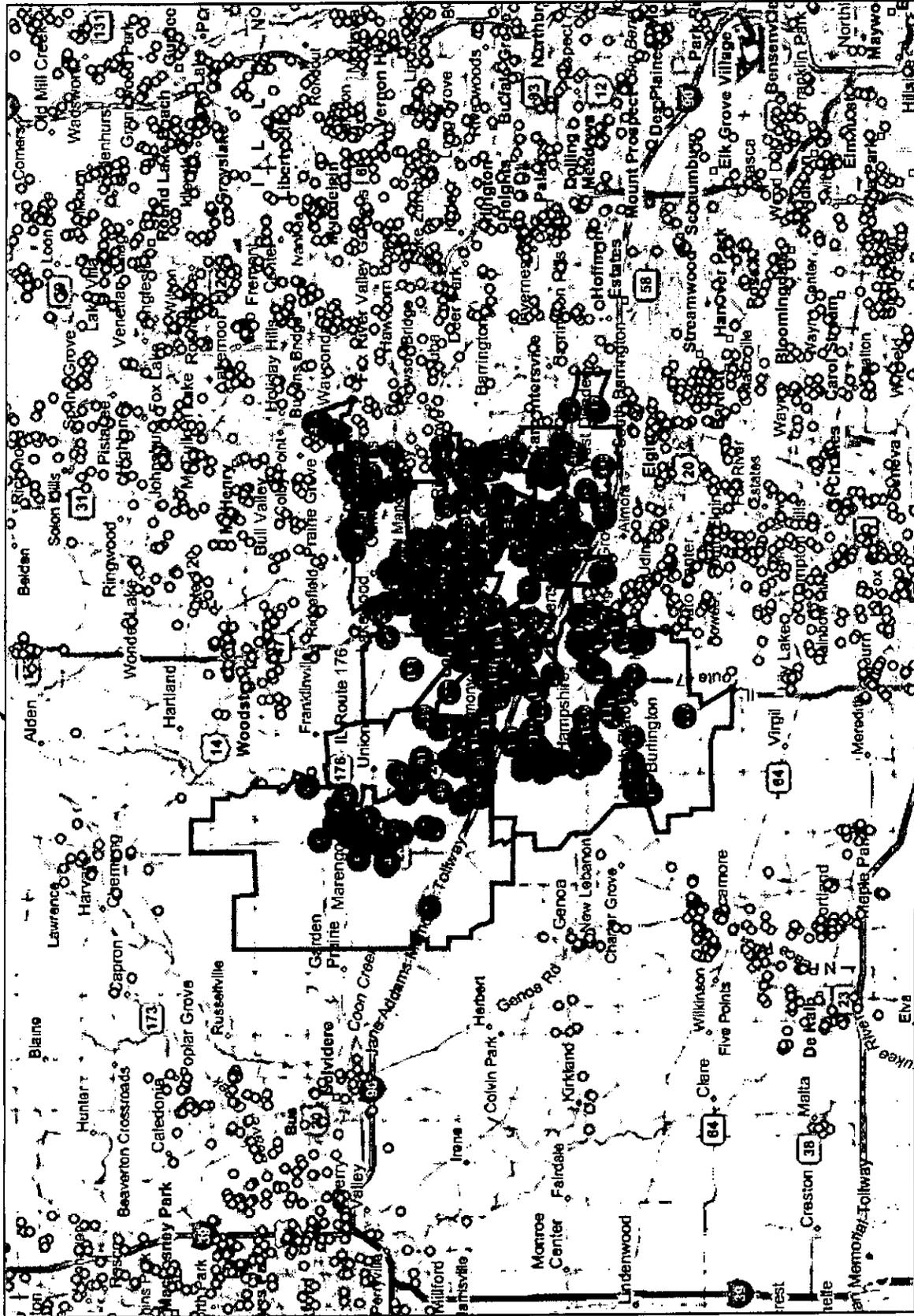
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4Q01	641	2,735	3,140	13.8	813	2,804	950	188	1,295	5.5	840	4,526	778
1Q02	358	2,433	2,994	14.8	383	2,630	929	191	1,270	5.8	379	5,268	212
2Q02	705	2,547	2,362	11.1	621	2,646	1,032	169	1,354	6.1	602	5,649	73
3Q02	707	2,411	2,258	11.2	704	2,521	1,025	197	1,357	6.5	714	5,186	603
4Q02	677	2,447	3,142	15.4	754	2,462	994	169	1,280	6.2	708	9,031	1,561
1Q03	319	2,408	3,029	15.1	524	2,603	784	187	1,075	5.0	529	10,076	206
2Q03	869	2,572	2,929	13.7	708	2,690	974	176	1,236	5.5	679	12,904	769
3Q03	820	2,685	2,893	12.9	668	2,654	1,100	206	1,388	6.3	694	13,250	784
4Q03	806	2,814	2,558	10.9	780	2,680	1,137	185	1,414	6.3	769	13,092	471
1Q04	427	2,922	2,826	11.6	534	2,690	996	247	1,339	6.0	600	14,662	695
2Q04	646	2,899	3,314	14.7	643	2,625	1,005	240	1,342	6.1	637	16,094	1,134
3Q04	1,196	3,075	2,517	9.8	687	2,644	1,458	295	1,851	8.4	743	19,133	399
4Q04	489	2,758	2,577	11.2	966	2,830	886	390	1,374	5.8	1,061	18,225	549
1Q05	324	2,655	3,114	14.1	452	2,748	822	325	1,246	5.4	388	19,242	861
2Q05	747	2,756	2,788	12.1	558	2,663	1,063	271	1,435	6.5	506	18,863	421
3Q05	865	2,425	3,160	15.6	650	2,626	1,210	342	1,650	7.5	718	18,310	1,237
4Q05	671	2,607	3,097	14.3	741	2,401	1,128	343	1,580	7.9	753	22,583	608
1Q06	720	3,003	3,871	15.5	578	2,527	1,035	579	1,722	8.2	813	21,530	1,494
2Q06	757	3,013	3,735	14.9	886	2,855	1,051	409	1,593	6.7	741	21,693	621
3Q06	616	2,764	3,972	17.2	647	2,852	944	501	1,562	6.6	723	25,168	853
4Q06	425	2,518	4,133	19.7	752	2,863	668	442	1,235	5.2	701	26,618	586
1Q07	295	2,093	4,718	27.1	380	2,665	660	346	1,150	5.2	303	28,259	880
2Q07	562	1,898	4,822	30.5	383	2,142	815	378	1,349	7.6	407	28,092	666
3Q07	464	1,746	4,827	33.2	485	1,980	746	426	1,328	8.0	533	28,299	469
4Q07	292	1,613	4,787	35.6	501	1,729	545	411	1,119	7.8	493	28,983	252
1Q08	82	1,400	4,760	40.8	231	1,580	457	350	970	7.4	170	29,384	55
2Q08	264	1,102	4,782	52.1	282	1,499	453	332	952	7.6	268	31,871	286
3Q08	165	803	5,108	76.3	267	1,281	424	286	850	8.0	194	31,467	491
4Q08	88	599	5,263	105.4	198	978	320	271	740	9.1	192	31,189	243
1Q09	48	565	5,131	109.0	126	873	299	230	662	9.1	69	31,281	-84
2Q09	94	395	5,173	157.2	150	741	290	189	606	9.8	103	31,083	136
3Q09	58	288	5,088	212.0	103	577	240	208	561	11.7	108	31,263	-27
4Q09	116	316	5,203	197.6	154	533	217	205	523	11.8	139	31,058	231
1Q10	40	308	5,095	198.5	76	483	239	149	487	12.1	18	30,859	-68
2Q10	58	272	5,011	221.1	79	412	213	158	466	13.6	84	30,859	-26
3Q10	97	311	5,044	194.6	92	401	239	145	471	14.1	71	30,729	130
4Q10	55	250	4,989	239.5	98	345	175	170	428	14.9	119	30,729	0

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# Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

## Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Population by Age</b>	170,114		237,016		259,406	
Age 0 - 4	15,578	9.16%	19,182	8.09%	20,897	8.06%
Age 5 - 9	15,693	9.22%	18,517	7.81%	19,748	7.61%
Age 10 - 14	14,064	8.27%	18,268	7.71%	18,845	7.26%
Age 15 - 17	7,658	4.50%	11,322	4.78%	12,269	4.73%
Age 18 - 20	5,545	3.26%	8,615	3.63%	9,659	3.72%
Age 21 - 24	6,600	3.88%	11,686	4.93%	14,003	5.40%
Age 25 - 34	26,502	15.58%	31,841	13.43%	31,666	12.21%
Age 35 - 44	32,179	18.92%	36,201	15.27%	36,002	13.88%
Age 45 - 54	21,880	12.86%	35,690	15.06%	37,845	14.59%
Age 55 - 64	12,102	7.11%	23,865	10.07%	30,813	11.88%
Age 65 - 74	7,320	4.30%	13,201	5.57%	17,305	6.67%
Age 75 - 84	3,941	2.32%	6,598	2.78%	7,722	2.98%
Age 85 and over	1,052	0.62%	2,030	0.86%	2,632	1.01%
Age 16 and over	122,169	71.82%	177,108	74.72%	195,645	75.42%
Age 18 and over	117,121	68.85%	169,727	71.61%	187,647	72.34%
Age 21 and over	111,576	65.59%	161,112	67.98%	177,988	68.61%
Age 65 and over	12,313	7.24%	21,829	9.21%	27,659	10.66%
<b>Median Age</b>	32.52		34.71		35.73	
<b>Average Age</b>	32.50		34.90		36.00	
<b>Population by Sex</b>	170,114		237,016		259,406	
Male	85,144	50.05%	118,765	50.11%	129,822	50.05%
Female	84,970	49.95%	118,251	49.89%	129,584	49.95%
Male/Female Ratio	1.00		1.00		1.00	

# Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

## Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Projection	%
<b>Pop. by Single Race Class. and Hispanic or Latino</b>						
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	20,342		36,079		44,150	
White Alone	9,889	48.61%	17,666	48.96%	21,614	48.96%
Black or African American Alone	116	0.57%	194	0.54%	243	0.55%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	164	0.81%	253	0.70%	301	0.68%
Asian Alone	71	0.35%	102	0.28%	152	0.34%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	31	0.15%	33	0.09%	35	0.08%
Some Other Race Alone	8,930	43.90%	15,794	43.78%	19,319	43.76%
Two or More Races	1,141	5.61%	2,037	5.65%	2,486	5.63%
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	149,772		200,937		215,256	
White Alone	141,827	94.70%	183,553	91.35%	192,649	89.50%
Black or African American Alone	2,711	1.81%	5,100	2.54%	6,337	2.94%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	261	0.17%	358	0.18%	405	0.19%
Asian Alone	3,241	2.16%	8,652	4.31%	11,780	5.47%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	20	0.01%	21	0.01%	32	0.01%
Some Other Race Alone	134	0.09%	162	0.08%	176	0.08%
Two or More Races	1,578	1.05%	3,091	1.54%	3,877	1.80%
<b>Households by Age of Householder</b>						
<b>Households by Age of Householder</b>	56,838		78,986		86,235	
Householder Under 25 Years	1,569	2.76%	2,098	2.66%	2,427	2.81%
Householder 25 to 34 Years	11,646	20.49%	12,857	16.28%	12,484	14.48%
Householder 35 to 44 Years	16,875	29.69%	18,471	23.39%	18,105	20.99%
Householder 45 to 54 Years	12,179	21.43%	19,304	24.44%	20,271	23.51%
Householder 55 to 64 Years	6,929	12.19%	13,286	16.82%	16,887	19.58%
Householder 65 to 74 Years	4,447	7.82%	7,745	9.81%	9,979	11.57%
Householder 75 to 84 Years	2,583	4.54%	4,142	5.24%	4,738	5.49%
Householder 85 Years and over	610	1.07%	1,083	1.37%	1,344	1.56%
<b>Median Age of Householder</b>						
<b>Median Age of Householder</b>	44.01		48.14		49.98	

# Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

## Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Projection	%
<b>Households by Household Income</b>	56,772		78,986		86,235	
Income Less than \$15,000	2,739	4.82%	2,917	3.69%	2,962	3.43%
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	3,304	5.82%	3,460	4.38%	3,453	4.00%
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	4,475	7.88%	4,687	5.93%	4,614	5.35%
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	7,755	13.66%	8,429	10.67%	8,521	9.88%
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	14,237	25.08%	16,143	20.44%	16,438	19.06%
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	10,819	19.06%	15,060	19.07%	15,744	18.26%
Income \$100,000 - \$124,999			11,463	14.51%	12,737	14.77%
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	9,257	16.31%				
Income \$125,000 - \$149,999			7,128	9.02%	8,680	10.07%
Income \$150,000 - \$199,999			5,020	6.36%	6,778	7.86%
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	3,285	5.79%				
Income \$200,000 - \$499,999			4,001	5.07%	5,297	6.14%
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	673	1.19%				
Income \$500,000 or more	228	0.40%	678	0.86%	1,011	1.17%
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$79,291		\$96,573		\$103,631	
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$67,758		\$81,403		\$86,321	
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$26,026		\$32,213		\$34,473	
<b>2010 Median HH Inc. by Single Race Class</b>						
White Alone	68,548		82,692		87,666	
Black or African American Alone	44,122		64,297		69,671	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	44,688		47,562		57,500	
Asian Alone	80,718		93,851		100,623	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	62,500		62,500		61,111	
Some Other Race Alone	50,677		63,090		66,602	
Two or More Races	57,583		71,132		74,595	
Hispanic or Latino	52,818		60,306		63,621	
Not Hispanic or Latino	68,921		83,964		89,411	

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## Appendix: Area Listing

**Area Name:**

Type: List - Area ZIP Codes

Reporting Detail: Aggregate

Reporting Level: Area ZIP Codes

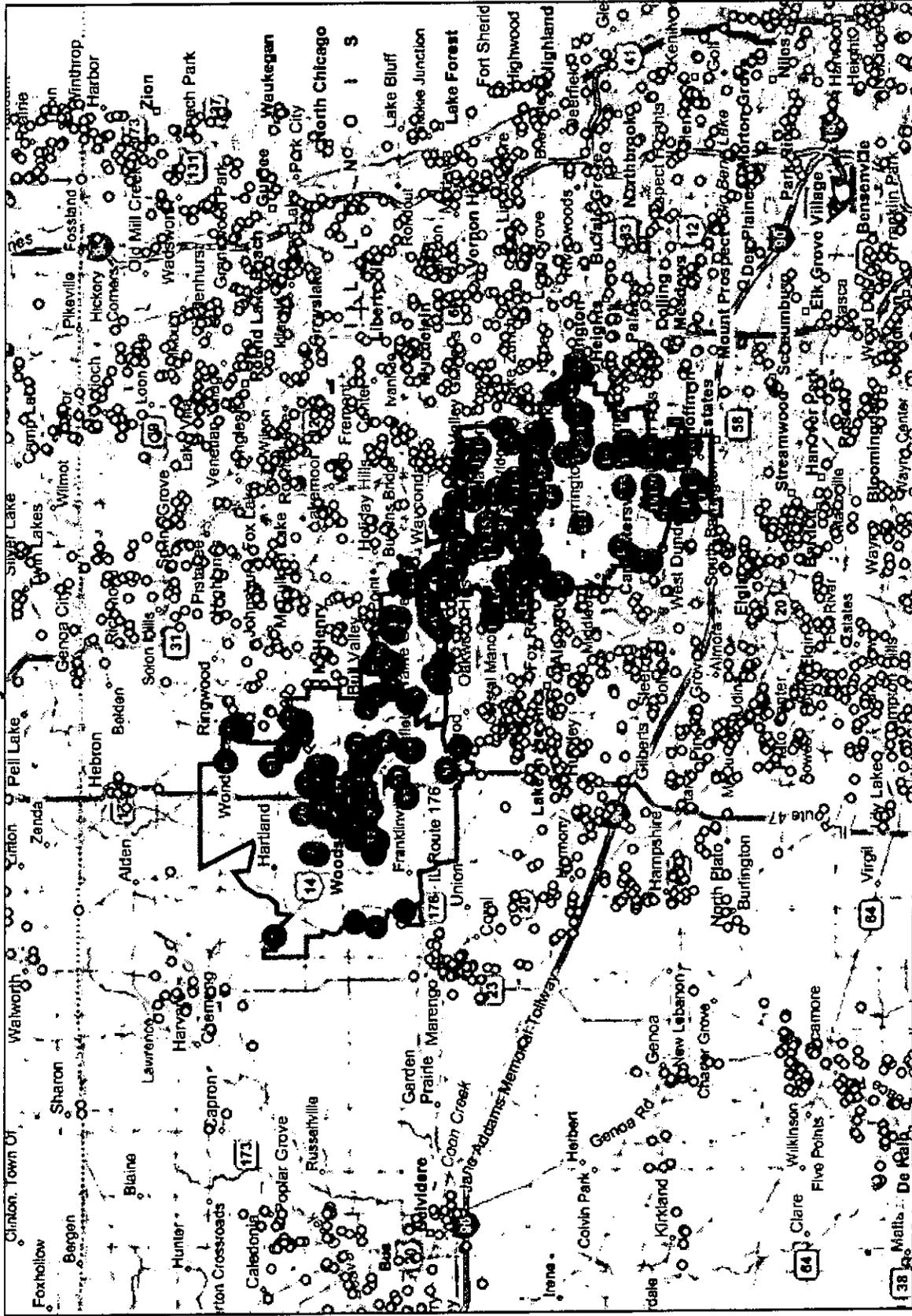
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60110	Carpentersville	60118	Dundee
60136	Gilberts	60140	Hampshire
60142	Huntley	60152	Marengo
60156	Lake in the Hills	60180	Union

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# Current Map View Secondary Service Area



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## Quarterly Inventory Summary

### *"Secondary Service Area"*

Quarter/ Year	Quarter Starts	Annual Starts	Vacant Lots	VDL Supply	Quarter Closings	Annual Closings	Under Const	Fin Vacant	Total Inventory	Inv Supply	Completed Units	Future Inventory	Qtr Lot Deliveries
3Q01	218	690	1,666	29.0	209	581	426	44	501	10.3	194	1,296	130
4Q01	329	937	1,660	21.3	302	712	440	56	528	8.9	315	1,315	323
1Q02	124	910	1,579	20.8	103	728	455	62	549	9.0	109	1,286	43
2Q02	189	860	1,401	19.5	258	872	365	81	480	6.6	279	1,443	11
3Q02	202	844	1,458	20.7	203	866	362	87	479	6.6	205	1,310	259
4Q02	172	687	1,507	26.3	188	752	332	107	463	7.4	202	1,937	221
1Q03	84	647	1,558	28.9	141	790	300	80	406	6.2	116	4,073	135
2Q03	205	663	1,512	27.4	175	707	331	75	436	7.4	174	3,958	159
3Q03	122	583	1,545	31.8	145	649	281	98	413	7.6	172	6,332	155
4Q03	186	597	1,383	27.8	177	638	295	95	422	7.9	172	6,325	24
1Q04	93	606	1,348	26.7	101	598	287	96	414	8.3	101	6,607	58
2Q04	136	537	1,245	27.8	161	584	284	78	389	8.0	139	7,142	33
3Q04	140	555	1,197	25.9	153	592	283	66	376	7.6	141	7,057	92
4Q04	177	546	1,380	30.3	169	584	276	81	384	7.9	184	6,694	360
1Q05	97	550	1,442	31.5	69	572	290	76	392	8.2	83	7,454	159
2Q05	200	614	1,321	25.8	139	550	324	103	453	9.9	166	6,779	79
3Q05	157	631	1,357	25.8	173	570	304	107	437	9.2	177	6,346	193
4Q05	130	584	1,363	28.0	165	566	274	103	402	8.5	160	6,638	136
1Q06	210	697	1,867	32.1	119	596	376	87	493	9.9	108	6,392	714
2Q06	152	649	1,843	34.1	144	601	381	84	501	10.0	147	6,270	128
3Q06	212	704	1,797	30.6	115	543	445	114	598	13.2	148	6,483	166
4Q06	201	775	1,930	29.9	175	553	384	195	624	13.5	262	6,157	334
1Q07	130	695	1,877	32.4	138	572	385	178	616	12.9	129	6,240	77
2Q07	170	713	1,848	31.1	157	585	381	190	629	12.9	174	6,106	141
3Q07	128	629	1,935	36.9	178	648	298	230	579	10.7	211	6,209	215
4Q07	62	490	1,892	46.3	185	658	189	211	456	8.3	171	7,475	19
1Q08	47	407	1,869	55.1	111	631	162	180	392	7.5	74	7,428	24
2Q08	44	281	1,757	75.0	86	560	97	204	350	7.5	109	7,501	-68
3Q08	55	208	1,735	100.1	100	482	83	170	305	7.6	69	7,497	33
4Q08	14	160	1,721	129.1	55	352	50	166	264	9.0	47	8,397	0
1Q09	22	135	1,675	148.9	48	289	56	145	238	9.9	16	8,418	-24
2Q09	20	111	1,663	179.8	45	248	49	130	213	10.3	27	8,386	8
3Q09	21	77	1,642	255.9	21	169	51	129	213	15.1	19	8,386	0
4Q09	11	74	1,631	264.5	45	159	43	106	179	13.5	19	8,386	0
1Q10	11	63	1,588	302.5	30	141	45	86	160	13.6	9	8,416	-32
2Q10	13	56	1,575	337.5	29	125	44	73	144	13.8	14	8,416	0
3Q10	12	47	1,563	399.1	33	137	22	75	123	10.8	34	8,416	0
4Q10	9	45	1,555	414.7	25	117	18	64	107	11.0	13	8,416	1

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# Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

## Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Projection	%
<b>Population by Age</b>	109,047		125,368		133,125	
Age 0 - 4	7,624	6.99%	7,849	6.26%	8,599	6.46%
Age 5 - 9	9,431	8.65%	8,444	6.74%	8,439	6.34%
Age 10 - 14	9,688	8.88%	9,333	7.44%	9,081	6.82%
Age 15 - 17	5,397	4.95%	6,566	5.24%	6,311	4.74%
Age 18 - 20	3,376	3.10%	4,702	3.75%	5,009	3.76%
Age 21 - 24	3,627	3.33%	6,591	5.26%	7,657	5.75%
Age 25 - 34	11,260	10.33%	15,395	12.28%	17,364	13.04%
Age 35 - 44	20,315	18.63%	14,159	11.29%	13,139	9.87%
Age 45 - 54	18,061	16.56%	21,574	17.21%	20,046	15.06%
Age 55 - 64	10,174	9.33%	16,180	12.91%	19,660	14.77%
Age 65 - 74	5,506	5.05%	8,556	6.82%	10,846	8.15%
Age 75 - 84	3,393	3.11%	4,265	3.40%	4,980	3.74%
Age 85 and over	1,195	1.10%	1,754	1.40%	1,994	1.50%
Age 16 and over	80,525	73.84%	97,576	77.83%	104,923	78.82%
Age 18 and over	76,907	70.53%	93,176	74.32%	100,695	75.64%
Age 21 and over	73,531	67.43%	88,474	70.57%	95,686	71.88%
Age 65 and over	10,094	9.26%	14,575	11.63%	17,820	13.39%
<b>Median Age</b>	37.03		37.69		38.12	
<b>Average Age</b>	35.50		37.60		38.60	
<b>Population by Sex</b>	109,047		125,368		133,125	
Male	54,401	49.89%	62,565	49.91%	66,321	49.82%
Female	54,646	50.11%	62,803	50.09%	66,804	50.18%
Male/Female Ratio	1.00		1.00		0.99	

## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Pop. by Single Race Class. and Hispanic or Latino</b>						
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	7,146		13,420		17,053	
White Alone	4,339	60.72%	8,164	60.83%	10,392	60.94%
Black or African American Alone	36	0.50%	65	0.48%	89	0.52%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	40	0.56%	67	0.50%	87	0.51%
Asian Alone	14	0.20%	17	0.13%	25	0.15%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	1	0.01%	1	0.01%	4	0.02%
Some Other Race Alone	2,420	33.87%	4,553	33.93%	5,768	33.82%
Two or More Races	296	4.14%	553	4.12%	688	4.03%
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	101,901		111,948		116,072	
White Alone	97,536	95.72%	105,235	94.00%	108,084	93.12%
Black or African American Alone	609	0.60%	1,087	0.97%	1,354	1.17%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	117	0.11%	131	0.12%	140	0.12%
Asian Alone	2,765	2.71%	4,233	3.78%	5,012	4.32%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	25	0.02%	20	0.02%	22	0.02%
Some Other Race Alone	81	0.08%	79	0.07%	88	0.08%
Two or More Races	768	0.75%	1,163	1.04%	1,372	1.18%
<b>Households by Age of Householder</b>						
Householder Under 25 Years	746	1.99%	796	1.86%	910	2.01%
Householder 25 to 34 Years	4,609	12.30%	5,844	13.64%	6,367	14.03%
Householder 35 to 44 Years	10,264	27.38%	7,000	16.34%	6,369	14.04%
Householder 45 to 54 Years	9,861	26.31%	11,473	26.79%	10,502	23.14%
Householder 55 to 64 Years	5,855	15.62%	9,101	21.25%	10,879	23.98%
Householder 65 to 74 Years	3,403	9.08%	5,128	11.97%	6,396	14.10%
Householder 75 to 84 Years	2,115	5.64%	2,547	5.95%	2,905	6.40%
Householder 85 Years and over	631	1.68%	940	2.19%	1,048	2.31%
<b>Median Age of Householder</b>	48.17		51.78		53.61	

# Pop-Facts Demographic Trend 2010

## Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Households by Household Income</b>	37,495		42,829		45,376	
Income Less than \$15,000	2,178	5.81%	2,042	4.77%	2,042	4.50%
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	2,202	5.87%	2,220	5.18%	2,237	4.93%
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	2,555	6.81%	2,216	5.17%	2,263	4.99%
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	4,279	11.41%	4,415	10.31%	4,404	9.71%
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	7,129	19.01%	7,312	17.07%	7,447	16.41%
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	5,500	14.67%	6,210	14.50%	6,545	14.42%
Income \$100,000 - \$124,999			5,003	11.68%	5,314	11.71%
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	6,411	17.10%				
Income \$125,000 - \$149,999			3,704	8.65%	4,041	8.91%
Income \$150,000 - \$199,999			3,237	7.56%	3,831	8.44%
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	4,317	11.51%				
Income \$200,000 - \$499,999			4,922	11.49%	5,446	12.00%
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	1,690	4.51%				
Income \$500,000 or more	1,234	3.29%	1,548	3.61%	1,806	3.98%
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$110,494		\$122,446		\$126,977	
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$76,841		\$87,921		\$91,405	
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$38,728		\$42,061		\$43,493	
<b>2010 Median HH Inc. by Single Race Class</b>						
White Alone	77,498		89,636		93,519	
Black or African American Alone	67,548		59,000		63,859	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	34,318		45,000		47,750	
Asian Alone	103,846		108,028		108,813	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	0		108,333		112,500	
Some Other Race Alone	45,173		49,428		52,710	
Two or More Races	70,608		67,268		75,275	
Hispanic or Latino	48,490		55,019		59,200	
Not Hispanic or Latino	79,011		91,517		95,731	

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### Appendix: Area Listing

**Area Name:**

Type: List - Area ZIP Codes

Reporting Detail: Aggregate

Reporting Level: Area ZIP Codes

<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>	<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>
60010	Barrington	60012	Crystal Lake
60013	Cary	60021	Fox River Grove
60098	Woodstock		

**Project Information:**

Site: 1

Order Number: 969500165

**Barbara Johnson**  
**Centegra Hospital - Huntley – Project #10-090**  
**Public Hearing Speech**  
**February 16, 2011**

My name is Barb Johnson. I have been the Senior Vice President of Human Resources Development for Centegra Health System for nine years. I am currently on the Workforce Investment Board and was Chair of the Board of Trustees for Leadership Greater McHenry County for two years.

One of the factors critical to a new hospital is its staffing. It is also an area where Centegra is extremely well positioned for success. Our reputation in the professional sector, our recruiting processes, and our retention of current staff ensure that we can support a new hospital with a talented workforce and a strong culture of clinical and service excellence.

Centegra Health System is the largest employer in McHenry County, and maintains a reputation as a great place to work—both within our community and beyond. We have been nationally recognized by Modern Healthcare for the past two years as a great place to work in healthcare and by AARP for five consecutive years as an employer of choice. On our last Associate Opinion Survey conducted by Great Place To Work Institute, 9 out of 10 Associates strongly agreed Centegra is a great place to work. We also rank high in Associate satisfaction when compared to national benchmarks. This reputation, based on trust, camaraderie and pride, makes Centegra a destination of choice.

Proof of our reputation can be seen in our success in attracting candidates. During the past 12 months, we received 7,506 applications for 365 available positions. The pride and support of our current Associates, who will play a critical role in assimilating the new workforce, extends beyond their jobs—39% of all new hires in the last year were referred by current Associates.

Centegra's recruiting strategies and processes further bolster our ability to staff a new facility. We collaborate with over 40 colleges to host clinical rotations and shadowing experiences for nursing students. As a result we have a waiting list for new graduates. These students have already experienced what it is to work at Centegra and have already demonstrated the clinical and personal talents that lead to exceptional patient care—and they are poised to become part of our staff.

We also offer shadowing experiences and partner with McHenry County College to conduct a Healthcare Careers Exploration class each semester. All of these recruiting strategies enhance our ability to enlist top talent—even as shortages threaten nationally.

As I mentioned earlier, our existing Associates play a critical role in recruiting top talent. They also provide an extremely stable workforce. Centegra takes pride in a 95.8% retention rate for fiscal year 2010 and an overall vacancy rate of 2.4% in comparison to the Chicagoland market of 4%. The nursing vacancy rate is even more impressive at 1.1% in comparison to the Chicagoland market of 4%. The stability of our current staff will allow us to focus on obtaining the staff needed for the future.

To summarize, Centegra both attracts healthcare talent and retains it. Our Associates feel like they make a difference. They consider Centegra Health System a great place to work, and spread our culture of service throughout our community. Our reputation, recruiting processes and retention of talented and giving professionals create a strong plan for success to not only staff the proposed Huntley facility—but to staff it with professionals who deliver service and clinical excellence.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Ploszek

Vice President, Ambulatory Services and Community Strategy

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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My name is Mike Ploszek and I am the Vice President of Ambulatory Services and Community Strategy at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. Our hospital is located a mere 4,200 feet to the east of the McHenry County line. Good Shepherd has a proud tradition of serving the residents of McHenry county through both inpatient and outpatient services. Nearly half of Good Shepherd's patients live in McHenry County and choose to cross the County border to receive services at our hospital.

Good Shepherd also does extensive outreach efforts <sup>and community collaboration</sup> in McHenry County <sub>as does SHERMAN, PROVENA, & ST. AUGUSTINE.</sub>

*We connect* through outpatient facilities, free screenings and community involvement.

Specifically:

- We have representation on 13 McHenry County organization boards with employees serving in 19 seats on those committees.
- Over the last three years, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital has provided 18,197 screenings AT NO COST to McHenry residents.
- In the most recent three year period of 2008 through 2010, 76,528 County residents attended Good Shepherd community outreach

programs and activities that were delivered within the boundaries of

McHenry County.

• Good Shepherd continues to partner with numerous community organizations to meet the health needs of the county, notably the McHenry County Health Coalition, whom we have supported for the past 7 years...

We are also one of the largest employers in the area and half of our employees are McHenry County residents. We're proud that they have chosen to make Good Shepherd their employer. A lot of attention has been paid to all of the new jobs that will be created by the approval of this hospital. It is true that a lot of construction jobs will be created through the building of the proposed hospital. However, it's incorrect to assume that a lot of permanent jobs will be created by the opening of a brand new hospital. Should it be allowed to open, this hospital would increase the number of inpatient beds in McHenry County by 50%. That means Centegra will have to find 50% more nurses, surgical techs, and other skilled positions. It is widely reported that a nursing shortage is looming ahead for the healthcare industry in the not-so-distant future. Where is Centegra going to find all of these positions? My fear is that they will have to shuffle positions from their own hospitals and poach employees at nearby hospitals. This will only hurt the quality of health care in the area at all hospitals.

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recently making a 5-figure contribution to help fund the County Health Needs survey.

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In reviewing Centegra's request, while they are seeking approval from the Board at the May hearing they state in their application they will not start

construction until fall of 2012. If the demand is so great, why are they waiting so long to start construction?

I urge the Board to deny this application for a new hospital in Huntley because these residents already have access to the very best quality health care. We thank the countless McHenry County residents who make Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital their hospital of choice for healthcare or employment.

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P. Boszek

## **Robert M. Rosenberger in support of Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

Good morning. My name is Robert Rosenberger and I am the Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer at Centegra Health System. I am here today to show my support for Centegra's application for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

As you can imagine, Centegra devoted a substantial amount of time to planning the Centegra Hospital – Huntley project. From the beginning, we identified a significant need for additional healthcare services serving the southern portion of the county. As you've already heard, the state's own health planning data identifies McHenry County as having:

- the highest bed need of any Planning Area in the state,
- the highest rate of residents leaving the county for healthcare and
- the second highest utilization rates at its existing hospitals.

The combination of those factors made it clear that the time is right for the Centegra proposal.

As part of our due diligence, we considered a range of options. One possibility we discussed was adding more beds to our current campuses in McHenry and Woodstock. But it is clear that this option does nothing to address the access to care issues for residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. The best answer to the problem of healthcare access would be to build a full-service hospital on our current Huntley campus.

By building the new hospital, we will create efficiencies that will benefit the people we serve as well as Centegra for years to come. Centegra's success comes from the way our organization is centralized. By operating as a unified system with leadership that oversees all of its entities, Centegra spreads fixed costs over a large patient population. Adding another hospital to the system will allow us to share costs even more, which will again increase efficiency.

In order to create these same efficiencies, many other Illinois hospital systems are combining to share costs. Centegra already understands the importance of this process and we know that Centegra Hospital – Huntley would do more than meet the healthcare needs of our patients. It would also help our other hospitals carry the financial burden of providing care to the people of the region. Where many Illinois healthcare systems are merging to improve efficiencies, Centegra has to examine its own market. There are still people living in our region who are underserved, and that is why Huntley is the right location for a new hospital.

One of the main reasons Centegra wants to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley is because of the projected population growth in that region. As we look to the future, we must also consider the effects of healthcare reform in our area. If an estimated 30 million people in the United States will now have access to healthcare because of new health insurance and exchanges, surely that will affect the people of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. We must put healthcare services where they belong and focus on creating efficient, cost-effective systems.

As a CFO, I am also proud that our project will be a boon to the region during these difficult economic times. We anticipate that the construction of Centegra Hospital – Huntley will have a total economic impact of \$152 million on area communities. We expect to employ an additional 1,100 new Associates for the new hospital.

And finally, as we look to the future, we must also consider the effects of healthcare reform in our area. If an estimated 30 million people in the United States will now have access to healthcare because of new health insurance and exchanges, surely that will affect the people of McHenry County. We must put healthcare services where they belong and focus on creating efficient, cost-effective systems. We will do just that with respect to our plans for Centegra Hospital-Huntley. I ask you to approve this project. Thank you.

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Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board

Comments Opposing Centegra Hospital-Huntley Project

Congratulations to Centegra for finally realizing that new hospital beds are needed in McHenry County. The problem is they are proposing it for an area with insufficient population to support it now in hopes for optimum growth down the road. Unfortunately the "build it and they will come" philosophy is foolish and does not make good business sense.

I oppose Centegra and any other health system wanting to build in the same county creating a monopoly and taking choice away from patients. A monopoly such as Centegra is proposing will reduce the quality of health care service, create an environment for price and wage setting and not support competition. Competition drives quality.

My husband and father-in-law were recent patients at Centegra Hospital-Woodstock. Because their experiences were less than ideal I recommend Centegra use their 233 million to fix their current facilities, such as providing private rooms and improving the quality of care before building a new facility.

I cannot support Centegra's project; it is the wrong health system building the wrong project in the wrong location at the wrong time.

Valerie Johns  
Woodstock, Illinois

Wrong project in the wrong location and wrong timing

I do not understand why Centegra would build a hospital in Huntley when the population does not support it. Their idea is to "wait a few years so the population can grow enough" to support the project.

The Crystal Lake area has the greatest need for a hospital in McHenry County. There are at least 160,000 residents in the Southeast part of McHenry County that would benefit from a hospital in Crystal Lake. The need for a Crystal Lake Hospital is NOW; Mercy does not need to wait for the population to grow to support ~~the~~<sup>their</sup> project.

Jennifer Whitwell  
McHenry Resident

*I oppose Centegra's project.*

**Angela McAuley**  
**Centegra Hospital-Huntley -- Support**  
**Project # 10-090**

My name is Angela McAuley, and I am here to share my support for Centegra's plans for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. There is no doubt that this application meets the state's rules for approval. And what I can best speak to are the impressive elements of this project and the character of the health system that is proposing it.

As a current Centegra Board member and a former employee for more than three decades, I have a deep understanding of healthcare and how it has changed over the years. Women's health, in particular, has always been of interest to me. This proposal includes plans for a dedicated Women's Center with a separate entrance. I cannot think of a better resource for women of all ages in these communities.

A space devoted to women will help patients feel as comfortable as possible while undergoing tests and treatments that are rather uncomfortable in nature. Women want and embrace privacy when it comes to their care. Perhaps more importantly, it's a great way to advance collaboration among the medical practitioners who work with women. This is a terrific aspect of the project, and it shows that Centegra truly is a forward-thinking health system. Currently there are no Dedicated Women's Centers in our area. Centegra recognizes their value.

Through my positions with Centegra, I also understand the organization's unrelenting loyalty to the people it serves. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding communities deserve this level of commitment from a healthcare provider. I began my career at Centegra as a part-time nurse. In that role, I learned the "contagious" dedication that those who work for this organization have. The system's staff and leaders are involved in our community on a number of levels, and they carry a genuine respect and joyful spirit in whatever they do.

I support this project wholeheartedly and based on my understanding of the state rules, I believe that this proposal meets those rules for approval.

Thank you.

Centegra Hospital- Huntley Project 10-090  
Public Hearing Support Testimony  
Cindy Amore, RN, BSN  
Emergency Medical System Manager  
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Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for the Centegra Hospital Huntley project. I have had the good fortune to work within McHenry County for the past 33 years. During that time, my career has afforded me the opportunity to work with the community emergency responders throughout the area. In my role as EMS System Coordinator I work to support area EMS responders- EMT's and Paramedics, to acquire and maintain the skills necessary in providing prompt access in response to every emergency. The training and the equipment they use assists them in evaluating the patient's physical condition and providing appropriate and timely transport to the closest hospital Emergency Department for access to definitive medical care. The key to successful outcomes in patient conditions rests with prompt assessment, timely transport and arrival to the nearest comprehensive ED.

Centegra Health System has made a commitment to the community throughout McHenry County to provide access to quality emergency care, by providing 2 hospitals with comprehensive Emergency Department services, 2- Level II Trauma Centers, access to critical care emergency transport through Flight for Life, and maintaining the commitment to EMS as a Resource Hospital with the Illinois Department of Public Health. The addition of a hospital to serve the communities of southwestern McHenry county will provide service in an area that currently experiences longer transport times for EMS patients for both medical and trauma care, based on the proximity of neighboring hospitals. The greater Huntley area continues to grow in population. The Centegra Hospital Huntley will provide them with access to emergency care that is consistent with Emergency care in other areas of the county and close to home.

Thank You

*Cindy Amore RN*

**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Tom Halat  
Tom's Farm Market and Greenhouse, Inc.

The Centegra Hospital at Centegra's Health Campus in Huntley is the most logical location for a hospital. I own Tom's Farm next door to the proposed Centegra Hospital - Huntley site. A few years ago my wife and I sold part of our farm to Centegra to build the Huntley Health Campus. Back in 2006, Centegra had the foresight to acquire sufficient land not only for their Healthbridge Fitness Center and Immediate Care facility, but also enough land for a future hospital. Centegra has a vision for this community, and they are invested in making sure that the best care is available where it is most needed in our community.

This location in the South East corner of McHenry County will fill a void and have close access to the nine thousand plus residents of the Del Webb Sun City retirement community. As you cross over the county line to the south into Northern Kane County, it will fill a void for several communities in that area.

This location is in the heart of a one hundred percent residential area and the most fitting place to satisfy the needs of the community around it. The demographics do warrant a new hospital in Huntley, and Centegra Health System is the organization to do it.

Working on a farm next door to the current Huntley Health Campus has resulted in several trips to the Immediate Care Center for both me and my family and me. Centegra has taken great care of us, and treats us like family. They have been a great neighbor, and selling our land to Centegra was the right decision.

I have been impressed by the leadership at Centegra. They have a vision to constantly improve the quality and access to healthcare in the area. I support this organization that has taken care of my family and my community. I want to see all of my family and friends live long, healthy lives, and Centegra is invested in that same dream.

*Tom Halat*



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**BROTHERS**

Neurosciences Institute

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Clayton Ciha**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi. I am Clayton Ciha. I have worked for Alexian Brothers for 12 years. I currently serve as the Administrative Director of the Alexian Brothers Neurosciences Institute.

I would like to talk to you today about the type of specialized care we offer at Alexian Brothers and why that care is endangered if there is redundancy of health care in this region.

I direct all brain-related services at the two hospitals in the Alexian Brothers Hospital Network. These programs include acute stroke care, pediatric neurosurgery, magnetoencephalography, epilepsy, interventional neuroradiology and Stereotactic neurosurgery, also known as Gamma Knife.

We also have two outpatient offices. One is at the St. Alexius campus in Hoffman Estates, near the intersection of I-90 and Barrington Road. Because of that location, we are able to serve the far northwest suburbs, including McHenry County. We offer outpatient services for stroke, memory disorders, movement disorders, neuropsychology and epilepsy. And our clinical research trials department tests medications for illnesses such as Alzheimer's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

Alexian Brothers devotes a tremendous amount of resources – in personnel and technology – to the Institute. Our technology must keep up with the ever-changing world of neurological research and treatment. And, we go head-to-head with medical centers across the nation to recruit the small number of doctors who excel in the neurological field.

Because of the nature of these very specialized types of care, we have to rely upon – and serve – a large geographic area. In order to build a strong practice and invest in the best physicians and technology, we need to draw patients from the entire far northwest suburban region.

The Alexian Brothers system also depends on attracting patients from the entire region for care at our hospital system. That's why Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in McHenry County would undermine not only St. Alexius but also our Neurosciences Institute. It would bring an unnecessary duplication of services to the region.

Centegra's desire to build a basic, limited-service hospital is a real threat to St. Alexius and our specialty Neurosciences Institute services. More than 10 percent of St. Alexius

patients come from southeastern McHenry County. These patients are a short drive away from us, and rely on us to provide comprehensive medical care, including advanced neurosciences. St. Alexius is just one of the regional medical centers that serves this area and would be hurt by this new hospital.

I ask that the Board consider the major negative ramifications that this new Centegra hospital would cause and deny the certificate of need. We have a great regional medical system right now – let's not make it weaker and more costly to everyone.

Thank you.

# Support for Project #10 - 090

Becky S. Lampe

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My husband, infant daughter & I moved to Algonquin in 1965 and bought a home on N. Main Street....also known as Route 31. It was a nice, lazy highway without very much traffic. The population was near 2000 then, but now has grown to over 30,000. The lazy Main Street is no longer quiet. We have moved to another area of town. That's growth in McHenry County.

- In 1966 our son was born and the only real choice I had for a hospital was to go to Elgin, IL. I chose Sherman Hospital which was almost 14 miles away.
- There were no ambulance services back then...one had to drive for medical care or 'take care of things' by ones' self. The only ambulance was a private one coming out of West Dundee and the wait time was anywhere from ½ hour on upward if they were 'busy'.
- Around 1973 the Jaycees in Algonquin were seeking to start an Emergency Ambulance Service and were looking for volunteers. The local Fire Department was not interested in assisting in this endeavor, so the Jaycees started looking for volunteers. Since I was a Registered Nurse, I became one of those volunteers and a Charter Member of the Algonquin Area Ambulance Service. The name was later changed to the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Emergency Ambulance Service and now is under the auspices of the Fire Protection District.
- **July of 1974** marked the beginning of ambulance service to the two communities. In preparation we had marked the mileage from the intersections of Route 31 and Route 62 to each of the existing hospitals where we were able to transport. Sherman and St Joseph in Elgin were about 13 miles each and the 'old' Woodstock Memorial was 17 miles. There were no other hospitals.
- **1977** marked the year when the first Paramedics went into training at Sherman Hospital from our town, including me. Twelve of us 'graduated' and became certified as Paramedics. I served as a volunteer paramedic for 25 years so I know my communities well.

- **In subsequent years, new hospitals were added to the area. Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington, Northern Illinois Medical Center(Centegra)on Route 31 in McHenry, Humana (now Alexian Brothers) in Hoffman Estates, and the new Centegra Woodstock Campus on Route 14. There still was no hospital for the Southern part of McHenry County or the Northern portion of Kane County.**
- **From 1986-2001 I worked as a Corporate/Occupational Health Nurse for Arnold Engineering in Marengo. The closest hospital for anyone to seek care was in Belvidere, 12 miles to the West or St. Anthony in Rockford (approximately 24 miles). The hospital in Belvidere has since closed its doors, leaving St. Anthony as the only choice in many cases.**
- **With the positioning of the new Centegra-Woodstock location on Route 14 we now had another option, even though the mileage was still over 14 miles to get there.**
- **A new hospital located near the Route 47 corridor, in my *experienced* opinion, would make obvious good sense. It would give access to hospital medical care to an entire geographical area not being served at the present time.**
- **My children and grandchildren live in Union, IL, just a few miles east of Marengo. For their sake and for all the residents of the Southern part of McHenry County or Northern portion Kane County, I am **supporting the location of a new Hospital in Huntley.****
- **In 2003 I began working part-time as a Registry Nurse with the 'Wellness Group' of Centegra Health System and continue at the present time to do so. I have examined my own feelings since I am employed by Centegra to see if my support might be prejudiced in their favor. I have determined that it would not make a difference whether I worked for them or not.....I **TRULY BELIEVE THE LOCATION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IN McHENRY COUNTY MUST BE IN HUNTLEY DUE TO ITS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION & THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS NOT CURRENTLY BEING SERVED.****



Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association

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Brian Shahinian  
Executive Director  
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RE: Project #10-090

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to share my 100% support of Centegra Health System's proposed hospital in Huntley, project number 10-090.

My name is Brian Shahinian and I have been the Executive Director of the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) for nearly 24 years. As an extension of 13 local park districts and municipal recreation departments, NISRA provides 750 year-round community therapeutic recreation programs to over 1,600 different children and adults with disabilities. As an agency that provides healthy and therapeutic recreation services to individuals with various physical, cognitive, emotional and medical disabilities, NISRA maintains a working relationship with the healthcare system in McHenry and Kane Counties.

Centegra's commitment to the quality of health care extends beyond the physical boundaries of its facilities and into the community through its collaborative values and partnerships with other organizations. In my tenure at NISRA and participating in various health and wellness initiatives, I've personally witnessed the caring, trustworthy and professional relationships that Centegra has developed with local businesses, not for profits, community health care agencies and residents in the County. Centegra has supported public health and wellness services by supporting NISRA and many other service organizations by sponsoring fundraising events, referring patients to community services and sharing its facility and manpower. Centegra provides exceptional care for patients while in the hospital and connects them with exceptional care in the community upon discharge.



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1987 and 1993

*Providing recreation programs for people with disabilities residing in the Barrington Park District, Cary Park District, Crystal Lake Park District, Dundee Township Park District, City of Elgin, Hampshire Township Park District, City of Harvard, Huntley Park District, Village of Lake in the Hills, Marengo Park District, City of McHenry, Wauconda Park District and the City of Woodstock.*

Centegra has actively demonstrated its effectiveness and involvement in this community for nearly 100 years. It's administrators; medical professionals and support staff are active members in this community as service club members, community leaders, volunteers and good neighbors. They are personally committed to the overall quality of life in McHenry County and surrounding areas. The health and wellness of a community relies on much more than simply the existence of a local hospital, but rather, a healthcare system that is an integral part of the community through outreach, participation and collaboration. That is exactly what Centegra Health System has demonstrated in McHenry County consistently over the years.

All of us at NISRA are please to have earned the support of the Centegra Health System. We look forward to working with Centegra in the future to meet the growing medical, health and wellness needs of southern McHenry and northern Kane County. Again, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association is in 100% support of Centegra Health System's proposal.

Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO.021611

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of the McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

PASSED and APPROVED this 11 day of February, 2011.

AYE: 10

NAY: 3

ABSENT: 0

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director/Secretary of the Board

Gordon, Trent

Director, Business Development and Strategic Planning

My name is Trent Gordon and I am the Director of Business Development and Strategic Planning at Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington, one mile from McHenry County. I oppose this project because there are more cost effective means of providing additional access to health care than building brand new expensive inpatient facilities. Many health care services continue to shift to the outpatient arena, where they can be provided at lower cost to patients. More complex services, such as open heart surgery and neurosurgery, will continue to be inpatient services but the applicant is not proposing such services.

It is simply incorrect to state that hospitals create more access to area residents through building new inpatient facilities. Numerous organizations have recognized this in McHenry County, including Centegra. In the last five years, Advocate Good Shepherd has opened two ambulatory centers in McHenry County. Our Algonquin outpatient center offers primary care physician services, specialty care physician services and imaging services. This center is located less than five miles from Huntley and many Huntley residents receive their health care at this facility. Good Shepherd also has

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an outpatient center in Crystal Lake, less than 20 minutes from the proposed Huntley facility. At our Crystal Lake outpatient center we offer primary care physician services, specialty care physician services, imaging services and immediate care that is staffed by Good Shepherd board-certified emergency medicine physicians. We believe that these outpatient centers are a less costly, more efficient way to bring high quality health care services to the residents of McHenry County. We also offer sub-specialized services. We offer Maternal-Fetal Medicine consultations and pediatric cardiology consultations at these facilities.

Even Centegra has recognized the shift to outpatient services and has responded by providing residents access to care through new immediate care and imaging services in Huntley and Crystal Lake. The applicant does not reference the negative impact that will surely occur to these facilities if this new hospital is built. It is quite possible that the emergency department of the proposed hospital will reduce volumes at the Centegra immediate care in Crystal Lake due to the close proximity. Other area hospitals such as Sherman and Provena St. Joseph offer immediate care centers that also serve the residents of McHenry County.

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In summary, I urge the Board to deny this application because there are better ways to serve the residents of McHenry County than building a brand new hospital. Thank you.

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Trent Gordon



**Project # 10-090**

Good Afternoon. My name is Mary Anne Weltch. I am the Development Director of Turning Point, the comprehensive domestic violence agency and shelter for McHenry County.

I am here this afternoon to express Turning Point's support of the proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Turning Point has partnered with Centegra for many years to provide life-saving services to residents in our County experiencing domestic violence crisis. The team of crisis workers at Centegra work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, just as our advocates do to connect victims to us so we can intervene and appropriately respond to the crisis. Domestic violence always carries with it the risk of lethality. Thirty-six percent women who go to the emergency room do so because of domestic violence. It is the leading reason why women need emergency care. It is more prevalent than car accidents, muggings or rapes by a stranger combined. Centegra's dedicated staff understands these facts just as we do, so they call us to come to the emergency room or to the hospital when patients come in following domestic violence injury. In short, we depend on the staff at Centegra to help us serve victims.

There is a pressing need to expand hospital services to the southern part of our county. Our past experience with Centegra offers the promise of excellent service with confidential, compassionate care.

Turning Point is very pleased with the location of the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley. We look forward to Centegra's expansion helping us to reach even more women and children in domestic violence crisis.



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Beth Tze**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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Hello. I am Beth Tze, the Chief Executive Officer of the Alexian Brothers Medical Group. I am opposed to Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in Huntley because current hospitals and their ancillary facilities already provide excellent care to the envisioned service area.

Our medical group employs or contracts with more than 170 health care providers. Because of its size and the depth of its specialties, the physician group is able to operate at a high level of efficiency.

One of the main reasons we oppose this hospital is because it would make health care less efficient in this area.

St. Alexius and other nearby, regional medical centers – including Advocate Good Shepherd and Sherman Hospital – are meeting the needs of the population of southeastern McHenry County. And as the building boom in the county has come to a near standstill, the region has more than enough bed capacity. Adding to that capacity would be a serious financial misstep as empty beds – and the fixed costs associated with them – restrict hospitals' ability to address more urgent health care needs.

Today, health care is focused on comprehensive care and advanced care. A new community hospital cannot provide the specialized equipment or expertise that regional medical centers offer only a short distance from Huntley. Patients who require services such as interventional cardiac care would have to be transferred to an existing facility for such life-saving treatment. This would not only mean a more stressful experience for patients, but also would unnecessarily drive up healthcare costs for area taxpayers.

I hope the board also considers that the goal of federal health care reform is to make sure people visit the hospital less often and for shorter durations. That means even more hospital beds will be open in the coming years. So in 2018, when Centegra proposes to open its hospital, it's likely that demand for hospital beds will be even lower than it is today.

I strongly urge the health facilities board to reject Centegra's proposal.

Thank you.

## **George Teufel Testimony at the Centegra- Huntley Certificate of Need Hearing**

My name is George Teufel. I am the Vice President of Finance at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, which is located less than a mile from McHenry County. I have been in health care finance for 35 years.

I urge the Review Board to deny this application, because adding new hospitals to the community will dilute existing hospitals' resources, volumes and financial capacity. This will reduce our ability to meet the community need for high quality care in a cost efficient manner. Huntley already has access to a hospital within a twenty minute drive.

In an ideal world, it might be nice to have a hospital in every community. However, in the world we live in today, where health care costs are way too high, proliferation of hospitals to provide immediate access must be balanced with limiting expenditures which drive up health care costs to tax payers, individual premium payers and employers.

To fund the project, Centegra will borrow an additional \$183 million, which will more than double its current debt load to \$385 million. This is a large increase in debt for a system the size of Centegra. Centegra may face challenges in obtaining financing and meeting the high debt obligation. Less than two months ago Centegra formally "abandoned" the \$50 million major modernization of its Woodstock hospital, citing, in part, "that the hospital community as a whole was finding construction loans difficult to obtain." This doubling of Centegra debt may place Centegra's other hospitals at risk at a time when uncertain financial conditions and declining reimbursement rates will place greater economic pressure on all hospitals.

As you likely know, there is a proposal for a second new hospital in the area. Should both CONs be approved, the demand forecasts for each would be invalid, their ability to obtain financing would be questionable, and the financial performance of both hospitals and the financial stability of other area hospitals would be in jeopardy.

Construction of a new hospital in a community with access to a full range of outpatient services and nearby inpatient facilities flies in the face of health care reform, prudent use of resources, and health care trends. This unnecessary duplication of resources will needlessly increase health care costs for the community and adversely affect the financial stability of the existing area hospitals.

## **Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **In support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project # 10-090**

Name: Spiridon Gerolimos, MD  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Medical Director, Medical Imaging

Testimonial: My name is Dr. Spiridon Gerolimos and I am an independent radiologist and the medical director for Medical Imaging at Centegra Health System. I proudly offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Centegra Health System is currently the leader in providing state-of-the-art medical imaging equipment and services to the people of northern Illinois. As we planned five years ago to extend Centegra's high quality services to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, we invested in several equipment acquisitions, including a 128-slice CT scanner. This financial commitment ensured people of our region would have access to the best-available technology near their homes. We also installed a 3.0 Tesla MRI in Huntley to round out our complete continuum of medical imaging. Now, as we look to the future, Centegra Health System needs to fulfill a promise it made to the people of the region to continue to provide improved healthcare access for all medical services. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will provide our patients the outstanding services and quality they deserve near their homes.

One of the main reasons I support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley is because I know that Centegra will remain committed to delivering the newest technology to the people of our region. A beautiful new facility will be constructed; however Centegra understands the importance of putting the newest resources into the hands of the skilled physicians and Associates who deliver care to patients. That commitment to excellence is essential to the provision of high-quality healthcare, and Centegra embodies this dedication.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve project 10-090. Thank you.

Ellen Beier

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**I feel very strongly that building a Hospital in Huntley is an unfair project.**

My husband and I are living in Cary close to the Crystal Lake south-east corner. Seven years ago, we were looking forward to a hospital that is closer to us, but were told there was no need. That was very confusing to us, since every time we went to Centegra's Emergency Room, we had to wait a very long time to be seen. I heard that complaint from several people, even saying that they had to spend the night and most of the following day in the Emergency Room as there were no beds available on the floor. I am happy to hear that Centegra realizes that they can not keep up with the demands. I am just not sure how a hospital in Huntley will help with the wait time at the McHenry campus, besides this will be an even longer drive for us. The 10 mile trip to McHenry can take anywhere from 30 - 45 minutes due to the traffic congestion. Let me tell you having a sick child or husband with you those minutes might as well be hours.

We have been living in Cary for 27 years and have seen the growth, not only in our town, but also the surrounding areas. I realize that there has been an increase in population in the Huntley area as well, with many young families making their home there, but it is the growing geriatric population you can find in the Crystal Lake and the established Cary area that are in greater need of additional services. I hate to put myself in that group, but it is what it is. The corner of Three Oaks Road and Route 31 seems to make a lot of sense to me, as it will not only serve Crystal

Lake, but also Cary, parts of Algonquin and Lake in the Hills. It is very accessible, yet far enough away from subdivisions reducing the noise of ambulances, which I do not think will be the case in Huntley. I have some friends living in this area and they were not thrilled with the building of Health Bridge Fitness Center and are even less happy with the increased traffic from a hospital.

My husband will be retiring at the end of this year and we will be on a fixed income. With the rising cost of health care and more and more out of pocket expenses, we are concerned that with the lack of healthy competition, our healthcare costs could rise even more. I am not an economist, but it does not sound right to me that you have three hospitals owned by the same company in one county. I am a healthcare professional and still have a few more years to work, as possible employee; I also have to wonder about respect and compensation you might receive under such a monopoly. It would be nice to have more options available.

As far as I understand Centegra will not start building the new hospital for another 2 years and then it will not open until at least 2016. We could have had a running hospital by now serving our needs had Mercy been allowed to built seven years ago. Crystal Lake is one of the largest towns in the county, does it not make sense to build a hospital there, with the highest population. Most importantly so, I feel we deserve to have a hospital in Crystal Lake, which will truly help with the over flowing demand that Centegra McHenry experiences.



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**Centegra Health System – Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Project No. 10-090**

Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce  
Sandy Oslance  
President  
2114 W. Algonquin Road  
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

My name is Sandy Oslance of Lake in the Hills and I am here in support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley as the president of the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce.

In my role as President of the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber, I represent 380 businesses employing 14,000 in the community that would be positively impacted by the proposed hospital in Huntley. I had the pleasure to attend their groundbreaking ceremony four years ago when Centegra described their long-term plan for responsible development of the land they purchased. The additional jobs and patients the new hospital will bring to the area will have a positive impact on the local businesses in the community including restaurants, retail stores and the many other services our area offers.

Centegra has always been there to support the community, through participation and sponsoring community venues and events. Through their community efforts, they have displayed that they are interested in the communities that they serve going well beyond the healthcare they provide.

Thank you for your consideration of Centegra's proposed Hospital in Huntley.

After moving from Wheaton IL to Sun City Huntley, we slowly and carefully transferred our physician health care from Central DuPage Hospital to Centegra Hospital physicians. We are very pleased with our current health care at Centegra. Our physicians' offices are located right next to the location of the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley. We have needed to use their excellent immediate care facilities and what a relief it is that they are so close. In the future, if anyone in our community will need emergency ambulatory care, it will be wonderful and vital that Centegra would be so close for us.

Like many in Sun City Huntley we are in favor of the proposed Centegra Hospital and encourage you to vote approval.

Centegra has been an excellent Health Care neighbor by sponsoring many local wellness fairs and seminars to help us manage our good health. The Centegra Wellness Center at Sun City under the direction of Nancy Turngren has been very pro-active providing services and education to our neighborhoods. Also, they have co-sponsored our resident-led Visually Impaired Support and Assistance Group that has helped many with low vision or blindness improve their daily lifestyles.

I am especially pleased that private investment bonds and funding mainly will finance the local construction. Added local jobs for our Huntley citizens will also be a benefit. There does not appear to be any additional tax burden or financing that I know of - which is a relief to our local taxpayers as well.

Centegra has been a good corporate citizen to our area, and I hope you will allow them to build this facility needed by our current community of 7,000 and the thousands who will be moving to the area once construction resumes in the many other housing and business developments planned for this area.

God bless you in your deliberations.

Kenneth R. Kozy and Mary C. Kozy (MSW)  
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KEN KOZY (PROJECT MANAGER, MBA, SIX SIGMA)

**Congress Internal Medicine**

360 Station Drive

Crystal Lake, IL. 60014

**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
February 16, 2011  
Dr. Lorenc, Vice President, Medical Staff Affairs**

My name is Dr. Ted Lorenc. I'm an internal medicine physician with Centegra Health System and also Vice President of Medical Staff Affairs. On behalf of myself and members of our medical staff, I give my full support to Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

I wanted to touch very briefly on an important factor to why a new hospital in Huntley is important to meeting the medical needs of the community.

Statistics from both the federal and state governments demonstrate the need for a full-service hospital in this area.

- The proposed service area for Centegra Hospital – Huntley includes census tracts that have been designated by the US Department of Health and Human Services as **Medically Underserved Areas** and **Health Manpower Shortage Areas**.
- It also includes census tracts that have been designated by the State of Illinois as having **Medically Underserved Populations**.

To some in this room, those designations don't mean anything. But to those of us providing care each and every day; to hospitals throughout the region; and to healthcare advocates those are critically important factors in determining where healthcare needs are not being met.

Regardless of what other hospitals may say for competitive reasons, it is clear that the residents and communities we propose to serve with Centegra Hospital Huntley are in need of increased access to care. This is especially noteworthy when considering the region's strong population growth and concentration of senior citizens.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to heed the designations of the federal and state government and to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Thank you.



Honorary Board Members

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
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Re: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

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Mark Martin, President  
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I am writing to express our support for the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. Hospital services are needed in the Huntley area and Centegra is the health system best suited to provide these services.

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Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care and outreach it provides. It's All About Kids is a local 501(C)3 that financially helps local families that have a child with cancer. Over the years Centegra has, not only, helped us financially but they have referred families to us that we have then been able to help.

Because of the community's need for hospital services, the improved access to healthcare and the responsibility that Centegra Health System exhibits throughout McHenry County we urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely yours,

David Kielpinski  
Vice President



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**Medical Group**

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**Of Dan Isacksen**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi. My name is Dan Isacksen, and I am the Chief Financial Officer of the Alexian Brothers Medical Group. Our medical group is affiliated with the Saint Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. We know residents in the northern Fox Valley are served well by several hospitals in the area and we oppose Centegra's plan for a new hospital in Huntley because it would duplicate health care services.

Our physician group has more than 30 primary care physicians who treat patients at 11 offices. One of our locations is in Elgin, only a few miles from the McHenry County border. In addition, our physicians staff seven immediate care facilities and occupational health facilities and are involved in specialty services. The specialists affiliated with our practice address the neurosciences, breast health, cardiovascular and geriatric issues, to name a few.

St. Alexius is just one of several regional medical centers in the far northwest suburban area. For example, Advocate Good Shepherd, Sherman and Provena St. Joseph also offer comprehensive care. Hospitals that have had projects approved in the last several years – namely St. Alexius, Sherman and Provena St. Joseph – all promised the board that they would serve a regional population that includes southern McHenry County. In fact, all the hospitals depend on that population to support the kind of high-quality specialty care that residents have come to expect.

If the Centegra project is approved, however, the new hospital would weaken all of the current regional medical centers. In effect, the Centegra hospital – which would offer basic, limited care – would make it tougher for all the other facilities to provide specialized services such as open heart surgery and advanced pediatric care.

As we all know, the financial resources that can be devoted to health care, whether they come from government or private insurers and patients' pockets, are finite. Spending these scarce resources on a duplicative facility would only weaken the financial support for the established, excellent network of health resources available today. I am confident the board will take these points into serious consideration and reject Centegra's certificate of need.

Thank you for your time.

Project #10-090

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My name is Laurie Dayon and I am the Executive Director of Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois (GOTRNWIL). Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping girls climb out of the "girl box" using a 20-lesson curriculum designed to promote good choices for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. The curriculum, designed specifically to address "girl box" issues, uses warm-up, and workouts which encourage emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical well-being.

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become strong, contented  
and self-confident women.*

Centegra Health Systems is committed to the community in which they serve. They have been a partner of GOTRNWIL's for three years, providing not only financial but volunteer support. Centegra's commitment to the community is unparalleled. For example, last spring Centegra reached out to local organizations to include them in their team building day, which included working together to build new bicycles. Centegra sought out children from the community who were in need and presented the kids with brand new bikes at the conclusion of the team building day. Not only were the kids absolutely thrilled, but it was a complete surprise to the employees as well – and they had a chance to talk one on one with the recipient of the bikes they made. It truly made a difference in the lives of those children

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I have personally been a member of Centegra's Healthbridge Fitness Center for over five years after choosing to leave another large, local health club, for what is an overall wellness and family focused fitness facility. I could not be more pleased with the services that Centegra offers me and my family.

A Centegra Hospital located in Huntley would be an amazing addition to the growth that our communities have experienced. Currently, if I need to get my child to the hospital, at my current address, it will take at least 25 minutes. With this new proposal – I can have my child under a doctor's care within minutes. As a parent, this is crucial as we all know minutes matter when it comes to health issues. Additionally, my mom lives in Huntley and having a hospital so close would mean immediate care for all of my family.

I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley, IL. I could not be more excited about the prospect of Centegra leading the way and adding another hospital to our community.

Regards,

Laurie Dayon  
Executive Director  
Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois

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**Opposition to Centegra Huntley Hospital Testimony**  
**Mary Martini**  
**Vice President of Business Development**  
**Sherman Health and Sherman Hospital**

I am Mary Martini. As a member Sherman Hospital's Executive Team, I am here to discuss why Sherman opposes Centegra's hospital proposal. We recently opened our brand new, state-of-the-art hospital in close proximity to the areas that this proposal plans to serve. The proposed Centegra hospital threatens the delivery of health care services in the region including the viability of all nearby hospitals. It will significantly impede Sherman's ability to provide cutting edge health care to the residents of the upper Fox Valley. This proposal is premised on significant population growth in McHenry County, which is simply not there. The projected utilization and financial viability of the proposed hospital will come at drastic cost to Sherman, which stands to lose a significant part of its patient base. In establishing its service area, Centegra has cherry picked areas with few low-income residents and high levels of reimbursement, such as Algonquin, Lake in the Hills and Huntley, areas where we are the market leader and nearest hospital. Further, Centegra's proposal has been put forth in the eye of the storm of health care reimbursement reform initiatives, which are quickly transforming the health care delivery system. This is simply the wrong time to think about another hospital in the region.

As a leading provider of health care to residents of the region, Sherman continually strives to offer innovative, state-of-the-art health care to area residents at both its inpatient and outpatient facilities. At our new replacement facility, in affiliation with some of the best academic medical centers in the state, we have been able expand our specialized services which now include coordinated stroke care, heart and vascular care, cancer care, pediatric services, and women's health. We are also planning a Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. We are proud to be the only hospital in the region offering this array of innovative, state-of-the-art programs to the community. With all of



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this activity, last year, 130 physicians joined the medical staff. These new practitioners enhance the scope of services that our patients can receive at Sherman.

We also believe the proposal is inconsistent with the direction that health care is quickly moving. Health care delivery is moving away from the traditional hospital-based fee-for-service care to more quality and outcomes based payment models with a focus on ambulatory care delivery systems. The focus will be on keeping patients out of the hospital. In a pay for performance system, quality and outcomes will be rewarded not volume. Further there is plenty of capacity in this market. Sherman and others could significantly increase their occupancy without further capital expenditures. We built our hospital for the long term needs of this region and Centegra's proposal would be a duplication of what we've just accomplished. A hospital in Huntley would be wrong. Centegra should refocus its efforts on initiatives that will promote the health and wellness of the community, keep people out of the hospital, and support the safety net.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our concerns about the proposed hospital in Huntley and respectfully request the CON Board deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.



## **Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Keith Golden, Administrative Director of Project and Property Management**

My name is Keith Golden. I am the Director of Project and Property Management for Sherman Health and I have worked for the hospital for over 23 years. In this time, I have seen dramatic changes in the delivery of health care from an inpatient, hospital based care model to an outpatient ambulatory care model. Others speaking today will discuss the dynamics of the inpatient care network of providers but this audience and the CON Board needs to recognize that inpatient care is just one small component of the health care delivery system. Good outpatient care is essential and needs to be the focus of the health care delivery system. Appropriate outpatient care and early intervention are keys to preventing complications and more severe conditions, requiring costly hospitalization. In most instances, outpatient care is more efficient and a better use of scarce health care resources and it is where patients want to receive their care.

In addition to ensuring access to primary and specialty care to the region as a whole, Sherman has been an integral provider of safety net services to this area's residents for all of the years that I have been a part of the organization. In fact, in collaboration with Saint Joseph Hospital, Sherman Hospital was central to bringing medical homes to less fortunate individuals who are uninsured or receiving government assistance. In this area, this includes members of the Hispanic, African-American and Asian communities, which communities experience health disparities and often lack access to essential physician services. Based on our efforts, in 1996, the Greater Elgin Family Care Center became a reality. Since that time, Greater Elgin has grown from a small clinic with four physicians to a federally qualified health center providing comprehensive health care to residents of the area. These FQHC sites provide routine, wellness and urgent primary and pediatric care including immunizations, prenatal care, WIC services, family case management, child, adolescent & adult behavioral health services, core services in the safety net. Due, in large part, to the financial support and other contributions of the Elgin hospitals, Greater Elgin has been an unqualified success. This has led to the organization's development of a new health center in McHenry County which is soon to open.

Successful primary care programs means less hospitalizations. I don't know if the decreased utilization of hospital services in the area overall is directly related to the good care that these medical homes provide but I would like to think it is. Medical homes are designed, in part, to reduce hospitalizations for conditions like hypertension, diabetes complications, bacterial pneumonia, COPD, and congestive heart failure, which disproportionately affect the Hispanic and African-American communities. Timely and effective outpatient care is integral to reducing hospitalizations associated with what we call ambulatory care sensitive conditions. Medical homes are integral in cost-effective treatment of these conditions as they take the underserved out of emergency departments, which are inefficient and costly, and ameliorate these conditions before they become life threatening and require hospitalization.

Health care delivery is moving away from inpatient based care to outpatient based care. Due to the ongoing efforts of existing providers, such as Sherman, residents in this area have adequate access to outpatient services close to home. A new hospital in Huntley is unwarranted and not a prudent use of health care resources. We respectfully request the CON Board deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.

*Keith Boden*



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I'm Eric Krueger, Chief Financial Officer of Sherman Hospital. I cannot support a hospital in Huntley.

Centegra has campaigned hard for its hospital proposal -among other things, hosting meals at the Sun City lodges and soliciting support during doctors visits. These efforts and what might seem like the obvious benefits of another hospital have caused the community to rally around these plans. The sound bytes have appeal. Centegra claims that the proposal will bring jobs, private investment to the community and growth. People want to hear the recession is over and that we can get back to business as usual. The financial climate might feel like it has improved but our economic reality has changed drastically and we must face the facts. As for claims that the recession is over, the pace of growth in the nation's output has been anemic and the unemployment rate is expected to stay high. The federal budget deficits are surging,<sup>1</sup> Medicare costs are growing at an astounding <sup>RATE</sup> and some say our federal budget is on life support.

So that is the national backdrop. Next this community must consider what their priority should be as it relates to each individual's access to health care. If you are retired, your concern should be the solvency of Medicare and its scope of benefits and co-pays. And for those still working, its similar. How much are your health insurance premiums? What are your out-of-pocket costs for health care services? And do you have job security?

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<sup>1</sup> Douglas Elmendorf, Chief of the Congressional Budget Office, February 10, 2011 Testimony before the Committee on the Budget of the U.S. House of Representatives.

As for the impact of health care spending on seniors. The future is bleak for senior coverage under government insurance as well as pension programs. The increased costs that these benefits programs are facing is unsustainable especially because of health care reform's broader coverage mandates. That means that as the boomers enter retirement, benefits will be reduced and even eliminated.

As for people covered under employer-based health plans, employers are struggling to find ways to stay profitable while offering quality health coverage to their work force. One way employers are reducing the cost of health care premiums is to increase premium sharing, co-pays and deductibles and increase the number of out-of-pocket expenses for which employees are responsible. As the CFO of a hospital, I see how this cost shifting is affecting the average health care consumer. They are more judicious about the services they receive because most employees have a bigger contribution to their medical expenses than they had just five years ago.

The cost of health care insurance is such a significant expense to employers these days that employers are looking to have fewer full-time employees on the payroll to keep their health care benefits costs down. In some cases, employers are combating increases in health premiums by reducing full-time employees to part-time, taking on independent contractors rather than full-time employees or outsourcing desk jobs overseas where labor costs are a fraction of what they are here and health insurance is not offered.

Ensuring affordable health insurance coverage into the future is what the community needs to focus on not having a backyard hospital when other hospitals are easily and safely accessible.

Thank you.



Marcy Piekos  
Executive Director  
Leadership Greater McHenry County  
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Public Hearing: Project #10-090.  
Centegra Hospital Huntley  
February 16, 2011

My name is Marcy Piekos. I am the Executive Director for Leadership Greater McHenry County. Today, as the representative for LGMC, I proudly support Centegra in its effort to address a critical need of an effective community; expanding quality healthcare.

LGMC was founded in 2004 by Centegra CEO Michael Eesley. Centegra continues to be a primary sustainable force for this leadership organization demonstrating their proclaimed servant leadership to our community. It is important to note Centegra has held a prominent presence in the ongoing LGMC program since 2004. Additionally, Centegra alumni continue to engage as volunteers on one of seven LGMC committees. Currently there are 200 alumni. To date there are 29 Centegra alumni who graduated from the ten month LGMC program. Ten of whom are members of our Board of Trustees or actively participating on a committee.

LGMC's mission is to educate and inspire professionals to engage in community leadership, addressing another critical need of every effective community; leaders who are focused and concerned for all public processes.

No other countywide Community Leadership Program exists with the same mission and focus. ....**Centegra saw the need eight years ago and made the commitment.** Community Leadership Development must be fostered through focused programs. This in turn creates a leadership resource for the entire Greater McHenry County area. "Leadership must be developed, it does not just happen."...**Centegra has shown sustained support for this collective leadership imperative.**

Just as Mike Eesley served as the catalyst to launch LGMC, under his visionary leadership Centegra is striving to integrate the Huntley Hospital into its healthcare system thereby broadening the continuum of excellent care for McHenry County. Strong and effective community leadership is the foundation of every thriving, healthy community.

I am excited at the prospect of Centegra incorporating the Huntley Hospital into its healthcare system. It will offer much more than broadening healthcare and job opportunities. It will lead McHenry County into the future with a state of the art facility serving more people in more advanced ways.

LGMC, through its founding organizations, like Centegra, developed a Leadership Model and Program, providing the perfect starting point for those who truly want to serve and provide leadership while enhancing personal and professional development. **Centegra inspired a shared vision.**



Marcy Piekos  
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This parallels what Centegra seeks today. Inspiring that shared vision to extend quality healthcare to this southern part of McHenry County. The benefits are obvious, the leadership is solid, as the broader community will be served by allowing Centegra to move forward with this action.

Thank you for this opportunity to endorse Centegra's dynamic initiative.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Piekos".

Marcy Piekos  
Executive Director



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**Public Hearing; Huntley Village Hall**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

Good morning (afternoon), my name is Chip Bartel, Finance Director of the Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. I stand before you today, not as a patient, loved one of a patient, resident of Huntley, nor as an Executive with the Boy Scouts of America. But rather I stand before you as an advocate for the four-thousand plus families and youngsters served in McHenry County, by the Boy Scouts of America.

As an executive of a major non profit here in McHenry County, I want to share with you a different vantage point than your typical proponent. I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Centegra and its advocates throughout several different facets of community based service. Centegra has proven to be a strong advocate of our Annual Disguised Citizens event in shining a light on fellow citizens that have strong community minded character attributes. Our relationship with Centegra has elevated our awareness and re-oriented our strategic planning as well as aided us in the technical and marketing roles we as non profits play in McHenry County. This partnership has had a direct impact on the character & citizenship building of the youth right here in Huntley. Their dedication and unwavering support of the human services and social organizations throughout McHenry County is a blessing. Because of their dedication, thousands of families and youth have had been impacted; whether that's through the Boy Scouts of America or one of the several other groups they support. They are truly a compassionate and committed team, investing not only in the technological advances of medicine, but in the families and communities we call home.

Centegra can play a vital role in this community, from unmatched health care to new job development to unprecedented community service. This is clearly an organization that can offer more than just great health care. It is an organization that becomes part of the community it resides in, collectively creating a culture that gives back to others through servant leadership and steadfast community service. They are an organization that cares, and an organization that we all can trust. I am honored today to be able to stand in front of you and support Centegra hospital and its wish to call Huntley, "home". Thank you.

Chip Bartel

Finance Director



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Kelley Clancy  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

I am Kelley Clancy, Vice President of External Affairs for Alexian Brothers Health System and I'd like to tell you why I'm against Centegra's Certificate of Need to build a hospital in Huntley.

I have worked in the health care field for much of my career, and have focused on community health for the last two decades. I've admired the philosophy and intent of the state board to keep balance and integrity in the Certificate of Need process. The board traditionally will not approve a project unless there is actual need for it in the community, out of concern that a project might needlessly duplicate services.

From the point of view of Alexian Brothers Health System, which runs St. Alexius Medical Center and Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Centegra has not proven that there is an actual need for this project. Further, this new hospital would duplicate services in an area that already is served by several regional medical centers that have an overabundance of hospital beds.

When Centegra asked the state to expand its hospital in Woodstock, Alexian Brothers Health System publicly supported it. We're willing to support projects when there is a need for more health care services in the region. But this proposal for a hospital in Huntley does not meet that standard.

In just the last few years, Provena St. Joseph Hospital, Sherman Hospital and St. Alexius have all finished or received approval for major investments in their facilities. In all cases, the pledge made by these hospitals to serve residents in the entire northern Fox Valley area was instrumental in receiving state approval.

In the case of St. Alexius, we're breaking ground next month for our new children's hospital. It will provide services that few hospitals offer outside of the city of Chicago, such as several pediatric sub-specialties. Expensive – yet necessary – health care projects like this are not sustainable on their own – they rely on the support from serving patients from throughout the region.

We know that hospital bed demand is down and will continue to drop because of the requirements of federal health care reform. And, it's obvious that the home building boom of several years ago has come and gone. Just because Centegra wants to add more hospital beds to the area, they can't create, on their own, the people to fill them.

If Centegra's hospital were to be built, it would be needlessly expensive for everyone, including taxpayers.

Every hospital has fixed costs, such as keeping the required number of professional staff on site 24-7, keeping up the building, paying energy bills. These costs are the same whether a hospital is operating at capacity or has very few patients. These costs get passed through to public and private insurance companies, and we all end up picking up the tab for underutilized facilities.

I urge the state board members take all of this into account when they make their decision and deny Centegra's application.

Thank you.



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Testimony of: Major John Price  
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Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen, I am Major John Price, Director of The Salvation Army of McHenry County. My organization serves here in Huntley at Grafton Township Office.

I speak today in favor of the proposed Centegra Hospital. Centegra Health System is a state of the art Health Care System and they consistently rank among the nation's best hospitals for quality care, excellent service delivery, patient satisfaction.

My family and I have sought medical care with Centegra, care which has been among the best received anywhere in the world. I know, I've lived in several states and overseas while in the military. Centegra's care is professional, compassionate and provided by skilled personnel, among the best in their field.

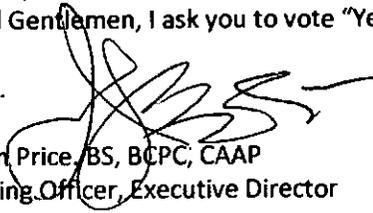
Centegra is uniquely positioned to fill an ever-increasing void in available care for the Southeastern corner of McHenry County. This care includes full-service emergency care, a Level II Nursery, advanced imaging and specialty care.

Huntley is one of the fastest growing communities in McHenry County. From 1990-Present the population of Huntley has grown by nearly 500%. Nearly 200% of that growth in population has been since the Year 2000. The need for a full-service hospital here has never been greater. It only makes sense that Centegra Health System would build its newest hospital here in Huntley because Centegra is already providing outpatient and immediate care in Huntley. A new hospital allows residents to stay in the community for care.

That brings me to my final point: Centegra Health System brings community: community service and involvement, giving back to the community, providing hundreds of jobs for skilled medical personnel who live in the community, pay taxes, support our parks and schools, roads and raising their families.

Centegra is a great place to work, a great neighbor for the entire community. Centegra leadership is dedicated to its staff, patients and community, giving back, making a difference in the communities where Centegra serves. This concern is evidenced by over 260 community events in 2010 alone. This top down corporate commitment permeates the organization. Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to vote "Yes" when asked to approve the Centegra Huntley Hospital Project.

Thank you.



Major John Price, BS, BCPC, CAAP  
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## Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley

### Project # 10-090

Name: Marietta Abraham, MD  
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Title: Medical Director of CPC Immediate Care

### Testimonial:

My name is Marietta Abraham. As the medical director for the Centegra Immediate Care, it is an honor for me to give this testimony in favor of a Centegra Hospital-Huntley Campus, project #10-090.

It is clear from my work each day in Huntley that a new hospital is needed to provide advanced care and treatment to residents of southern McHenry and northern Kane counties. Eighty-eight percent of the patients that we currently treat at the Immediate Care Center in Huntley come from our proposed primary service area for the new hospital.

I believe that Centegra will work collaboratively with the Village of Huntley to meet the needs of a growing population in Huntley, LITH, Algonquin, and other neighboring communities because we have done that through our existing facilities on the Huntley campus. The people of McHenry County know and trust, not only the Centegra name, but all it has come to represent, which is quality patient care, provided with integrity and excellence as our foundation.

New State data shows there is an inpatient bed need in southern McHenry County and Northern Kane County due to population growth. With Centegra's tradition of meeting the needs of the community, who better to answer this need than a trusted health system?

Centegra Health system has continued to support growth in healthcare services by providing an answer where there is need. Some of the answers include Health Bridge Fitness Centers and the Immediate Care centers. As a result, the community has benefited from the advanced technologies of onsite X-ray, CT and MRI that have allowed my colleagues and me to treat the acute needs of patients in the community.

I would like to believe that in the immediate care, we are an extension of Centegra's commitment to the community in southern McHenry County and look forward to what a full service emergency department, level II nursery, non-invasive cardiology services, a dedicated women's center and a helipad for transport of critical patients can offer our patients & our community. It makes me proud to start and end my day knowing that we at Centegra practice a compassionate approach to healthcare to serve the patients that walk in our door.

Marietta Abraham, MD-2/16/2011



*Ed Schock*  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Ed Schock, Mayor of the City of Elgin  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Ed Schock, Mayor of the City of Elgin. I'm here today because two of the main providers serving Huntley and other area communities are located in nearby Elgin. These hospitals are very accessible to the McHenry residents that they serve with each facility located just six or eight miles from the county line. As I am sure you will learn from a closer look at this proposal, the vast majority of residents of McHenry County live less than 20 minutes from Provena and Sherman.

These hospitals have just completed significant capital investments in their facilities to provide state-of-the-art health care to patients in Northern Kane County and McHenry County. A little more than a year ago Sherman Hospital opened its brand-new regional medical center just off Interstate 90 on Randall Road. The new hospital offers advanced care in several areas, such as a cutting-edge cardiology program that includes open heart surgery, a comprehensive cancer care center, a Joint Commission accredited primary stroke center and the new Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. Provena built a new bed tower that includes 99 private patient rooms and a Heart and Vascular Institute that has the region's only hybrid cath lab. Provena also provides comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation and inpatient mental health services. These improvements anticipated serving the long-term needs of their entire service areas, which spread well into McHenry County.

I am proud to see these accomplishments in the local delivery of health care. And, I know that each hospital's mission is to serve the whole region by providing high-quality specialized health care with access for all regardless of their ability to pay. These hospitals have sufficient capacity to serve Northern Kane and McHenry counties for years to come. This includes residents who live in communities such as Huntley, Algonquin and Lake in the Hills. This is why I don't think it makes sense to spend money to build a new hospital especially given all the significant strain that the cost of health care is placing on our state, federal and even county governments, as well as on our regional employers and their health plan beneficiaries.

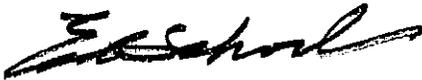
The recession has placed additional strains on economic development and has really changed the real estate development landscape. While many might consider any development as positive development, we have to think about development differently when it involves duplicating health care services.

We are here today because of the CON process. It is a Certificate of Need, not a certificate of want. And to be honest, the seniors in our communities need to think about how to make sure Medicare benefits are comprehensive and that they are here to stay. Access to services is excellent in Huntley and I hope that people can appreciate that.

Health care is a regional planning issue. Kane County and McHenry County are neighbors and it makes for stronger communities and a better use of scarce dollars when we work together.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject the CON permit application of Centegra Health System to build a hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ed Schock, Mayor  
City of Elgin

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Eugene R. "Gene" Dawson**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Eugene R "Gene" Dawson, Project #10-090 (Centegra Hospital-Huntley)

Good morning. I'm Gene Dawson, Barrington Township Supervisor. Thank you for the opportunity to let me speak about why I am in opposition to the hospital project that Centegra has planned for Huntley.

I'd like to point out two main reasons why I think Centegra's plan is not a good idea.

The first reason is proximity: There are many health care providers very close to this proposed hospital.

For example, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital is located less than a mile from the McHenry County line, so it obviously serves many people in McHenry. In fact, many of the county's residents are closer to Good Shepherd than they are the proposed Centegra hospital.

Good Shepherd isn't the only regional medical center that serves southern McHenry County. Residents also can choose between Sherman Hospital, St. Alexius and Provena St. Joseph, all of which provide comprehensive care far beyond what Centegra proposes to offer at its basic hospital.

The second reason why investing in a new hospital simply does not make sense for this area is health care costs.

The proposed Centegra hospital is an example of a needless expense that would further exacerbate the budget problems that our federal and state governments face. Hospital systems depend on a large amount of government – and taxpayer – money paid through public insurance. They should be wise stewards of these government funds and not propose health care facilities in areas that are already well served.

For those reasons – and more – I oppose this project and ask that the board deny Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need.

Thank you.

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My name is Tina Hill and I am the McHenry County Board member from District 5 which encompasses the proposed location of the new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. I support Project #10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. The economic impact will be immediate and widespread with 400 construction jobs and 140 full and part-time positions.

Even in these economic times, Huntley is still one of the fastest growing communities in the County and in the whole State of Illinois. These communities in southern and southeast McHenry County are greatly medically underserved, letting to increased travel times for health care needs.

The McHenry County Board, last night, approved a resolution supporting this endeavor which I also voted yes with my colleagues.

Economic development has been a high priority of the County Board and this is a perfect fit for the needs of our constituencies. *I urge the Illinois Health Facilities Planning and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project #10-090.*

*I can make myself available for any further clarification or information.*

*Tina R. Hill*

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**Fw: Hearing 2/16 - Huntley**

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**February 8, 2011**

**To: Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board**

My wife and I have been residents of Sun City Huntley for more than six years. We moved from the City of McHenry where we had lived for thirteen years. We most definitely support Centegra's plans to build a new hospital and medical offices in Huntley - adjoining their already active Immediate Care Center (which we have been visiting frequently), Medical Offices and the Health Bridge Fitness Center. We have been patients and volunteer within the Centegra Health System for twenty years and are most grateful for the high quality care and

services received over the years.

Expansion of the site on Haligus Road is a perfect fit at a desirable location serving a growing Huntley community and environs. Consider the nearby rezoned land parcels in Huntley and contiguous towns for residential and commercial development - ready to kick off again as the economy improves.

Also consider nearby infrastructure improvements such as the widening of Illinois Route 47 and complete interchange at Route 47 and Interstate 90. The Route 47 corridor north of Interstate 90 continues to develop as the population expands. Furthermore, revitalization of the downtown Huntley area and new Metra service likely at Coyne Station Road receive the support of an involved community.

We have observed very proactive leadership within the Village of Huntley and commend them for their fiscal responsibility and overall planning within the Village to support future growth. They recognize a need for the Centegra expansion which fits well within their Master Development Plan. Right now the nearest hospitals serving Huntley are Centegra Hospital - Woodstock and Sherman Hospital, Elgin.

Finally, consideration should be given especially to a relatively permanent population base of nearly 8,000 people at age-restricted Sun City Huntley, with most

residents over the age of 60 requiring more frequent and often immediate medical care.

Time is of the essence. Centegra signifies once again its dedication and foresight to provide medical services within reach of an expanded population - a testimony to their Community Mission and Outreach - **'Well beyond expectation'**.

Sincerely,

MELVIN H. LONG

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with you how we plan to meet and exceed the needs of the community. Open Forums begin Monday, Jan. 31 and continue through Friday, Feb. 4. A schedule of the times and locations is listed below. I look forward to seeing you there!

*Dr. Nathan Kulersch*

Date	Site	Time	Location
Monday, January 31	Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center-Huntley	Noon	Conference Rooms
	Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center-Crystal Lake	3pm	Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3
Tuesday, February 1	Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock, SS	8am	Atrium
		10am 3pm	
Wednesday, February 2	Centegra Hospital-McHenry	8am 10am 12:30pm 2pm 6:30pm	Classrooms    <i>Complimentary Meal</i>
		Centegra Hospital-Woodstock	8pm <i>Complimentary Meal</i>
Thursday, February 3	Centegra Hospital-Woodstock	8am 10am 2pm	Conference Rooms
		Centegra Hospital-McHenry	1am <i>Complimentary Meal</i>
Friday, February 4	Centegra Hospital-Woodstock	1am	Conference Rooms <i>Complimentary Meal</i>
	Centegra Hospital-McHenry	2:30am	Classrooms <i>Complimentary Meal</i>

## Community

### Mercy Physicians

On December 29<sup>th</sup> an application for a Hospital in Crystal Lake was submitted again to the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board by Mercy. The last time Mercy submitted a CON application to build a hospital at this location, people affiliated with the project were sent to prison because it was later determined that the approval of the Mercy project was obtained through a bribe being paid to one of the board members. As a Health System we have provided services to our community through the support of independent physicians, employed physicians and Mercy physicians each of which has been provided privileges within our health system. Although for years we have treated our competing health system physicians as though they were part of the Centegra family, we have learned that the following Mercy physicians signed notarized statements in which they promise to take **ALL** of their patients to the proposed Crystal Lake Hospital in the event that it is ever constructed. It is interesting that less than 15% of these patients live in Crystal Lake and most of the patients come from communities surrounding our hospitals.

K. Albright, MD  
J. Asbury, MD  
G. Bistriceanu, MD  
S. Campau, MD  
M. Chatterji, MD  
R. Chitwood, MD  
R. Cook, MD  
T. Crawley, MD  
J. Cundiff, MD  
P. DeHaan, MD  
J. Favia, MD  
J. Fojtik, MD

M. Gavran, MD  
D. Goodman, MD  
R. Gulati, MD  
D. Henning, DO  
Y. Hussain, MD  
N. Kakish, MD  
S. Karma, MD  
M. Karney, MD(half of pts)  
M. Krpan, DO  
G. Livingston, MD  
M. Loqman, MD  
R. MacDonald, DO

A. Mirza, MD  
D. Mitra, MD  
R. Persino, MD  
P. Phelan, MD  
M. Riggs, DO (half of pts)  
B. Ronquillo, MD  
E. Shen, MD  
R. Soorya, MD  
R. Srinivas, MD  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Marcy Traxler**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Marcy Traxler, and I serve as Director of Pediatric Services at St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. St. Alexius has a special interest in the care of children, one of the most vulnerable populations in our region. I am here to oppose Centegra's hospital plans because if the project is approved, it would imperil the work we do at St. Alexius.

This spring, the Alexian Brothers Health Network is poised to break ground on a \$117 million project to add a children's hospital to our Hoffman Estates campus. This will be a regional center providing care from pediatric and obstetric specialists.

As more children are being diagnosed with chronic illnesses, including asthma and diabetes, our network has responded by bringing coordinated care for these patients together under one roof.

Likewise, the rate of premature births has increased and these children require highly specialized intensive care services known as Level III Neonatal Intensive Care or NICU. Level III is the highest level of care as designated by the State of Illinois. It is designed to care for the smallest, sickest babies and is staffed 24/7 with highly trained pediatric subspecialists known as neonatologists and specially trained nurses.

Less than a year ago, the health facilities planning board approved this expansion based on extensive population and needs assessments. If the board approves a community hospital in southern McHenry County, that hospital would draw patients away from St. Alexius. It would make it much more difficult for us to serve this growing need for local specialists for children and their mothers.

The nonprofit Alexian Brothers Health Network is committed to providing care to all residents, whether they have insurance coverage or not. We have seen a surge in children who are uninsured or are receiving care through Medicaid. Nearly 60 percent of pediatric patients seeking specialist care through Alexian Brothers Health Network are on Medicaid. The addition of a Centegra facility focusing on patients with private insurance would certainly undermine Alexian Brothers' mission to serve the most needy among us.

I strongly urge the board to support the strength of the excellent healthcare networks that already serve our region and reject Centegra's proposal.

Thank you.



JOHN R. PERKINS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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### Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board Public Hearing Testimony

As Chief of the Huntley Police Department, it is very exciting to consider the proposal for a full service hospital in our Village. In my opinion, northern Kane County and Southern McHenry County are in urgent need of a hospital. Presently, local residents must travel to either Elgin or Woodstock to find a full service hospital.

Similar to The Joint Commission accreditation that hospitals must achieve, the Huntley Police Department is a nationally accredited organization. Our agency met the required standards and was awarded full accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2010. Huntley is one of only two agencies in McHenry County and three from Kane County that are accredited.

We accept our obligation to continue the quest for professional excellence but one area that is lacking is a partnership with a local hospital. With no local facility, crime victims and traffic crash victims must be transported out of town for trauma treatment. As a result, police officers must travel to conduct follow up investigation work. The extra down time often leaves the department short on street officers.

A local hospital will improve the quality of service we can provide in many ways. Children that are physically or sexually abused can meet with an advocate and begin their forensic interview sooner and closer to home. Individuals that are being held in our jail can be treated less than a mile away thus greatly reducing the opportunity for an incident of escape. Blood draws for fatal crashes or DUI arrests can be completed in a timely manner without the lengthy drive. Domestic abuse victims can receive treatment and return home sooner to stabilize an upset household. Finally, when my officers are injured medical help is close.

Centegra Health Systems is a highly respected organization. I look forward to partnering with them in the future to improve the overall quality of life in the community.



John R. Perkins  
Chief of Police

**Scott Powder**  
**Sr. Vice President, Strategic Planning, Advocate Health Care**  
**Centegra-Huntley Testimony**

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Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to address the board. I am Scott Powder, Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning for Advocate Health Care. Advocate is Illinois' largest healthcare system and we have been named one of the Top Ten Health Systems in the United States for Quality by Thomson-Reuters.

We strongly oppose this project based on the duplication of services and the unnecessary additional health care costs that it will impose on the communities in this region. At the heart of the issue is that every community hospital represents an investment of the community's resources – its time, its talent and its financial resources.

The communities we serve also invest their trust in us as not-for-profit institutions. For that reason, we must be good stewards of our limited health care resources. Those that work in the health care system every day know that we are moving away from a hospital-based acute care model to one that is much more cost-effective

We see it today in the explosive growth of outpatient procedures and the expansion of capabilities aimed at shortening the inpatient hospital stay, or eliminating the hospital stay altogether. Surgical services are an example of this trend. According to SDI, a healthcare industry analytics firm, from 2006 through 2009, the number of acute care hospitals in the United States by grew less than 1 percent, while the number of outpatient surgery centers

grew by 17 percent. The growth of outpatient surgical centers is due in large part to advanced technologies that make it possible to provide surgeries that are less invasive, speeding recovery times and lowering the risk of infection. Outpatient care also has the benefit of being less costly, while improving outcomes, and that's something everyone can support. The applicant themselves are partners in ambulatory surgery centers in this same geographic area.

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In our experience, as the largest provider of health care in the state, we have also found that the most cost-effective way to serve the growing needs of a community is to reconfigure or expand on an existing hospital campus. This allows us to spread the very high fixed costs of running a hospital over a greater base of patients, thereby lowering costs per patient served overall. By taking this approach, in combination with a community-based ambulatory service model, providers create an acute-care hub, with outpatient services acting as spokes that reach into communities with the greatest need.

Advocate Health Care's approach to meeting the needs of the communities we serve is a reflection of these realities. Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital serves as our hub in this region, while the spokes of outpatient services reach into Lake Zurich, Wauconda, Crystal Lake and Algonquin.

The lessons we've learned over the course of the past decade can be instructive to other care providers with similar missions as ours.

In 2007, we recognized that the population growth in Lake County was outstripping the availability of health care services.

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Conventional wisdom at the time led us to initially propose the construction of an entirely new acute care hospital in Round Lake at about the same cost as this project. In the end, our strategic analysis concluded that it would be a far better use of resources and better for the community if we sought to invest in then-Condell Medical Center. Through that merger, Advocate was able to deliver the first Level I trauma center to Lake County, an expanded emergency department, Advocate Condell's new inpatient expansion is set to open on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and we are planning for new outpatient services as we speak.

The applicant's proposal clearly does NOT represent the industry's strategic best practices. Its quarter-billion dollar bricks-and-mortar price tag isn't part of the solution to today's healthcare challenges, but part of the problem.

We respectfully oppose this new community hospital construction project because of the costs it represents to the very communities it seeks to serve. There exist today solutions in and for our industry that demonstrate a better, more cost-effective way forward than saturating the geography with additional acute-care hospitals. Thank you.

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February 15, 2011

My name is Dr. Solomon Secemsky, I am a cardiologist at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. I am also a member of the Sherman Health board of directors. I am here today, to express my opposition to the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

As a doctor, at a nearby hospital, I can truthfully say, adding another hospital to the area is, not only a waste of funds, it is simply irresponsible. Centegra's proposal calls for a small limited service hospital; which does not offer the same range of services, as the established providers in the community, such as Sherman hospital and Provena Saint Joseph hospital.

I have been a practicing cardiologist for the past 30 years. Cardiology is a field of medicine, that necessitates urgent and specialized care. Limited service hospitals, such as the one proposed, cannot even offer patients, a basic angioplasty, one of the most common cardiac procedures. In this case, Centegra proposes to build a hospital at the west periphery of the more populated area of McHenry County. This would draw heart patients further away from the critical care that they would need, if experiencing a heart attack, or other acute coronary incident, requiring immediate intervention.

If patients with immediate coronary care needs seek out treatment at Centegra's proposed hospital, their emergency care will be delayed, as they will, undoubtedly, have to be transferred for definitive treatment, to a nearby hospital, which can handle cardiac procedures. In fact, ambulances with EMS personnel, trained to triage patients, will bypass this type of hospital, when treating an acute coronary problem, in favor of a facility, such as Sherman Hospital. Time is not something heart patients have to waste, and delay in treatment, could mean life or death. As we know, when a patient is having a heart attack, time is muscle. The more wasted time before treatment, the more heart muscle is destroyed. This is why emergency departments have protocols with strict time limits, for patients who come in complaining of chest pain.

As a cardiologist, I feel strongly that Centegra is not looking out for patient's best interests, when trying to draw patients away from nearby, established and capable hospitals, which offer high quality critical care. Sherman hospital is staffed, with nearly 50 cardiologist and cardiovascular surgeons, who pride themselves on offering the best cardiovascular care to patients, including McHenry County residents, who are as close to an existing hospital, as they are to Huntley.

As a physician, I urge you to consider what is best for the health and well-being of area residents, and reject Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.

Eileen K. Breitzke  
Testimony in support of IHFPB # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley

I have seen the plans for where Centegra wants to build their new hospital and for all intent and purposes it is in my back yard. I am very pleased by this. Centegra takes care of the community, and I am so happy they want to bring more services to this area. When my first husband passed away, my old college friend Bill helped me to navigate through all of the paperwork, and he helped me to move forward. We reconnected, fell in love and were married. A true love story.

A few months after we were married, Bill was diagnosed with brain cancer. He was treated at the Centegra Sage Cancer Center in McHenry with radiation and chemotherapy. The people at Centegra took such great care of Bill. They were all very personable, sharing stories and smiles. While this was a devastating time for us, the care and concern shown by all members of the cancer center helped ease our pain.

We were also greatly relieved to find that Centegra had vans that could take Bill to his daily appointments at the hospital. It would have been overwhelming to try and make all his appointments while the world collapsed around us. It was such a relief to not make that 45 minute drive in the dead of winter. Centegra provided much needed transportation during this difficult time.

Since Centegra took care of us during that time, Bill wanted to show how thankful he was. He saw that there are so many other people going through this grief and heartache. We wanted to help them, and we knew Centegra would assist us in doing just that. We donated the funds necessary to purchase a new patient express van. Bill would be so proud and even overwhelmed to see the van he provided helping those in crisis. We also donated the funds to provide massage therapy for other cancer patients, so that they could be just a little more comfortable.

Centegra is a wonderful organization that works very hard to provide the best care possible to its patients. As a patient of Centegra, I have experienced their passion first hand. I would be so happy to see this project become a reality. I live near the location for the new hospital, I am relieved to know that the services I might need are so much closer.

The families in this community are of all ages. As a parent and a grandparent, I know how important it is to have a hospital close by. This project is what the region needs, and Centegra is the organization to do it.



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My name is Audrey Reed. I am a member of the Sherman Hospital Board of Directors. Throughout my career, I have been involved with a number of Elgin-based social service agencies and am familiar with the dynamics, challenges and advances of the Hispanic community of Elgin. I am concerned that the proposed hospital in Huntley will not only hurt Sherman, but it will also adversely affect access to safety net health services to vulnerable populations in the area. It's important to note that the areas with the largest Hispanic population are not in Huntley, Algonquin or Lake in the Hills—those areas from which Centegra's proposed hospital will draw the majority of its patients. Rather, over 40% of Elgin's population is Hispanic, and almost half (47.3%) of the residents of Carpentersville are Hispanic.

I am proud of Sherman's strong presence in the Hispanic community, and its commitment to closing the gap in health care disparities among minority populations. A new hospital in Huntley will negatively affect the great strides Sherman has made in providing vital safety net services to this population.

As it currently exists, the U.S. health care system leaves millions without insurance and ranks poorly on health system performance and equal access to health care. However, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health has sought to eliminate these disparities by improving access to care and expanding health care professionals' linguistic and cultural competence, especially among those working with Limited-English-Proficient (LEP) minority communities.

I'm also proud that Sherman Hospital is years ahead in terms of providing exceptional services and care to the Hispanic populations of Elgin and Carpentersville. Because of our large Hispanic patient base, our physicians and staff are continually exposed to and educated on cultural competence in treating the Hispanic population. Additionally, we offer services designed to eliminate health disparities by increasing access to health care and addressing the unique needs of the Hispanic population. By understanding, valuing, and incorporating the cultural differences of our sub-cultures, our clinical staff supports health care delivery that responds appropriately to and directly serves the needs of the Hispanic community in our area.

In fiscal year 2010, we provided nearly \$3 million in charity care and over \$41 million in unreimbursed Medicare and Medicaid care. In addition, we provided over a half million dollars in subsidized health services. Some of these safety net services include:

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I hope that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board understands that the commitment that Sherman has made to the diverse communities it serves will be greatly undermined if Centegra's proposal is approved. I urge you to please reject their proposal.  
Thank you.

VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 05

Resolution in Support of Approval of Centegra Hospital - Huntley

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of the McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth and to enhance service to communities in the region including the Village of Lake in the Hills, the third largest municipality in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County;

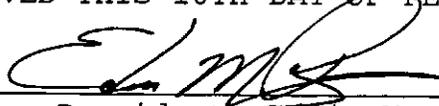
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Village of Lake in the Hills commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761.

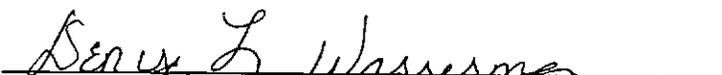
PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011 by roll call vote as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Stephen Harlfinger	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Trustee Ray Bogdanowski	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Trustee Paul Mulcahy	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Trustee Bob Huckins	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Trustee Denise Barreto	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
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APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011

  
 Village President, Edwin M. Plaza

(SEAL)

ATTEST:   
 Village Clerk, Denise L. Wasserman

Published: February 11, 2011

## CERTIFICATION

I, DENISE L. WASSERMAN, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Village Clerk of the Village of Lake in the Hills, McHenry County Illinois, and that as such Village Clerk, I am the keeper of the Resolutions, Ordinances, records, Corporate seal and proceedings of the President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Lake in the Hills.

I do hereby further certify that the attached Resolution No. 2011-05 entitled "Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency" was passed by the Board of Trustees at the February 10, 2011 meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake in the Hills is a true and correct copy of said meeting.

I do further certify that the original, of which the attached is a true and correct copy, is entrusted to me as the Clerk of said Village for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful custodian and keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my name as Clerk and caused the seal of said Village to be affixed hereto this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

Denise L. Wasserman  
Denise L. Wasserman, Village Clerk  
By Nancy Sujet, Deputy Village Clerk  
Village of Lake in the Hills  
McHenry County, Illinois

(SEAL)

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR ROWENA WERMES  
In Support of CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY #10-090  
February 16, 2011

Good morning, my name is Rowena Wermes. I am a Project Manager with Centegra Health System.

I'd like to discuss several issues that relate to the perceived impact of Centegra Hospital – Huntley upon other hospitals.

As you have heard, this project is important because it addresses this historic and projected rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This rapid population growth is one of the key reasons why the Health Facilities and Services Review Board's bed need determinations show a need for additional beds in the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric, Intensive Care and Obstetric categories of service.

According to population figures and projections from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, also known as DCEO, McHenry County has experienced significant recent population growth, and this population growth is expected to continue. Population statistics from DCEO are utilized by the Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health in developing their population projections for determining bed need. DCEO estimated that the population in McHenry County increased by 10% from 2005 to 2010 and that it will increase by an additional 12% from 2010 to 2015.

In projecting bed need and utilization of all services at Centegra Hospital – Huntley, we considered population projections through mid-2018, which is the end of the hospital's first two complete fiscal years of operation. DCEO projects that the population in McHenry County will increase by more than 8% from 2015 to 2020, which is an annual population increase of 1.6%, thus increasing the bed need figures for mid-2018 beyond the figures shown in the "Bed Need Determinations" for 2015.

I also want to provide several reasons why the establishment of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not impact the current utilization of existing providers.

First, there is a current identified bed need for McHenry County which will continue to increase as the population grows.

Second, population growth and the aging of the population projected to occur by mid-2018 for both the Planning Area, which is McHenry County, and for the identified Market Area will increase existing utilization among all hospitals in the area currently providing

Medical-Surgical/Pediatric, Intensive Care, and Obstetric Categories of Service as well as provide utilization for Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

In summary, based on the DCEO population growth projections and the aging of the population, the establishment of Centegra Hospital-Huntley will not significantly impact current utilization in existing area hospitals)

Our CON application includes a Market Assessment and Impact Study prepared by Deloitte Financial Services. That study includes a discussion of the lack of impact of the establishment of Centegra Hospital - Huntley on current utilization of existing area hospitals, concluding that "all existing hospitals within the A-10 Planning Area which have Medical-Surgical/Pediatric, Intensive Care, or Obstetric Services will maintain or exceed their existing patient volume between now and FY18."

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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Member of the Board of Governors

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I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to give Centegra Hospital – Huntley a stamp of approval.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Tom Nitz, Vice President, Ancillary Services, Sherman Health**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Tom Nitz and I am here today on behalf of Sherman Hospital to oppose Centegra's proposal for a hospital in Huntley. I think many in this audience will find my topic quite interesting as I am here to talk about what Centegra has said in recent years about the prospect of new hospitals in the area.

Centegra opposed a proposal by Mercy Health System to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake when that proposal came forward ... and again, in 2007, Centegra opposed a plan by Vista Health System to build a new hospital in Lindenhurst. Here's what I find really troubling:

Many of the core arguments that Centegra presented in opposing those two hospital proposals are the same as the testimony that you are hearing today in opposition to Centegra's current plan to build a hospital in Huntley. The arguments were compelling then and they remain so today. A new hospital is not needed in the area, given the convenient access to nearby providers that all have ample capacity to serve area residents for years to come.

What were those arguments? I would like to read from the public record what Michael Easley, CEO of Centegra, said about Mercy Health System's proposal for a hospital in Crystal Lake. I quote: "If the proposed hospital were approved, and if they were to become operational, it would result in a loss of admissions and outpatients to Memorial and NIMC, as well as other hospitals in the neighboring communities. As a result, our hospital, as well as others, may fall below the Health Facilities Planning Board's utilization standards, and experience decreased profit margins, which might force us to curtail or discontinue vital services that may be free services to our community members." End quote.

In that same testimony back in 2003 and 2004, Mr. Easley mentioned that his health system had recently received state approval to expand. He said that modernizing and expanding Centegra's two existing hospitals was a better approach than for Mercy to build a new hospital. The service area at issue does, in fact, have the great benefit of the large modernization projects that have been very recently completed by Sherman and Saint Joseph at their local facilities.



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Again, in 2007, Centegra offered public testimony against a new hospital, this time in Lindenhurst. It made very similar and compelling arguments to those you are hearing today. Susan Milford, vice president of strategic marketing and planning for Centegra noted at the Vista public hearing that Centegra's McHenry hospital was just five miles from the planning area border (the Lake / McHenry county line) and that Centegra, while located in McHenry, served patients in the same Lake County communities Vista planned to serve with its proposed hospital. She noted, and I quote: "The proposed hospital will need to carve out a market in an area already served by existing hospitals." End quote.

Yet today, Centegra is proposing to do carve up this market which is already served by other providers. While a Huntley hospital may seem like a good idea to the residents of Sun City, the truth is those residents live nearly as close to Sherman Hospital as they do to the Huntley site. Also recognize that Huntley is at the far edge of the development in McHenry – out toward the soy and corn fields. Elgin is a better central location to efficiently serve the region.

Another argument Ms. Milford made in 2007 was about the unnecessary expense to build a hospital that wasn't needed. To oppose the Vista hospital, she said, Quote: "Moreover, with construction costs of \$100 million, it cannot be credibly argued that this is the most efficient use of already scarce resources." End quote. Here we are today, just four short years later, at what we hope is near the end of a devastating recession, with all levels of government facing record deficits, and Centegra is here to propose spending \$233 million for an unnecessary hospital at a time of even more scarce resources.

We all should have the same concern today. A new, unnecessary hospital could weaken all hospitals in the area. And today, with the economy struggling to recover, the housing market in a shambles, and the prospects for population growth in this area far diminished from what they were a few years ago, it seems that Centegra's statements about the lack of need for a new hospital in the area ring even more true today.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Representative Fred Crespo (D-44)**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello, my name is Fred Crespo, and I am the Illinois Representative for the 44<sup>th</sup> District. My district includes parts of Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Streamwood, Hanover Park, Elgin and Bartlett, and it is directly affected by Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital in Huntley. After reviewing the issue, I am here today to express my opposition to the new hospital.

Health care has always been a major focus for me, both professionally and personally. I currently serve on the Alexian Brothers Mental Health Center Board, I was the chairman of the Health and Safety Council during my time as a Hoffman Estates trustee, and my wife is a registered nurse.

As a legislator, it is my duty to look out for the best interests of my constituents. I can tell you that Centegra's proposed hospital does not benefit the people of the 44<sup>th</sup> district.

The northern Fox Valley region has more than adequate health care from hospitals such as St. Alexius, Provena St. Joseph, Sherman and Advocate Good Shepherd. All of these hospitals provide a comprehensive range of services to their patients.

In contrast, Centegra's proposed hospital is merely a duplication of services and takes away from the current hospitals' ability to offer comprehensive care. Judging from the lack of growth in the far northwest suburbs, it is unlikely additional hospital beds will be needed anytime soon. If more hospital beds are needed in the near future, it would be more effective for the existing facilities to expand rather than build an entirely new hospital.

I'm also concerned that this duplication of health care services will increase the burden on Illinois' budget deficit. Governments pay for more than half of the hospital care in the U.S. This project is an unnecessary expenditure that will drive up health care costs, which means the government – and, more importantly, taxpayers – will end up paying more.

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I'd also like to address the issue of jobs. It might seem like this project would benefit the area by bringing in a lot of new jobs. Centegra's proposed hospital, though, would create very few health care jobs because there is no need for more hospital beds. That means the multitude of "new" employecs would come from the existing hospitals in the area that would see fewer patients.

I cannot support Centegra's proposed hospital because it duplicates services, weakens current health care providers and increases costs for everyone. On behalf of the residents of the 44<sup>th</sup> District, I urge the board to reject Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital in Huntley. I appreciate your time today, and I thank you for your consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely



Fred Crespo  
44<sup>th</sup> District State Representative

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Hello I'm Rita Slawek, President and CEO of the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce. I represent more than 320 business members and their employees and I support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.

Centegra Health System is an Executive Club Member of our Chamber, and has consistently provided the highest level of support to the community and our Chamber.

The Chamber and its Members encourage the expansion and retention of area businesses. We also work closely with the Village of Huntley and other community organizations to attract reputable businesses and organizations in an effort to generate employment opportunities and continue the economic growth and development of our community.

Our chamber works hard to promote the area's economic growth and supports our business community members. This Centegra hospital project makes great business sense. It has been thoroughly planned to meet the healthcare needs of our growing and aging community.

Full-service hospital services are needed in the southern McHenry County area and Centegra has the health system best suited to provide these services.

With a Sun City Huntley senior community in excess of 9,000 residents, the hospital will be a huge benefit to this population. For some of these residents, the distance it takes to currently get to a hospital may be the difference between life and death.

I choose life and I hope you choose to support the life of this project.

Thank you.

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR HADLEY STRENG  
SUPPORT FOR CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning. My name is Hadley Streng and I am the Director of Planning and Business Development for Centegra Health System.

I would like to discuss how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital – Huntley addresses bed need as determined by the Health Facilities and Services Review Board in its CON Rules.

The Health Facilities and Services Review Board has divided the State of Illinois into a number of “Planning Areas.” McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, A10, while the adjoining area of North Kane County is identified as a separate planning area, A11.

For each of the planning areas, the Health Facilities and Services Review Board has calculated inpatient bed need. The current monthly “Revised Bed Need Determinations” report indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Medical-Surgical (“Med-Surg”)/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds.

The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County's Med-Surg/Pediatric bed need is the highest of any planning area in the State of Illinois. Interestingly, the planning area with the second highest Med-Surg/Pediatric need is North Kane County. The total current Med-Surg/Pediatric bed need identified for the McHenry and North Kane County Planning Areas is 144 beds, which is nearly all of the 171 Med-Surg/Pediatric beds needed in the entire State of Illinois.

The site for Centegra Hospital - Huntley is located in McHenry County, but it is only two miles from Kane County. In fact, the Huntley zip code, 60142, in which the proposed hospital site is located, includes portions of both McHenry and Kane Counties. Additionally, the market area for our proposed hospital will include portions of both McHenry County and the North Kane County Planning Areas.

Centegra Hospital – Huntley will not complete its second full year of operation until mid-2018. By that time, due to an increasing population that is among the highest in Illinois, the Med-Surg/Pediatric bed need for McHenry County will have further increased.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information about the significant need for inpatient beds in this rapidly growing area.

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Hello, my name is Dr. Jim Ruffer and I co-chair the Cancer Committee at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less than one mile from McHenry County. By training I'm a radiation oncologist and I have practiced at Good Shepherd Hospital for over a decade. I stand here to oppose Centegra's application for a brand new hospital because it will not offer any unique oncology services to the residents of McHenry County and the surrounding locale. I'm proud to say that nearly half of Good Shepherd's oncology patients come from McHenry County. These patients choose to come to Good Shepherd, not because of a lack of cancer services available from the Centegra or Sherman systems, but because they recognize the quality of care provided to our local community by Good Shepherd physicians and nurses very close to their homes.

In reflection of this excellent quality of care already available to our local community, I'm proud to state that the Good Shepherd Center for Cancer once again received "Approval with Commendation" following a rigorous evaluation by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. Our Center not only met the basic standards of the Commission on Cancer approval program, but also excelled in seven areas where Commendation was awarded. We offer the latest in radiation therapy services including Varian RapidArc radiotherapy and high dose rate brachytherapy, each of which dramatically reduces the amount of normal, non-cancerous tissue exposed to radiation.

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**Radiation Oncology**

The numbers of cancer diagnoses in McHenry County and across the United States are on the rise, yet Centegra's new proposed hospital does not offer this burgeoning population any unique or new treatment options. Statistics show that approximately 50-60% of cancer patients will need radiation therapy at some point in their treatment. This treatment option is already available at a number of convenient local facilities, including our own. This proposal, by the Centegra System, does not add to the quality or convenience of care for these patients.

Let me reiterate that this hospital will introduce no unique services to the community that are not already being provided by a number of existing facilities within close driving distance of the proposed site. In summary, I respectfully request that the Board deny this request for a new hospital as it does not appear to identify or fill gaps of any unfulfilled needs for the growing number of McHenry County residents with a cancer diagnosis.

Harry Leopold  
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Support of Project 10-090

My name is Harry Leopold and I am a trustee for the Village of Huntley. I am proud to support Centegra Health System and its proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley. Centegra is the right health system and Huntley is the right location for a new hospital in McHenry County.

This hospital will be a great addition to our Community; Centegra offers state of the art medical services, varied employment opportunities, total health and wellbeing education, and a neighborhood partnership of caring. With our current population of 24,000 people in Huntley soon expected to grow to 45,000, we need great medical care close to home. Between 2010 and 2018, Huntley's population is projected to grow by 20 percent. Algonquin's population is expected to increase by 17.6 percent and Lake in the Hills is expected to grow by 16.7 percent in the same time frame. Our total area population is expected to be 270,886 people by 2018. I believe this merits a hospital.

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~~Regional roadways in the area are already congested and the people of my region deserve immediate access to healthcare in case of emergencies. I look forward to being able to quickly access emergency services, cardiology services and women's services right in my community.~~

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I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Centegra Hospital-Huntley and Project 10-090. Thank you.



# HOFFMAN ESTATES

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

William D. McLeod  
MAYOR

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Bill McLeod, Mayor of the Village of Hoffman Estates**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Bill McLeod, and I am Mayor of the Village of Hoffman Estates. I am here to testify today because I am concerned that the construction of a new hospital in Huntley would have a negative effect on the quality and cost of health care in our region.

Our area is currently served by an outstanding network of regional medical centers. Here in Hoffman Estates, St. Alexius Medical Center has provided quality care to our residents for more than 30 years.

Patients come from throughout the west and northwest suburbs to be treated at St. Alexius. The medical center features a full scope of services, and – along with other hospitals in the region such as Sherman Hospital and Provena St. Joseph Hospital – St. Alexius is making additional investments to further increase the level of care it provides.

Unfortunately, Centegra's proposed hospital would likely make that level of care untenable by drawing away jobs, patients and other resources St. Alexius needs to operate.

Right now, there are plenty of open hospital beds in the west and northwest suburbs. Using those beds makes much more sense than constructing a completely new facility. Our current hospitals have the capacity to keep up with any growth in the region, and, if needed, could add additional beds at minimal cost.

The need for a new hospital is simply not there and, thanks to the recession's effect on population growth in our region, it likely won't be any time soon. Because there is not sufficient demand, a new hospital would create an unnecessary duplication of services, resulting in higher costs for everybody.

One final point: Centegra says a new hospital would create additional jobs, but those "new" jobs would only come from established hospitals that already serve the area.

A new Centegra hospital would create needless duplication of services, increase costs and weaken the outstanding health care system in this region. That's why I urge the board to reject this proposal from Centegra.

Thank you.

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**Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley, 10-090**

**Terry Dunning, Chair, Sherman Hospital Board of Directors**

My name is Terry Dunning and I am the Chairman of the Sherman Hospital Board of Directors. I am here to discuss Sherman's opposition to Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley. Sherman has been an integral part of this region since its founding over a century ago. I've personally been a part of this community for nearly my entire life and as a member of the Sherman Hospital Board for over 20 years. For me, Sherman has always been a focal point of upper Fox Valley— continually there to provide invaluable health care services to everyone whenever needed. It serves its communities regardless of their ability to pay and regardless of their race or ethnicity.

As a leading provider of health care to residents of the region, Sherman continually strives to offer innovative health care to area residents at both its inpatient and outpatient facilities. We designed our brand new state-of-art facility new replacement facility to do so in what was a growing area for many years to come. We are aligning with some of the best academic medical centers in the State and we have been able expand our specialized services in stroke care, cancer care, heart and vascular care, pediatric services, and women's health; and are now planning a Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. The proposed Huntley hospital is a critical



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threat to Sherman's ability to continue with these innovations and to set the quality bar higher for the communities we serve.

Centegra contends a hospital in Huntley is necessary due to projected growth. As we are the main provider in this service area, we are well aware of the growth dynamic in McHenry County. In choosing our replacement site, we situated our hospital closer to McHenry County and in the middle of our service area to better serve patients. The CON Board approved our hospital based, in part, upon projected growth in this area. Since the recession, growth has stagnated and there are no signs that it will return to pre-recession levels in the near future. While we acknowledge the technical bed need assessed for Planning Area A-10, there is an excess of 258 med-surg beds in the area.<sup>1</sup> Given this excess and the bed capacity of hospitals within just a few miles of the county line, it would not be prudent for the CON Board to approve a new hospital at this time.

Sherman is within 20 minutes of a large portion of the proposed hospital's primary service area in McHenry and 15 minutes from Sun City-Huntley. Additionally, there is sufficient capacity at Sherman and other existing hospitals in the area to accommodate the projected

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<sup>1</sup> A-7, A-9, A-10 and A-11 all have hospitals within 30 minutes of McHenry County and several of these hospitals are within 30 minutes from the zip codes targeted by the proposal. The capacity of hospitals that are just a few miles from the patient base residing in McHenry County cannot be ignored.



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demand for years to come. In fact, our large site will accommodate other health care uses and expansion as warranted.

The provider community is facing a negative economic climate and many challenges with health care insurance reform. In this environment, a smaller, more conservative project, like the modernization proposed for Centegra's Woodstock hospital which Centegra abandoned last month in favor of this proposal would seem more appropriate; a much more judicious use of financial resources than the establishment of a new hospital; particularly when there is convenient access to hospitals with rooms available to accommodate the health care needs of the community exists.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our opposition to the proposed hospital in Huntley and respectfully request the CON Board to deny Centegra's application for a CON permit for this project.



FAMILY HEALTH  
PARTNERSHIP  
CLINIC

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley Public Hearing  
Project #10-090**

Good morning. My name is Suzanne Hoban and I am the founder and Executive Director of the Family Health Partnership Clinic in Woodstock and McHenry.

Our clinic's mission is to provide healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured of the area. These are the working poor, the temporary workers, the unemployed and those who simply cannot afford the insurance offered to them. We do not receive state and federal dollar for our work – we are dependent on the community to help us provide primary care that is so critical to the health of the area.

Because we are not government funded, nor do we accept Public Aid or Medicare, we must forge partnerships with others in the community to ensure that all have access to primary care. One of our strongest partners has been – and continues to be – Centegra Health System. They have been the leader in demonstrating their commitment to the community.

That commitment started at the top when Mike Eesley, then COO, came onto the Clinic board and saw firsthand the pivotal role we played in the healthcare community. As he transitioned into CEO, Mr. Eesley and the board of Centegra looked for ways to partner with us to better deliver efficient and cost-effective care. This took many forms, including helping develop a seamless patient flow for the uninsured who required further testing or diagnostics which the clinic could not provide.

Centegra has made a strong effort to incorporate the Clinic's well being into their community mission, and has actively worked to recruit physicians and nurses for us. One notable effort involved the recruiting of new physicians to volunteer at the Clinic on Centegra's salaried time while they built their practices. This allowed the physicians a different view of the community, helped patients in need, and reinforced Centegra's mission.

We are pleased with Centegra's plan to bring high quality care to the southern portion of McHenry County. This attention to need – over profit – has been consistently demonstrated by Centegra through their involvement with our clinic, as well as the many other activities they foster which are not profit centers, but instead address community concerns. This is the true definition of community centered health care and we are proud to support Centegra in its efforts to deliver that.

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# American Community

BANK & TRUST

Charie Zanck

Chairman, Centegra Health System Board of Governors

Chief Executive Officer, American Community Bank & Trust

Support for Project 10-090

Good morning. My name is Charie Zanck and I am wearing several different hats today. I am the chairman of Centegra Health System's Board of Governors, the chief executive officer of American Community Bank & Trust, and resident of the Woodstock area in McHenry County. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley.

The role of the Centegra Board of Governors is to oversee the overall strategic vision of the Health System, to ensure responsible fiscal management of the resources with which we have been entrusted, and to guide Centegra's long term planning to ensure that our patients and the communities we serve have access to the highest quality medical care.

When we analyzed the proposal to invest \$233 million in an acute-care hospital on our Huntley campus, the Board responded with overwhelming support. It was clear from the area bed need data, the travel times to area hospitals and, most importantly, the population growth we have experienced in southern McHenry County, that a new hospital was not only needed, but was necessary.

As the chief executive officer of American Community Bank & Trust, we designed and built our bank on a strong foundation of a few essential core values that drive all of our business decisions. These values include a commitment to understanding and meeting the needs of our customers, delivering the talents of the best people in our industry, working with a sense of urgency and incorporating trust and integrity in every decision we make. That same approach and philosophy permeates and drives Centegra Health System.

**Commitment to Needs:** The proposal for a new hospital in Huntley is a direct response to the needs of our patients and community residents. The State has outlined a bed need for our service area and this plan is designed to meet that need.

Having the Best People: High quality, specialty care is a hallmark of the Centegra system. We are proud to call our medical staff, caregivers, administrative team and volunteers the very best and brightest part of our Centegra family.

Recognizing urgency: We are fortunate to see growth and investment continue in our communities, and we understand the need and the urgency to bringing much needed inpatient care close to home for so many area residents.

And finally, trust and integrity: For more than 100 years, Centegra Health System has been a trusted, invested partner in McHenry County. We have supported countless organizations with charitable giving, volunteer time, and expertise. Our numerous free wellness and screening programs have provided valuable health care to many patients and families in our area.

Centegra has earned the trust and loyalty of tens of thousands of area residents, and our effort to be thoughtful and strategic in meeting future needs is apparent in the proposal we are discussing today.

I am proud to be a part of the Centegra team and my commitment to its success has been reinforced by many heartfelt stories shared by residents and patients since we announced our plans late last year. Centegra is committed to doing our part to meet the needs of these patients well into the future.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to share my enthusiastic support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.



**ALEXIAN**  
**BROTHERS**  
St. Alexius Medical Center

Public Hearing Testimony  
of  
Edward M. Goldberg, President and CEO  
St. Alexius Medical Center

Project # 10-090 (Centegra Hospital-Huntley)  
February 16, 2011

My Name is Edward M. Goldberg, and I am the President and CEO of St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. I am here today to voice my opposition, the opposition of St. Alexius Medical Center and the opposition of Alexian Brothers Health System to Centegra Health System's plans to build a new, and we believe un-needed hospital in Huntley.

The proposed hospital is located 30 minutes on Interstate I-90 from St. Alexius Medical Center, in a community that we and other facilities have served for many years. The proposed hospital does not appear to be providing any programs of significance that are not already provided by St. Alexius and other area hospitals, and therefore Centegra-Huntley will be duplicative.

I would like to briefly touch on four issues:

First, and as the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board is aware, St. Alexius is a primary provider of both Medicaid Services and charity care services to the less advantaged residents of the far northwestern suburbs. Last year, 19.9% of the patients admitted to St. Alexius—one in five—were Medicaid recipients, and nearly 3½% were without any medical coverage, and were provided their care without cost. The provision of care to the less fortunate is integral to the Alexian Brothers' mission, and we are proud of that. The reality, however, is that while we take pride in the care that we provide to the financially disadvantaged, we must also provide services to privately insured patients in order to maintain our commitment to the disadvantaged. With the newer housing developments in the Huntley area, we look in that direction for the financial stability that we so desperately need.

Second, St. Alexius is in the midst of a \$117 million dollar modernization program that was approved by the Illinois Health Facilities Review Board less than a year ago. That project's justification included our ability to continue to attract patients from the Huntley area.

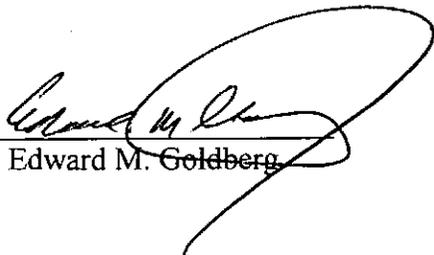
Third, the purpose of the project, as discussed in Attachment 12 to the application is to address the area bed need as identified by the IDPH. As the IHFSRB is aware, the bed need numbers do not tell the whole story.

It may not be a coincidence that both proposed hospital projects for McHenry County include 100 medical/surgical and 20 obstetrics beds. Those numbers are identified in the IHFSRB's rules as the minimum number of beds to be located in a hospital in a Metropolitan Statistical Area. Those minimums, however, go back to the earliest days of the CON program, when 6-7 day lengths of stay were the norm, and a 48-hour obstetrics stay was unheard of. Times have changed, more services are provided on an outpatient basis and inpatient length of stays have been reduced. Medicare and Blue Cross have programs to reduce readmissions, which will reduce inpatient services even further. We simply don't need as many beds as we used to.

The IHFSRB routinely reviews and approves projects where hospitals can support a need for additional beds even though the IDPH methodology indicates that no bed need exists. Logic would then suggest that a bed need does not always exist simply because the methodology says one exists.

Last, the argument that the hospital will bring a significant number of jobs to the area doesn't hold water. Short-term construction jobs will obviously result, as they do with any construction project, whether it be a hospital, school, office building or a shopping center. But with the construction of a hospital, because there are only a finite number of patients to be treated, patient care jobs will only be shifted from the existing hospitals in the larger northwest suburban community to a new facility. The small net increase after the facility is opened will be the result of inefficient and duplicative staffing.

In closing, the proposed hospital is unnecessary, and will harm the area's existing hospitals and their ability to meet the needs of the broader community. Therefore, I would urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board not to approve this project.



Edward M. Goldberg

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR SUSAN MILFORD  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning, I am Susan Milford, the Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing, Planning and Wellness Services at Centegra Health System.

I would like to tell you how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital - Huntley meets the CON Rules regarding Bed Need and Service Demand based on Rapid Population Growth.

McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, known as A-10. The Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued "Bed Need Determinations" through 2015. The current monthly "Revised Bed Need Determinations" indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Med-cal-Surgical/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds in 2015.

The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County has a rapidly increasing population, among the highest in Illinois.

Because of the rapidly growing population in McHenry County as well as in the market area that we identified for this hospital, we were able to project the demand for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service based upon rapid population growth in the target market area, as specified in the CON Rules. This review criterion permits us to document population growth based upon population projections that may extend as much as 10 years from the date the CON application is submitted.

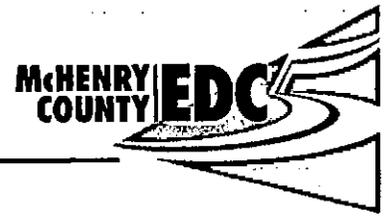
The second full year of operation of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not occur until mid-2018. Although that will be several years later than the most recent Adjusted Bed Need figures, it was possible to determine Calculated (Adjusted) Bed Need for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service for mid-2018 using the State's own methodology that was used to calculate the 2015 Bed Need figures.

We found that the State's Bed Need Determination will show a need for 104 additional Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds by mid-2018 due to the rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This is 21 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds more than shown in the current "Revised Bed Need Determinations."

Another of the CON Rules specifies that we must project utilization of Centegra Hospital - Huntley by service for each of its first two years of operation.

During our second full year of operation, Centegra Hospital - Huntley will have met the occupancy targets specified in the CON Rules for the Medical-Surgical, Intensive Care, and Obstetric categories of service, as well as all State Guidelines for utilization of its ancillary services, such as Surgery, Emergency Department, and Imaging modalities.

In view of the current and projected Bed Need in Planning Area A-10 and the target market area for this project, the establishment of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will be in conformance with the Rules of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board and be an asset to our community for generations to come.



**Pam Cumpata  
President, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation  
Testimony in Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Good Morning, I am Pam Cumpata, President of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts this morning.

As the business advocacy group with the mission to promote the economic health of McHenry County, through retention, expansion and attraction of commerce and industry, the announcement by Centegra Health Systems to build the new hospital in Huntley will be a great benefit to our economy.

The McHenry County Economic Development Corporation's board of directors is a dedicated group of area business leaders who focus on how to expand economic prosperity in the county. The volunteer board members approved a resolution of support for Centegra Health System's proposed project to develop a new hospital in Southern McHenry County. (resolution is attached)

Here in McHenry County, we find ourselves in the unique place of witnessing a tremendous population growth. Huntley alone has tripled since 2000. If we want to sustain that growth, we must be prepared to deliver quality jobs.

That is why I was so encouraged to hear the proposal of the construction and operation of a new hospital in Huntley. The project will deliver 800 jobs during construction and 1,100 permanent jobs during operation. It is also worth noting that a new hospital will bring significant economic benefit to the community and increased direct spending throughout the County.

In addition, a new hospital in Huntley will undoubtedly spur business development, such as restaurants for employees, ancillary services for the hospital itself and myriad of other development opportunities for the ever-growing population.

Although I stress the need for jobs in McHenry County, I do not want to minimize the clear need for increased access to health care. Even by looking at a map, you can see that McHenry County lacks a health care facility in close proximity to the southern portion of the County.

The Centegra Hospital in Huntley would serve some of the area's largest and fastest growing communities, including Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Lakewood, Southern Crystal Lake and Huntley. Huntley is the right place for a new hospital and that this proposal meets the need for approval.

Thank you.

*Shaping the Economy of McHenry County*



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of the McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation is a public/private business advocacy group with the mission to: promote the economic health of McHenry County, through retention, expansion and attraction of commerce and industry which is conducive to an optimal quality of life for its citizens, to aid in the creation of primary jobs through assistance and attraction and to facilitate an economic development structure which enables individual communities within this county to realize opportunities to promote the same common good for their residents; and

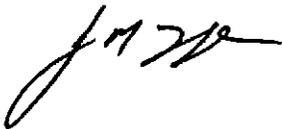
WHEREAS, Centegra Health System's construction of a new hospital in Huntley will as noted, create jobs and stimulate the regional economy and therefore will help to promote the mission of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Directors of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

Adopted by majority vote of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors, and McHenry, Illinois on the 25th day of January, 2011.

Jim Thorpe, Chairman of the Board



Attested by:



Sue Dobbe, Secretary



# Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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## **Karen Lambert**

President, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

Good morning Ms. Avery, Mayor Sass, members of the audience. I am Karen Lambert, president of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

Our hospital has the opportunity to serve many residents of this community and certainly McHenry County. We take this responsibility seriously and strive to provide our communities with the best possible health care available.

Our legacy of service is to both Lake and McHenry Counties. We provide health care services to these residents, and by those residents who today serve as caregivers and physicians. Our staff is a reflection of the patients we serve. Over half of our associates call McHenry County home. Nearly half of the patients we serve are McHenry County residents. We are just as much a McHenry County hospital as we are a Lake County hospital.

It would certainly be more exciting to be the hospital president proposing a new facility than the one opposing, but the easier position is not always the correct position. I am here today because I truly believe that the proposed hospital is inconsistent with our collective mission of stewards over the health care system. Let me explain:

### **1. Hospitals Must do More, and Better, with Less**

The nation has just gone through one of the biggest changes to the health care system in my lifetime. The nation's severe financial constraints will force health care providers to do more with less. No matter which reform programs you may have

avored, virtually no healthcare reform proposal has argued that the solution to the nation's health care problem is to build more suburban hospitals. This proposed new hospital runs counter to where health care is going, and to where it should go. Our health care system cannot afford this \$223 million new hospital and it should not be built.

2. **The Health Care Delivery Model is Clearly Moving Away from New Hospitals to Ambulatory Care**

The health care trend is clearly moving care toward outpatient services and reserving in-patient hospitalizations for the most complex care. This is not only more convenient for patients, it is more cost effective. In the last five years you have seen our hospitals establish an immediate care facility in Crystal Lake. More importantly for Huntley, only 5 miles to the east in Algonquin, we established our Good Shepherd Outpatient Center. As you know, Centegra has also established an Immediate Care Center in the area as well. All of these efforts have brought additional health care into the communities at much more reasonable costs. Please don't equate improved health care access with building a new hospital.

3. **Unnecessary Duplication of Services**

One of the primary duties of the Review Board is to prevent unnecessary duplication of services. Some would say let the hospitals compete and fight it out. There are good reasons that it is unwise, and it is certainly not the argument Centegra made when it strenuously fought to prevent Mercy from building a new hospital in Crystal Lake. In that opposition, Centegra pointed out the considerable harm that a new hospital would do their hospital and other existing hospitals. Centegra was right – a new hospital in the near proximity to hospitals not fully utilized causes considerable harm. Existing hospitals require sufficient volume to cover their fixed costs. Within a given area there

are only so many babies to deliver or surgical procedures to perform. A new hospital does not create new demand, it only redistributes and dilutes the volume among existing providers. Without sufficient patients, hospitals do not have the resources available to invest for the future, cover the cost of the patients who cannot afford care, or increase the quality of its care. Let's be clear - this proposed hospital will significantly harm existing service providers and affect the quality of care given.

4. **Assuring Quality of Clinical Care**

Clinical studies show that increased volume relates to increased quality. Patients appropriately inquire into the volume and experience of our team. We have several physicians who can explain how volume affects clinical outcomes.

5. **Unnecessary Hospital Construction is not Economic Development**

In today's economy I am very appreciative of the desire for new jobs. Unfortunately, this project does not create new permanent jobs. I'm sure that proponents for this hospital will argue that this project is economic development. However, there are only so many patients requiring in-patient hospital services. Moving patients from one hospital to another does not create jobs, it merely moves them around.

6. **Investment in Quality Improvements**

I'm sure that some detractors will characterize today's testimony as one hospital simply opposing another. That is not the case. Two years ago Centegra proposed a major renovation of its Woodstock facility, creation of a Women's Pavilion, and expansion of its OB services in Woodstock. We didn't oppose that project. We recognized that hospitals need to make ongoing improvements to their facilities. If the Applicant's motivation was solely concern for McHenry County healthcare, the

Applicant should not have abandoned that lower-cost, right-sized means for addressing healthcare needs. If Centegra wants to reinstate its commitment to Woodstock, we will again offer no opposition.

**Conclusion**

I truly believe that none of us charged with being stewards over health care resources, including the Health Facilities and Services Review Board, can conclude that this new project is a responsible use of our health care resources.



## **Opposition to Centegra's Proposed Huntley Hospital**

**Rick Floyd, President & CEO, Sherman Health, Elgin, IL**

Good morning. My name is Rick Floyd, President & CEO of Sherman Health, which is based in Elgin, Illinois. Sherman is a regional medical center that has been serving Chicago's northwest suburban communities for over 120 years. We have served Huntley since the village was founded. Sherman's position regarding the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley is that the region simply does not need more hospital beds at this time. And if there is no need for more beds, why in the world would anyone spend \$233M on more beds? Let me share a few key points that will be supported in greater detail by other speakers today:

Population and housing growth have declined significantly since the state last estimated bed need. In fact, the McHenry County 2010 US Census data released yesterday show that the state overestimated actual population growth by 9%. We're still growing, just not as fast as predicted. Therefore, there is in fact no need for more hospital beds in McHenry County, today or in the foreseeable future. As we all know, a return to the strong growth rates of the past is not expected anytime soon.

All the hospitals in the area, including Centegra's own hospitals, have unused beds. Several have many unused beds. Regional hospital utilization rates are flat and are expected to drop precipitously as the federal government implements healthcare reform and we all try to reduce unnecessary admissions to hospitals.

A new hospital will inevitably draw patient volumes away from all the existing hospitals, weakening them. When we unnecessarily duplicate expensive services, we place at risk our region's traditions of excellence and innovation in patient care. Further, by diluting the existing, shrinking volume of hospital activity over more sites, we weaken the healthcare safety net, which is so important to the most vulnerable among us.

With our state's budget deficit standing at \$15 billion, and our nation's budget deficit expected to hit a record \$1.6 trillion this year, we must remember that governments pay for over half the healthcare in America through Medicare and Medicaid. Ultimately we, the people, and our children, will end up paying for wasteful spending.

The proposed hospital is a limited service hospital. This means that patients suffering heart attacks and other serious conditions will need to be transported to the existing full-service hospitals, where state-of-the-art care is already available, bypassing the limited service hospital because it will not have angioplasty, heart surgery, and other critical services. Make no mistake; this proposed limited-service hospital will not be able to help many in their critical time of need.

Over three-quarters of Centegra-Woodstock's patients come from the communities surrounding the proposed facility. If Centegra builds a new hospital in Huntley, will it close its Woodstock Hospital? If

Centegra closes its Woodstock Hospital, what happens to the Woodstock campus? Wouldn't it be more cost-effective to renovate Woodstock rather than build a new hospital?

While the proposed project would create construction jobs during the life of the project, it will create few new healthcare jobs. Since regional hospital volumes are flat and expected to decline, we would simply be moving healthcare jobs from the existing hospitals to the proposed hospital.

Several of the existing hospitals, including Sherman, have received permission from the state's Review Board to make substantial investments in hospital infrastructure. Let us all harvest the benefit of those expenditures before we make new expenditures.

In summary, the proposed limited service hospital is unneeded, expensive, would harm all the existing hospitals, would damage the health care safety net for the area's most vulnerable, and would constitute a waste of \$233M at a time when we must all find ways to avoid unnecessary spending. I urge the state's Review Board to reject the application. Thank you.

## **Testimony in Support of Centegra Hospital Huntley**

**Mayor Chuck Sass  
Village of Huntley**

Good Morning and welcome to Huntley. It is with great pride that I stand here today on behalf of the more than 23,000 residents of our Village and offer our wholehearted support for Centegra Hospital Huntley. With my testimony, I am also including for the record a Resolution of Support approved unanimously by the Huntley Village Board on January 27, 2011.

Since Centegra first announced its vision for a hospital in our community I have heard from area residents and businesses who are excited about the plans. It is clear that so many others recognize what those of us in Huntley have known for many years: Residents here and in surrounding communities need improved access to healthcare!

Huntley and southern McHenry County has been at the heart of regional population growth for the past decade and more. As Village President since 2001, I have watched our community grow exponentially and worked tirelessly to manage growth and to make our Village attractive for both residents and businesses alike.

According to the 2008 Special Census, Huntley's population grew at an annual rate of 19.1% between 2000 and 2008. In total that is more than a 300 percent increase since 2000. And as you will hear from my colleagues in the neighboring communities of Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Gilberts and others, we are not alone. These are the exact communities the proposed new hospital is designed to serve.

Huntley is home to the largest active adult community for those 55 and over in the state with more than 10,000 residents in Del Webb's Sun City. We are also home to a large number of young families with young children. This combination of residents makes having a full-service hospital in our community, with easy access, that much more imperative.

From the State Department of Public Health's own data, our communities are underserved and in need of additional hospital beds. Centegra is the healthcare provider that has stepped up to the plate to meet this need.

They invested in our community with millions of dollars to build an immediate care facility, physician offices and outpatient services. No other health system in the region has recognized the need in our region and taken the necessary steps to address these needs. Centegra is committed to our community.

We stand strongly behind the proposal for Centegra Hospital Huntley. We ask that those who claim a hospital isn't needed to look around this room at the supporters, look at the

population of our communities and look at the needs outlined clearly by state health officials.

Now is the right time. Huntley is the right place for a new full-service acute care hospital in McHenry County. Thank you.

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CERTIFICATION

I, RITA MCMAHON, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized Village Clerk of the Village of Huntley, Counties of McHenry and Kane, State of Illinois, and that as such Village Clerk I am the keeper of the records and minutes of proceedings of the President and Board of Trustees of the said Village.

I do hereby certify that the following Resolution (R)2011-01.05 – Resolution in Support of Approval of Centegra Hospital-Huntley was duly passed and approved, at the Village Board meeting of said President and Village Board, held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, at which time 5 Trustees were present and 1 absent.

Motion was made by Trustee Kanakaris seconded by Trustee Piwko that the attached Resolution be passed and approved.

Upon roll-call vote, the following voted Aye: Trustees Fender, Kadakia, Kanakaris, Mercer and Piwko, 0 Trustees voted NAY, and 1 Trustee (Trustee Leopold) was absent; where upon said Resolution was declared duly passed and was thereupon approved by the President.



Rita McMahon  
VILLAGE CLERK

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY**

**RESOLUTION (R)2011-01.05**

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County and the population of the Village of Huntley has more than tripled in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley is interested in ensuring the availability of quality healthcare to all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley has had the opportunity to collaborate with Centegra Health System in the development of a state-of-the-art Immediate Care Center, primary care physicians' office, and fitness center and believes that the proposed project will yield benefit, not only for the Village of Huntley, but for the entire region, and that Centegra is the best suited to serve the community through this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Huntley commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

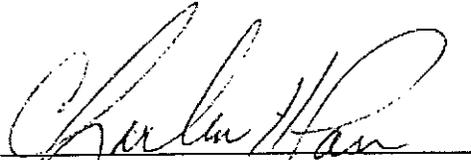
PASSED and APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

AYE: Trustees Fender, Kadakia, Kanakaris, Mercer and Piwko  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Leopold  
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

  
Village Clerk



  
Village President

## **Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090 Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Michael Eesley  
CEO, Centegra Health System

Good morning. My name is Michael Eesley, and I am CEO of Centegra Health System, a position that I have held for the past nine years. I am proud to be part of an award-winning health system that is so rooted in McHenry County and committed to the people it serves. Our hospitals have played an integral role in the lives of area residents for nearly 100 years, and we hope to continue serving the community by receiving permission to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

During the 12 years that I have worked for Centegra, we have witnessed steady population growth in McHenry and Kane Counties. At Centegra Health System, we have grown accordingly.

Our plan to bring a hospital to southern McHenry County and northern Kane County was not designed overnight. Five years ago, we identified a need in the southern portion of McHenry County. That's when we purchased 110 acres of land for our healthcare campus in Huntley. We promised to provide increased access to care as the area's population continued to grow.

In 2008, we opened Centegra Immediate Care-Huntley. Since then, thousands of residents from Huntley, Lake in the Hills, Algonquin, Lakewood, Crystal Lake and surrounding communities have benefited from top-notch healthcare and wellness services right in their own backyards.

If approved, Centegra Hospital-Huntley will be a 128-bed community hospital with 100 Medical/Surgical beds, 8 Intensive Care beds, and 20 Obstetric beds with a Level II Nursery. All beds will be in private patient rooms. The hospital will have a comprehensive Emergency Department, non-invasive cardiology services and a dedicated Women's Center. Centegra Hospital-Huntley will be designed to meet the area's current and future needs.

Centegra Health System has long been a leading economic force in the greater McHenry County area, which is why we have received numerous awards from nearby chambers of commerce and we have been named a Business Champion by the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation. We currently employ more than 3,700 Associates and if we receive approval for construction of a new hospital in Huntley we will proudly welcome 1,100 more to our family. Furthermore, we have estimated that the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley will have an economic impact of \$152 million on area communities and bring more than 800 new jobs to the community during construction.

Centegra provided health education and wellness services at 252 community events in 2010, and our 14 local board members help us remember the importance of caring for area residents who are in the greatest need of services. We are a leading provider of charity care in the area, last year providing more than \$53 million in community benefits to the greater McHenry County region.

Building upon that commitment, we are always looking for ways to give back to the communities we call home.

We play an active role in the Family Health Partnership Clinic, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association and the Pioneer Center, to name a few organizations. Their efforts are focused on providing wellness and care to those in greatest need.

Centegra seeks to grow in accordance with the area's identified needs. We respect the role of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board and its mission to promote the orderly and economic development of health care facilities in the State of Illinois that avoids the unnecessary duplication of facilities. The Review Board's most recent bed need figures show that McHenry County has the greatest need for additional medical/surgical beds of all the planning areas in the state, and northern Kane County has the second greatest need. Our proposed hospital in Huntley is ideally situated to serve the recognized needs of McHenry and northern Kane Counties.

We have carefully addressed the Review Board's criteria for the establishment of a new hospital and have submitted an application in compliance with the criteria. We know from the State's population projections that the need for hospital services will increase in the years ahead for the areas we propose to serve. Population growth is an important factor in assessing the demand for healthcare services under the Review Board's criteria, and we have documented the rapid population growth in Huntley and surrounding communities.

The support for this proposal has been overwhelming from community leaders, patients, area residents, physicians and other caregivers. You will hear from many of them here today. We look forward to the opportunity to present our plans in greater detail and to do our part to be on the leading edge of medical advancements for the communities and residents of greater McHenry County for many years to come.

Thank you.

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. The need for a full-service hospital in this area is clear. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

(Additional thoughts may be shared on the lines below.)

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WOULD BE DESIRABLE AS IT WOULD SERVE  
A GROWING COMMUNITY.  
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Sincerely,

Signature: Loren Tonyan

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**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Thomas Carey  
Carey Electric Contracting, Inc.

We are writing to express our full support of the proposed hospital by Centegra Health Systems in Huntley, IL. (Project #10-090). Hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and we feel Centegra is the health system best suited to provide these services. Centegra's commitment to the entire community is unparalleled and is demonstrated in virtually every aspect of the health services which they provide.

Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site. In addition to the needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community and the entire county.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and the surrounding areas, we urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health Systems for a new hospital in Huntley, IL.

On a personal level, the importance of a high quality healthcare system offering a full continuum of services to a community cannot be overstated. At some time in all of our lives, we will require some form of healthcare and to be able to rely on Centegra to provide those services locally without having to travel to Chicago, or Milwaukee is a huge benefit to our entire community. This Huntley Hospital will further enhance the quality healthcare available to our community, locally – here at home.

As members of this community, my family and I have chosen to support the Centegra Health Care System for two main reasons. First, a quality healthcare system enhances the quality of life for our entire community and that is a benefit for everyone. The second reason, and probably the most compelling reason for me personally, is the fact that Centegra Health System is such a vital part of the community – not only by the jobs and services it provides- but through its support of so many of the programs and community events throughout McHenry and Kane Counties. To see a healthcare system so invested and willing to support all aspects of our community makes me want to be a full supporter of the Centegra Healthcare System.

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**Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital**

**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

## Support for Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project #10-090

My name is Ryan Nestruck and I support the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I believe that the proposed hospital in Huntley reinforces Centegra's commitment to serving the community and local businesses by having a full service healthcare campus that can meet any healthcare need of people living and working in this growing area of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. As an Associate of Centegra I have the privilege of leading our home health agency. Nearly 70% of our agency patients are over age 65 and on Medicare. Del Webb Sun City is just over four miles from the proposed hospital site, and has an estimated population of 8,000 residents. As Dell Webb grows, so does their new residents need for access to high quality healthcare services. The 2010 MedPAC Medicare study shows that the average Medicare beneficiary receives \$8,865 of care each year. The data goes on to show that Medicare beneficiaries access healthcare services at increasing rates as they age. Countless studies show that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, pneumonia (to name a few) frustrate suffers and increase utilization of healthcare services. Centegra Health System has been working diligently to link evidence based education and care pathways from the hospital bed to home in hopes of positively impacting the quality of life for those managing chronic illness.

Centegra Primary Care geriatrician Rex Nzeribe has shared with me that within 7 office visits his patients typically need either home health or are hospitalized. Most of them take more than 8 medications and visit multiple subspecialists for care. Dr. Nzeribe's holistic view of patients is seen in his comprehensive clinic. His clinic consists of dietitians, physical and occupational therapists, behavioral health specialists and nurses who listen to the patient's goals and assess how their expertise can help those goals be attained. This is just one example of what this community can count on Centegra Health System to provide with the approval of this project.

As a community member who moved here specifically because of Centegra's commitment to responsible use of resources, this project fulfills the vision I first learned four years ago. I am honored to represent and support Centegra Health System's commitment to bring excellent healthcare services to Huntley (and surrounding communities) with the building of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

**Robert Nixon**  
**Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley**  
**Project # 10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

William D. Cox, Jr., M.D.  
*Sportsmedicine and  
Arthroscopic Surgery*

Warren S. Jablonsky, M.D.  
*Joint Replacement and  
Reconstructive Surgery*

Robert T. Nixon, Jr., M.D.  
*Sportmedicine and  
Arthroscopic Surgery*

Matthew I. Samuelson, M.D.  
*Foot and Ankle Surgery*

Timothy G. Havenhill, M.D.  
*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

Harpreet S. Basran, M.D.  
*Sportmedicine and  
Foot/Ankle Surgery*

Justin J. Gent, M.D.  
*Sportmedicine and  
Arthroscopic Surgery*

Priyesh D. Patel, M.D.  
*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

My name is Robert Nixon and I am an orthopedic specialist with offices in both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I also serve as the Medical Staff President at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock. I am here today to offer my personal support and that of our medial staff for the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

I have been practicing medicine for nearly 25 years and have had the pleasure of being in a leadership role for 8 years. It is clear from my experiences that the vision, thoughtful assessment and planning that are required of a proposal of this magnitude, have been thoroughly undertaken by the Centegra leadership team. Clearly based on state data, Huntley is the right place for a new acute-care hospital and now is the right time.

My professional expertise focuses on orthopedic sports medicine. In fact, I serve as the team physician for area high schools and can typically be found at area sporting events throughout the county. Unfortunately, injury is a part of athletics. However incorporating proper health and training can help minimizing the risks.

For many of you parents in the room, a trip to the emergency room or immediate care center with a child is not an unfamiliar one. You also know that traveling long distances or facing traffic back-ups on area roads to sporting events, practices and tournaments is not unheard of either. But traveling long distances to receive medical care – in an emergency or not – is a situation none of us enjoy.

That is why the proposal for a new hospital in Huntley which will serve the communities of Huntley, Lake in the hills, Algonquin, Gilberts, Marengo and many others is a welcome plan. Not only will it bring medical care and treatment closure to home, it will meet the state's designated need to additional in-patient beds serving southern McHenry County.

Also important, particularly for medical providers, is the time it takes to begin treatment. Prompt care can even be a life saving issue for those with trauma or cardiac injuries and that is why the medical professionals that I work so closely with stand firmly behind the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

I urge the Board's approval.

**David Neumann, Carpentersville Chief of Police**  
**Support for Project #10-090**

My name is David Neumann and I am the Chief of Police for the Village of Carpentersville, a community of more than 38,000 people located in northern Kane County.

I strongly support a new hospital in Huntley because my commitment to preserving Carpentersville as a safe and healthy community depends on it. As a representative of our community's first responders, having immediate access to emergency medical care and a full-service hospital is critical to the job we are tasked with each and every day.

Public officials, in every community, have a responsibility to provide the services that are critical to a vibrant, safe and productive community. Health care, education and housing are all vital to ensuring our residents have access to a high quality of life. Health care, in particular, is integral to providing a landscape where businesses want to invest and where families want to call home.

I welcome a new hospital in Huntley. The 128 additional beds this would provide to our region and the full-service emergency department will give our first responders another emergency care option. Our community already faces a shortage of hospital beds, and an additional hospital in Huntley will help to meet this need in our growing area.

It is no secret that we anticipate further growth in the coming years, and I urge this board to help us prepare for that. More people will inevitably lead to a higher demand for medical attention. We must act now so we are prepared to continue serving and protecting our community.

Carpentersville falls within the proposed hospital's primary service area, and I look forward to the time when our residents are able to rely on the proximity of a Huntley hospital to access the best possible care.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

## **Centegra Hospital Support Speech for Project #10-090**

My name is Scott Padjen. I serve as the Pharmacy Director for Centegra Health System. I emphatically support Centegra's certificate of need to build a hospital in Huntley. I believe there is a clear need in this location to serve not only the growing demographics of southern McHenry County, but also the residents of Northern Kane County.

I am a 10-year Centegra associate. I believe this organization's dedicated caregivers are most qualified, best prepared and naturally suited to fulfill this need. It's what we have been doing in this community for generations. We are an integrated and proactive community partner, we are eager to answer the call...to expand our offerings of healing, nurturing and wellness.

A word about Pharmacy services at Centegra...we are progressive and dynamic...with an advanced clinical pharmacy practice and medication management practices that ensure safe and correct dispensing of life-saving medications. Clinical pharmacists collaborate with physicians and nurses to promote evidence-based medicine. Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the physicians who serve on that committee are active and engaged in implementing best practices for medication formulary management, physician order sets and pharmacist-managed protocols for high-alert medications. Pharmacy embraces a medication safety culture - openly reporting and monitoring both actual and potential errors to drive process improvement. Advanced information systems utilize medication bar code verification to improve safety and, with the exception of urgent need, pharmacists review and verify all orders for medications before they are administered to our patients.

Our pharmacists are active in the ambulatory clinic setting. They manage Centegra's anticoagulation clinics...serving over 1000 patients at 3 different sites including Huntley. The Centegra Anticoagulation Clinics have been recognized as the best in the nation for clinical quality and consistently rank above the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction. Our pharmacists are expanding into other direct patient care roles - on the frontier...Medication Therapy Management...consultant pharmacists working with the patient... conducting medication therapy reviews... identifying and resolving medication related problems...developing patient centric medication action plans... with the goal of achieving optimal medication outcomes through patient education and empowerment.

I am particularly proud that our Centegra pharmacies are teaching sites for 3 state Colleges of Pharmacy as well as local high schools. In this fiscal year, Clinical Coordinator Alan Mader will mentor 20 students from all levels of learning...from 4th year pharmacy students...to high school freshmen.

In closing...I am proud to represent Centegra...and proud to stand with our doctors, nurses, pharmacists, caregivers, and associates...to support Centegra Hospital Huntley. We are here to serve...we have always been here to serve...we are the caretakers of our community.

## **Testimonial – Richard Parsons for Project #10-090**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the proposed Centegra Hospital Huntley. My name is Richard Parsons and I am the Director of Respiratory Care, Neurology, and Sleep Services. I have been with Centegra Health System family for over six years as part of the leadership team.

As part of the leadership team, I am very pleased with the commitment our organization and the Associates continue to demonstrate on a daily basis to meet and exceed the community needs. This commitment extends from the Board of Directors in guiding senior leadership, to educating, preparing and developing the leaders with a servant leadership philosophy, to engaging the Associates to deliver the finest and most compassionate care to our patient population. The desire to excel in all aspects of a patient focused model of care is clearly illustrated in all we do.

In 1989 based on community assessments, Centegra Health System identified a need for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep related disorders. The Sleep Services department cared for its first patient on October 10, 1989. As the requirement for treating more patients grew, Centegra expanded to two beds in 1996 and then four beds in 2003. In 2008, in an effort to further meet the requests of the community, Centegra Health System expanded the operations to seven days per week. Due to the overwhelming support from the community of patients, the physician experts leading the way, and the quality of services delivered by outstanding clinicians, Centegra is in the process of expanding to add more beds in McHenry County.

This ongoing strategic planning and subsequent actions provides just one example of how Centegra Health System continues to meet the needs of the residents of our community closer to their homes. Historically and ongoing, Centegra Health System continues to have a long-term strategic plan in identifying the health and wellness needs of the community and providing these and other services to enrich the lives of those we serve.

Once again, thank you for your support of building care closer to the homes of our families in Huntley, Illinois.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Leslie Phillips

Address: 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

### **Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.



February 4, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Testimony of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms Avery:

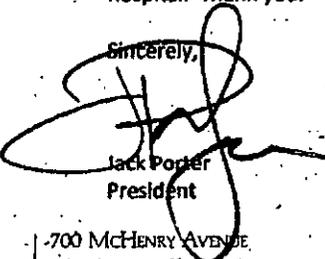
My name is Jack Porter. I am a local McHenry county resident, residing at 1552 Bobolink Circle, Woodstock, IL. I am President of Jack Porter & Associates, Inc. and Mg. Partner for LandKeepers, LLC with offices also in Woodstock. In addition, I serve on the Board of Governors for the Centegra Health System and am a member of the Quality and Service and Human Resource Committee for Centegra Hospital system. I also serve as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Woodstock.

My wife and I have been in McHenry County for over 22 years and have watched Centegra grow and become a leader in this area for health care. I was honored to be asked to serve on the board over four years ago. Since then I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and understanding of our health care system and needs. Most of all, I have come to respect the unyielding dedication and commitment of our physicians, nurses, executive team and all the Centegra's associates. The Centegra Health system has made significant financial contributions to the community in facilities, jobs and services and their commitment to quality care is unmatched.

With a background in planning and development, I understand the need for providing convenience and balance for a growing population. Health care in the right location is fundamental to servicing that growth. Logic would dictate that you identify service gaps in the market and locate them in areas that will be best served. ~~In my opinion, Mercy Hospital request to locate in Crystal Lake would provide an oversaturation of beds and overlapping services.~~ However, Centegra's proposed location in Huntley is ideally situated to provide the greatest opportunity to deliver care in one of the fastest growing areas of the state. We are already seeing highway and infrastructure improvements being put in place to handle the planned residential and commercial growth in Southern McHenry and Northern Kane, not to mention the already built in need to service Del Webb's age restricted community. Planning ahead to meet those health care needs are imperative. In my opinion, Centegra's vision and strategy is right on target.

As a resident, businessman and as a member of our community health care governing body, I overwhelmingly would like to go on the record to support Centegra Health System and its request to build a the Centegra-Huntley hospital. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jack Porter  
President

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**Kathy Powell**  
**Centegra Board of Governors**  
**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project 10--090**

I am Kathy Powell, and I am a firm supporter of Project 10 – 090.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, I learned about this project several months ago. The time, effort and detailed preparation that went into the plans were immediately apparent. This proposal was not thrown together in a day and has been well thought out. It's the result of many years of studying the population, demographics, residents and their medical needs. All, in a region that the Centegra Health Care System knows very well.

There is no doubt that Centegra Health System understands McHenry County. The hospital system has had a presence in the county for more than 100 years. We have grown as the needs of the community have grown and today we stand ready to take the next step in providing for the medical needs of our area residents.

As we know, Centegra's efforts to provide care in southern McHenry County began more than 5 years ago. Since then, thousands of residents from Huntley and the surrounding communities use the Immediate Care Center on Centegra's Huntley campus. Right now, urgent care patients who require the services of an acute care hospital need to be transferred elsewhere. A hospital on the Huntley campus would eliminate this challenge, bringing comprehensive services close to home in a growing population.

Centegra administration has worked tirelessly for thousands of hours to clearly culminate a strong application that meets the Board's rules. It addresses the needs identified by the state for Planning Area A-10. There is no better health system than Centegra to fulfill this need.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley and appreciate the opportunity to share my view. Thank you.

LEO A. REYES, M.D.,P.C.  
715 W. Judd St. Woodstock Illinois 60098  
Telephone (815) 338-5940

My name is Leo A. Reyes, the first formally trained Pediatrician and General Practitioner to establish permanently and still practicing in Woodstock since 1972. I have been on the active medical staff of CHS for 39 years, served as its President, chairman in my specialties, numerous committees and was a member of CHS Board of Governors. I was the co-creator of McHenry County's Well Child & Immunization Clinics, the first Medical Director of McHenry County's Valley Hi Nursing Home, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Home Health, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Skilled Nursing Facility and the first Medical Director of Centegra's Utilization Management.

Led by Mr. Michael Eesley 9 years ago, then the new President and CEO, Centegra made a commitment to serve with genuine respect, passionate caring and joyful spirit.

Physicians are the dominant decision makers when it comes to choosing hospitals and services for the care of their patients. In a marketplace that finds physicians increasingly competing rather than collaborating with hospitals, through physician-owned facilities offering profitable services once exclusively enjoyed by hospitals, it is critical that hospitals make physician satisfaction and communication a top strategic priority. I can tell you that Centegra Health System recognizes that priority and has shown outstanding efforts in strengthening physician relations, increasing opportunities for collaboration, moving market share through enhanced referral networks, increasing revenue and building physician preference for its hospitals.

Seven years ago our daughter from Oswego,IL gave birth to our first grandchild a blond blue eyed girl at Centegra. We were hooked on her and Centegra.

I have been all over this country and the world. I can tell you that Centegra's associates from housekeeping, nursing to directors, its Administration from the Board of Governors, VPs to the President, facilities, equipments and doctors all will stack up to the best of them in everything.

A patient will come to me in sickness and in health. They have choices but they will usually go to where I will send them. You can forget modern medical technology, you can forget a gleaming hospital and you can even forget the weather but you must remember the good people of Centegra.

One is only as good as one is available. Centegra is not only good but is also available. And now please welcome CHS to the Huntley neighborhood.



# Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. Based on this, I believe there is a need for a full-service hospital in this area.

The Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District provides not only traditional fire and rescue services to our District, but also paramedic ambulance service including transport to the nearest hospital. A new hospital facility constructed at the proposed site would significantly improve the transport time for many critically ill or injured patients from our District. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I support and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Rynders, Fire Chief  
1020 West Algonquin Road  
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

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**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**  
**Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

Kevin Rynderas  
Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District  
Village of Lake in the Hills

My name is Kevin Rynderas and I am the Chief of the fire protection district for the Villages of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin. I am here this morning to voice my support for the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley

My department currently serves nearly 60,000 residents, and quick, local access to medical care is an integral part of what we provide. Last year, our department responded to more than XX calls (add other stats?)

In our job, the time it takes to access medical care is critical, and the current long travel times and indirect access to existing facilities puts our residents at risk.

As a part of EMS Region IX, our closest hospital to the south is on average 20 minutes away and the closest hospital to the north is often longer. If the proposed hospital in Huntley is built it will be about half the distance—only 5 miles away. Having immediate access to life-saving care is critical to the job of our team and why we support this project.

In addition to the patient care benefits, shorter trips to and from the hospital will free up our vehicles and personnel faster to the benefit of our local residents. It's important to understand, that our travel time is not just the time it takes to respond to a call and transport the individual to an emergency room, it is also the time it takes us to return and put our personnel and vehicles back in service.

The Lake in the Hills and Algonquin communities are growing, and the area we serve is much larger than it was just a few years ago. In just six years our population has grown by over 13,000 people, resulting in more frequent emergency calls and greater medical needs.

I know that the towns of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin and would greatly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley. I know I speak for my emergency responder colleagues when I say that a new hospital in Huntley is imperative to the health and care of area residents and to maintaining a timely, cost-efficient operations emergency.

For these reasons, I ask this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley and bring much needed local medical care to a growing community.

**Kathy Kozak, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Hello, my name is Kathy Kozak. I am the Group Fitness Manager for Health Bridge Fitness Center, both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley! There is a great need for a hospital in southern McHenry County/ northern Kane County.

Since we opened our Huntley location in 2008, the people of the area have filled our Fitness Center. They come from all walks of life and in many shapes and sizes. Some of our exercisers are there to maintain and improve their fitness levels, and others come to us for life-changing advice as they strive toward a healthier, happier lifestyle. We offer fitness classes, nutrition counseling, aquatics, sports facilities, activities for children and families and a spa to help people relax their minds and indulge their bodies in a healthy way.

The success of Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Huntley comes from Centegra's goal to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities we serve. It is clear to all of us at HealthBridge that the people of the Huntley region were just waiting for the opportunity to live more active lifestyles, and Centegra met the needs of the community by building the Centegra Campus in Huntley.

I'm especially excited when I see the young families of the area who visit Health Bridge together. The parents are setting positive examples for their children, and I believe those kids will grow up to be healthier than the previous generation. This wouldn't be possible without Centegra's impact on the community. From our CEO to the Associates who work at Health Bridge, we consistently demonstrate our commitment to the region's overall wellness.

Personally, my parents live in Del Webb Huntley and use Centegra for their wellness needs. My in-laws live in Algonquin and work out at Health Bridge in Huntley. I live in Algonquin. My entire family deserves a hospital closer to our homes.

Making Centegra Hospital - Huntley another part of the Huntley Campus would complete the continuum of care we have already begun to provide to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I am proud to be a part of Centegra's Huntley campus and deeply believe that Centegra is the best health system and Huntley is the best location for a new hospital.

**Bonnie Saban in Support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Good Morning/Afternoon. My name is Bonnie Saban and I am a long time resident of McHenry County. I am the Manager of Volunteer Services and Patient Express for Centegra Health System. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and am the coordinator of the State of Illinois-Senior Health Insurance Program sponsored and supported by Centegra. I also served for several years as the President of the McHenry County Task Force on Aging.

I would like to speak to you today on behalf of the aging community of McHenry County. A demographic study done by the Metro Chicago Information Center and Northwestern University forecasts that, of Chicago's five collar counties, McHenry County will experience the most dramatic growth in their senior population between the years of 2000 and 2020. Our county can expect to see a 66% increase in seniors with the next largest increase of 60%, taking place in Kane County.

Sun City Huntley, the largest 55+ community in the Midwest, straddles the McHenry and Kane county lines and is home to more than 9,000 seniors. That number includes my parents, Lloyd and Bette Miller. As they have aged it has become more and more important that health care services are easily accessible. In fact, the demographic study mentioned earlier, found that 84% of participants cited the availability of quality medical care as the most important aspect of their community.

Centegra Health System has consistently worked to identify the healthcare needs of the community and then provide for those needs. The purchase of property on Haligus Rd and the subsequent construction of the Immediate Care Center, Centegra Primary Care and Healthbridge Fitness Center is an example of that commitment. Construction of a hospital at the Haligus location clearly best meets the needs of the aging community of McHenry and Kane County.

I would like to encourage you to approve Centegra Health System's application for the construction of Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today.

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley**  
**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**

Jerry Sagona, Village Administrator  
Village of Lake in the Hills

Good morning. I'm reading this testimony on behalf of Village President Ed Plaza. I am the Village Administrator for the town of Lake in the Hills. Our community lies in southern McHenry County and we have a growing population of over 30,000 people. The location of the proposed hospital in Huntley is ideal for our townspeople, as we fall within its primary service vicinity and have a growing need for accessible healthcare.

As with any new addition serving our community, we want to ensure that a new hospital will act as a partner to the residents of Lake in the Hills, not merely a business. I strongly support this project because Centegra has already proven its commitment our community and our residents.

Centegra has a well-kept, established Huntley campus with a state-of-the-art fitness center and physician offices. Its Immediate Care facility provides timely, high-quality treatment for our surrounding area and has served as a necessary go-to for those with less serious medical needs. Many Lake in the Hills residents choose the Huntley campus for their routine health and wellness needs.

Centegra's Huntley campus is the right place to build a new hospital—already operating as a functioning, integral part of our community. In addition, the new hospital will provide hundreds of construction and thousands of permanent jobs to sustain and foster the economic growth of our communities, which is vital to our expanding population. The indirect economic development benefits to all of the neighboring communities is critical to keeping our businesses strong, our residents employed and our towns growing.

Lake in the Hills has seen tremendous growth over the past decade, like so many of our neighbors in McHenry County. Projections for future growth are just as strong with 10% increase in our community population in just the next 4 years.

Clearly, the proposal for a new hospital comes at a time of growth, drawing a need for greater, localized access to medical care. Southern McHenry County is medically underserved and a new hospital in Huntley will help to meet that need.

The Centegra healthcare system has invested in our community, and I strongly believe that a new hospital in Huntley will bring a sustaining partnership and a vital economic boost to our area.

The community needs this hospital, and so I ask that the board lend its support. Thank you.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Connie Secor

Address: 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director, Surgical Services

My name is Connie Secor. As the Director of Surgical Services for Centegra Health System and as a community member living in Marengo, I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley.

Centegra Health System's Surgical Services departments provide comprehensive services for both ambulatory and in-patient populations for the communities of McHenry County and beyond. Performing nearly 14,000 surgical procedures annually, our combined 15 operating rooms serve more than 110 surgeons, covering more than 15 different service line specialties. These service lines include our open heart program at the Centegra Hospital - McHenry campus and a weight loss surgery program at our Centegra Hospital – Woodstock campus. We are proud to say that our weight loss surgery program has been designated as a Bariatric Center of Excellence from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

In addition, our ancillary service areas provide combined visits of more than 16,000 annually in our Endoscopy and Ambulatory Treatment Departments. These service areas play a critical role in the provision of care to citizens throughout McHenry County and surrounding communities. We are very proud of the excellent care we provide and that our associates remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our patients.

As a community member, I am very excited that Centegra is building upon its excellence and continues to bring important medical services to the communities in need. Thank you for your time and consideration of this much needed hospital and the many services it can bring to the community.

System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley

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Name: Sheila Senn  
Address: 148 Glenbrook Trail McHenry IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Director of Behavioral Health Services

Testimonial:

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as an Associate of the health system, as a resident of McHenry County and as an advocate for those who suffer from Mental and substance abuse illnesses. During my 15 years with Centegra, it has been my calling to care for those individuals who are marginalized and underserved and work toward the reduction of stigma associated with Mental illness and substance abuse.

I am proud to be a part of Centegra Health System as this organization shares these same values. While other hospitals have chosen to reduce or entirely eliminate Behavioral Health Services, Centegra has maintained services for those in need in our community. The decisions to maintain such services have been made exclusively on the basis of what our community needs not on the impact to our financial bottom line which incidentally is negative. In the spirit of our mission to serve our community, we have partnered with other community agencies to coordinate services and meet the changing needs of McHenry County. A recent example is our involvement with the suicide taskforce in McHenry County. It saddens me to report to you today that the number of residents who have ended their lives by suicide in this past year has doubled since 2008. As the number of suicides mounted last year, we worked with many community agencies to offer free education to our residents related to suicide prevention. We educated our physicians and Associates regarding the group most at risk and common signs and symptoms.

I think most of us would agree that the past few years have been some of the most economically and emotionally challenging for our country and our community. Unemployment and foreclosures have taken a toll on our community at the same time that access and resources for Mental health and substance abuse services have been seriously diminished. Though there has been a complete elimination of support from the state for acute psychiatric services, we have maintained our acute care services. Acute psychiatric services are not optional services, they are essential and should not be compromised. These services are a person's very last option. They are provided when nothing else will

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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**Memo**

**Re:** Public Hearing

**Date:** February 16, 2011

**Place:** Huntley Municipal Building, 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Hearing Officers:** Courtney Avery, Frank Urso

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- 153 Individuals were in attendance but provided no testimony
  - 134 Individuals provided support testimony
  - 85 Individuals provided opposition testimony

**Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
PUBLIC HEARING REGISTER**

Site: Huntley Municipal      PROJECT #10-090      Date: February 16, 2011

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Address: 10987 Main Street;      NAME: Centegra Hospital-  
Huntley, Illinois      Huntley      Time: 10AM

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1	Matt Johnson	Centegra Health System	Spring Grove	S
2	<del>Barbara Cross</del>	<del>Centegra Health System</del>	<del>Bellevue</del>	S
3	Anne Hurlinger	Centegra Health System	Crete	S
4	Mike Selinsky	Centegra Health System	Hebron	S
5	David Aboutorabi	Clark Construction Group	Chicago	S
6	Astid Larsen	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	S
7	Loren Todyan	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	MERUERY	S
8	Tim DeGarmo	CENTEGRA	LITH	S
9	Enika Garberelt	Centegra	Huntley	S
10	Stacy Garberelt	Centegra	Huntley	S
11	Arthur Galeski	Centegra	McHenry	S
12	Heather Suevic	Centegra	McHenry	S
13	Timothy P. Sweeney			
14	Lucy Kelly	Centegra Health System	Paris Grove	S

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1	Laura Menschling	Centegra	McHenry	S
2	Arianna Fontana	Centegra	Huntley	O
3	Amber DEAD	Centegra	Springville	S
4	Dana Conway	Centegra	Eastwood	S
5	Denise LaMont. Meyer	Centegra	Jonestown	S
6	Barb Blasik	Centegra	Cary	S
7	Don Loran	Centegra	Marengo	I
8	Tranese Kreigher	Centegra	HUNTLEY	S
9	Beverly Auerbach	Centegra	CANA LOR	S
10	Paul EVERETT	SIND CITY	HUNTLEY	S
11	John Anderson	Am City	Huntley	S
12	Stacy M. Johnson	Centegra	Crystal Lake	S
13	John Wolf	Self	Huntley	S
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1	Emily Jagera	CHS	McHenry IL	S
2	J. Kravitzki	CHS	Woodstock	S
3	Karal Medeman	Palsinelli	Chicago	
4	Cherie Johnson	CHS	Breva City IL	S
5	Cindy Hosty	CHS	Bolinger IL	S
6	Victoria Hughes	CHS	Marengo, IL	S
7	DAN LAWLER	KELGATES	Chicago, IL	S
8	Marianne Yakoubek	CHS	San Elgin, IL	S
9	RHEMMA KUMAWA	WOODSTOCK CENTRAL AUXILIARY	CL, IL	S
10	RICHARD J. WATTAN	WATERLOO CENTRAL COMMUNITIES	WOODSTOCK	S
11	Richard A. Curtis	Woodstock Chamber	Woodstock	S
12	DAVID A. VERTH	Huntley Chamber	Huntley	S
13	Edythe Dore	Collegia	Woodstock	S
14	DeAnn Bennett	CHS	Woodstock	S

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16	DARRICK MINSKY	CHS	McHenry	Support
17	Kate Brennan	Crystal Lake Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
18	Shermy Leese	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
19	Marilyn Lara	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
20	Robin M. Gault	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Support
21	Janet <del>Thompson</del>	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
22	Deft Leese	Resident	Crystal Lake	Support
23	Mac Connolly	McHenry	Crystal Lake	Support
24	LARRY <del>Smith</del>	McHenry Construction	McHenry	Support
25	Wm Stepaniw	CHS	Woodstock	Support
26	Anna Marie Cooper	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	Support
27	DAVE D. LEMANSKI	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	Support
28	Todd Deubler	CHS	Woodstock	Support
29	Ronald S. Schutte	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Support
30	Lee Ann Atwood	Wellness Place	Palatine	Support
31	Judith A. Frazier	Resident	McHenry	Support
32	Edward C. Frazier	Resident	McHenry	Support
33	Diane <del>Smith</del>	CHS	McHenry	Support
34	Anna Rosenberg	Centegra	Palatine	Support
35	Kim Walker	Centegra	Carly	Support
36	Sally Sumner	DVA	McHenry	Support
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40	Margaret White	Centerga	Wendell KAIE	S
41	LINDA POTTER	Centerga	burnee	S
42	John Ross	AET Engineering Design	Chicago	
43	Seannine Dwyer	Centerga	Mundee	S
44	Kathleen Bokun	Centerga	Round Lake	S
45	Sharon LENA - Carter	Duke Realty Corp.	Rosemont	S
46	BethAnn Tushon	Centerga	Waukegan	S
47	Elizabeth Juczkowski	Centerga	Lake Geneva, WI	S
48	Debbie Schmidt	Alexium Brothers <sup>the firm</sup>	Schaumburg	
49	ERBEG BRAUN	CENTERGA	MONROE LAKE	S
50	BRIGET MESSIEN	Centerga	Waukegan	S
51	Dylan Dister	Centerga	Waukegan	S
52	Mike Buchanan	CENTERGA	Waukegan	S
53	Mike Heraty	Centerga	LITL	S
54	Susan BARTOSZCZAK	CENTERGA	Waukegan	S
55	Joy Conrad	Centerga	MILLIAM	S
56	Jill Kiser	Centerga	Waukegan	S
57	Chris Sturge	Centerga	Mundee	S
58	Margaret Blalock	Centerga	Mundee	S
59	Shandy Anderson	Centerga	EXRIVERGATE	S
60	DONNA KISSANE	CENTERGA	HUNTLEY	S

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16	Brad Boelkens	Centega Healthbridge Fitness Center	Huntley	S
17	Keith Abraham	Centega	Strawwood	S
18	Becky Books	Centega Health System	Melkny	S
19	Joan Perrydot	Centega Health Sy	Crystal Lake	S
20	David Conway	Hammesl Conway	Brookfield	S
21	Caitlin Wember	Centega Health System	Crystal Lake	S
22	Melissa Holbrook	Centega Health System	Huntley	S
23	Gary Kumar	Centega Healthbridge	Huntley	S
24	Idris Heinrich	Centega Health System	Huntley	S
25	Leanne Watkins	Centega Health Syk	Crystal Lake	S
26	Robyn Stoen	Centega Health System	South St, Woodstock	S
27	Jillia R. Comdow	Centega Health System	South St, Woodstock	S
28	Jennifer Baker-Cross	Centega Health System	Crystal Lake	S
29	Patricia Herbst	resident	Woodstock	S
30	Theresa Bahl	resident	Woodstock	S
31	KARA WILLIAMS	Centega Health System	Crystal Lake	S
32	Anne Wyszock	Centega Health System	Huntley	S
33	J. Miss L. Endler	CHS Foundation	Crystal Lake	S
34	Erin McGrany	Centega Health System Foundation	Crystal Lake	S
35	SPICE GOODMAN	Centega Health System	Crystal Lake	S
36	Bob Kan	Centega Health Bridges	Huntley	S
37	Sam ESSAK	Resident	Huntley, IL	S

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38	SEEST SULLIVAN	Aspen Law & Landscaping, Inc	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
39	DIANE LOGSDON	CENTEGA	WOODSTOCK	S
40	JOHN KISSANE	CENTEGA	HUNTER	S
41	MARY ROZP			
42	Sandy O'Rance	High/ITH Chamber	LITH	S
43	<del>BR</del> BRUSEN, DENISE	Centega	LITH	S
44	JACK FORER	CKTS	WOODSTOCK	S
45	NINA PERLIN	CENTEGA	MCHENRY	S
46	KATHY MOURNY	DELL/Centega	MCHENRY	S
47	Sarah L. P. J. J. J.	Centega	Mch Woodstock	S
48	LORI SULLIVAN	CENTEGA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
49	Bridget Prate	Centega	Algonquin	S
50	ASHLEY ALEXANDER	Centega	Gilberts	S
51	<del>Janet</del> JANET		HUNTER	S
52	DANETTE SANTANA	Centega	HUNTER	S
53	GUY BUSCH	MCHENRY COUNTY BUILDING TRDS	WOODSTOCK LAKE	S
54	PATRICK NOHL	IBEW 117	BURLINGTON	S
55	BRIAN MCSHERRY	Sheet METAL WORKERS L. U. 4805	ISLAND LAKE	S
56	Kate Palma	Resident	WOODSTOCK	S
57	CHRISTIE PERND	Centega	Crystal Lake	S
58	Bern Szeregski	Centega	Burlington	S
59	ROSE TOSCHKA	Centega	West	S
60	Michelle Green		Crystal Lake	S

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15	KISA GASIOR	CHBE	Huntley	S
16	Anne Marie Lymura	CHBE	Huntley	S
17	BELAS GRASSER	CHBE	Huntley	S
18	Debbie Ratliff	CPA	Huntley	S
19	Franka Cloutier	resident	Huntley	S
20	Maalaten	CHS	Cody Lake	S
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15	ANDREW J WIPPERFURTH	CENTERGRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	S
16	Kestie Behrens	Centergra	HUNTING	S
17	Kathleen Pundlo	Centergra	HUNTING	S
18	TODD FANCK	Centergra	Rayston Park	S
19	Gisela Vega	Centergra	Elgin	S
20	Bill Weidner	Centergra	Marengo	S
21	Rone Hawk	Centergra	Phinsburg	S
22	Lisa O'Neil	Centergra	Kokomo	S
23	David Ruppert	Centergra	Ball Valley	S
24	DAVID RUPPERT	Centergra	HUNTING	S
25	Dennis Lerman	Centergra	HUNTING	S
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PROJECT #10-090  
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Complex

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Huntley, Illinois  
Huntley

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✓ 1	Dee Fallon	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	BOTH
0 2	RITA SLANEK	Huntley Area Chamber of Com.	Huntley	Both
3	Michael Kunk	Huntley Police Dept.	Huntley	Both
✓ 4	Jim Sauer 22A	Huntley Fire Dept.	Huntley	Both
5	STEP LORENE, M.D.	CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM	CRYSTAL LAKE	B
6	ERIC RUTH	ADVANCE CNT. CENTEGRA	HUNTLEY	BOTH
✓ 7	DAVID KIRPINSKI	IT'S ALL ABOUT KIDS	DEERFIELD	BOTH
8	Tim Wiseman	VI SRA	CRYSTAL LAKE	BOTH
✓ 9	Laune Davon	GUTS on the Run. NUIR	Crystal Lake	Both
10	BARBARA JO THOMPSON	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	both
11	Shobhan White	Hospice & Palliative Care	WELLS	Both
✓ 12	Eileen K. Brutzke	President	LITH	Both
13	LORI KIRKIVE	Centegra Health System	McHenry	Both
14	Robert Resenbarger	Centegra Health System	Crystal Lake	Both

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38		WVD	Crystal Lake	B
39	<del>John</del> 	CHRC	Huntley	B
40	Judy Andronowicz	Centegra Health System	McHenry	B
41	Trisha Musick	Centegra Health System	McHenry	B
42	Jason Swabe	Centegra Health System	Woodstock	B
43	Mary Lou Krall	Sherman Hosp.	Huntley	B
44	Becky Kumpke	Self + Runtime Centgra	ALGQUIN	B
45	Barb Read on behalf of <del>Christ</del> <sup>Christ</sup> Rogers	Algonquin EPP	Algonquin	B
46	Tom McTavish - <del>Greg</del> <sup>Greg</sup> Bank	McHenry Co. BID Tadscon	Crystal Lake	B
47	Jack Porter	Resident	Woodstock	B
48	Paul Rudolph	Centegra	Huntley	B
49	Shela Sene	Centegra	Algonquin	B
50	Paoline Wimmer	Centegra		
51	Gerald D. Sogone	McHenry Administrator	Lake in the Hills	Written
52	Bob Blauer	Centegra/Consumers	Crystal Lake	B
53	John Peckham - statement read by →	Klumpke		
54	Nedwin Lakey	Usher		B
55	Major John Pile	The McHenry Salvation Army		B
56	Chip Brubaker	Bible Study Area Council		B
57	Murray Piekos	Leadership Greater McHenry City	Woodstock	B
58	Aracel Shepley	Centegra		B
59	Dr. Ted Loveland	Centegra		B
60	Kenneth Kory	Centegra	Huntley	B

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✓ 1	Mike Esley			
✓ 2	ERRY SAGNA	Village of Lake Park	Crest	B
✓ 3	Tom Lumpata	Mchenry County EDC	Mchenry	B
✓ 4	Chuck Soss			
✓ 5	Susan Milford			
✓ 6	Chris Newkirk			
✓ 7	Marie Emck 2nd			
✓ 8	<del>Don Fester</del> Harry Leopold			
✓ 9	Suzanne Hoban			
✓ 10	Hadley Strong			
✓ 11	<del>Rita Stewart</del> Rita Stewart			
✓ 12	Chuck Ruffa (via-surrental)	Bd of Director Centega		
✓ 13	Eileen Breitke			
✓ 14	Tina Hill	Wdowski - read statement		
	Dr. Marietta Abraham			

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✓ 15	Sunday Osance	Algonquin Chamber of Comm	Lake in the Hills	Born
✓ 16	Dr. Spiridon Gerolimitos	Centegra (lindsey radiologist)	McHenry	Born
✓ 17	Mary Ann Welth	Jane Ann Farmer - Turney Pt.	Wood Dale	Born
✓ 18	Priscilla Shelton	North W. Special Recreation Assoc	Crystal Lake	with <del>me</del>
✓ 19	Becky Lampe		Algonquin	B
✓ 20	Tom Hallett	Centra	McHenry	B
✓ 21	Lindsey Moore		McHenry	B
✓ 22	Angel Mc Aubrey	Centegra 3rd Member		B
✓ 23	Robert Rosenberger	Centegra		
✓ 24	Barbara Johnson	VP Hk - Centegra		
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38 Brian Thompson - Not present

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✓44 Jason Sciarro

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48 Terry Egan

✓49 ~~Dr. Ted Lorenz~~

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67 Chad Alexander  
68 Kathy Kozak  
69 Dee Tallon  
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- 71 Trisha Musich
- 72 Bonnie Saban
- 73 Connie Secore
- 74 Dan Byars
- 75 Mike Fleck
- 76 David skinherr
- 77 Dr. ~~Amir~~ Amir Heydari
- 78 Dr. Fernando Lamounier
- 79 Ed Grogg
- 80 Floyd Evans

- 80 Gail Rudolph
- 81 Dr. William Cox
- 82 Gina Heiny
- 83 Dr. A. Narang
- 84 Dr. Robert Nixon
- 85 Gretchen McCracken
- 86 Hector Flores
- 87 John Heinrich
- 88 Judi Jefko
- 89 Russell Dinsmore
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- 92 Lynn Griesmaier
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✓ 1	Rick Floyd	Shuman Hospital	Elgin	B
✓ 2	Karen Lambert	Good Shepherd	Elgin	B
✓ 3	Ed Goldberg	St. Alexius	Hoffman Est.	B
✓ 4	Dan Colby	Mercy Health		B
✓ 5	Terry Durbin	Shelman	Elgin	B
✓ 6	Bill McLeod	Hoffman Estates		B
✓ 7	Rich Grubner	Melby		B
✓ 8	Dr. Puffer	Advocate H.C.		B
✓ 9	Rep. Fred Creapo - read by	by Matt Wakeley		B
✓ 10	Dr. Nathan Katersch	Mercy Hospital		B
✓ 11	Tom Nitz	Shuman	Elgin	B
✓ 12	Babette Sherfield	Woodstock resident	Elgin	B
✓ 13	Chubrey Reed	Shuman Health		B
✓ 14	Marcy Traxler	Alexian Bros.	Elk Grove	B
✓	Dr. Nathan Katersch	Mercy		B

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✓ 1	Gene Dawson	Barrington Township	Barrin	(B) (W)
✓ 2	ED Schoch, Mayor	City of Elgin		(B) (W)
✓ 3	Kelley Clancy	Alexian Brothers		(B)
✓ 4	Dr. John Lee	Advocate Doctor		(B)
✓ 5	Eric Krueger	Sherman		(B)
✓ 6	Dr. Matt Stilson	ER Doctor		(B)
✓ 7	Dr. Sol Secemsky *	Cardiologist		(B)
✓ 8	Dan Isachsen	Alexian Brothers		(B) (W)
✓ 9	Dr. Louis Fox	Advocate		(B) (W)
✓ 10	Beth Tze	Alexian Bros.		(B) (W)
✓ 11	Katie Bata	Sherman		(B)
✓ 12	Scott Fowler	Advocate		(B)
✓ 13	Ellen Beier	Crystal Lake Resident		(B)
✓ 14	<del>David Beier</del>			

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✓ 15	Clay Cihra	Alexian Bros		B
16	Robert Nunamaker, Pres.	Fox River Grove (read by Jackie Borepple)		B
✓ 17	Dr. Andy Ward	<del>St. Alex's</del> Algonquin R. Surgery		B
✓ 18	Scott Rowley	St. Alex's		B
✓ 19	Nancy DeLukave	Crystal Lake resident		B
✓ 20	<del>Steve</del> Dr. Giagrasso	Advocate - Good Shepherd (prop)		B
21	Steve Valentine	The Camden Group		B
22	Linda Gump	St. Alex's		B
23	Dr. Hoeltgen (Emily Wyler)	Advocate		B
✓ 24	Mary Martini	Sherman		B
✓ 25	Mahilyn Parezan	Advocate		B
✓ 26	Keith Golden	Sherman		B
27	Patrick Flanigan	Mercy doctor		B
28	Robbin Anfelt	Alexiah Bros		B
29	Jenny Elrod	Cary resident		B
30	Jullie Mayer	Crystal Lake		B
✓ 31	Claudia Larsen	Sherman		B
32	Chris Lipkrent	Mercy		B
✓ 33	Mike Ploszek	Advocate		B
34	Cheryl Vanderlaan	Sherman	Advocate	B
✓ 35	Dr. Pesavento	read by Kelly Stallbaum		B
✓ 36	Chris Huecksteadt	Metro Study		B
37	Dr. Palmer	Advocate		B

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③ Steve Valentine

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⑤ Chris Huecksteadt

⑥ Claudia Larson

⑦ Mike Ploszek

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# Community List

(People we are familiar with)  
(But who signed in as opponents)

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1. Jennifer Whitwell  
Citizen oppositor

2. Laura Dickman  
Citizen oppositor

3. Val Johns  
oppositor director @ New  
Citizen Woodstock

4. Mary Lou Kroll  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Daniel Hoeltgen  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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My name is Daniel Hoeltgen, and I'm a surgeon on staff at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. I would like to take this time to express my opposition to the construction of the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

One of my concerns with the proposed Centegra hospital is that it is not needed. The intended market area for the proposed Centegra facility is already well-served by a number of regional medical centers, including Good Shepherd. Given the proximity of the hospitals in northern Kane County - including the location of Good Shepherd just a mile from the McHenry County line - residents are already surrounded by convenient as well as excellent health care choices.

The Centegra facility would hurt hospitals like Good Shepherd that provide a comprehensive level of care. Centegra's proposed basic hospital would offer a limited amount of care.

I specialize in providing laparoscopic surgery as well as robotic-assisted surgery. These tools help us to provide the best patient outcomes with the least pain and shortest hospital stays.

For example, robotic-assisted surgery requires a high degree of specialization. It is not a skill that can be learned and then set on the shelf.

Medical research supports the theory that surgeons and facilities that perform the highest numbers of the same types of surgeries have the best success rates. It comes down to the adage of "practice makes perfect."

A hospital the size of the one proposed by Centegra would be unable to match the frequency of advanced surgeries that are already available in the area adjacent to Centegra's proposed McHenry County site.

In addition, one of my specialties at Good Shepherd is gastric bypass surgery. Currently I'm one of the few doctors in the state who performs totally robotic laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery for patients who require this type of bariatric procedure. This is a surgery that patients receive with a great amount of counseling and other support services, and so this type of surgery can best be provided in a high-volume setting. Advocate Good Shepherd is equipped to offer bariatric patients all the services they need, including a support group led by a registered nurse and nutritionist.

In closing, I'd like to reiterate that the proposed Centegra hospital represents a needless duplication of services and should be rejected.

Thank you.



Daniel T. Hoeltgen, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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**TOM ZANCK'S**  
**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CENTEGRA**  
**PROJECT NO. 10-090**

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you regarding Centegra Hospital's Huntley project identified as Project No. 10-090.

Except for college and the military, I have lived in the McHenry County area since 1951. I resided in Lake in the Hills for many years and thereafter in the Woodstock area.

Unfortunately, on numerous occasions, my wife and family have had the need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to take care of our needs.

Centegra was instrumental in saving my wife's life by having an emergency room doctor promptly diagnosis toxic shock syndrome and, years later, she has been successfully treated for cancer challenges.

Centegra promptly diagnosed my heart attack and provided that immediate care I needed to allow me to continue to live a full and fruitful life.

There is a culture of quality caring with a sensitivity to the patient and the patient's families' needs and desires which radiates from Centegra's caregivers.

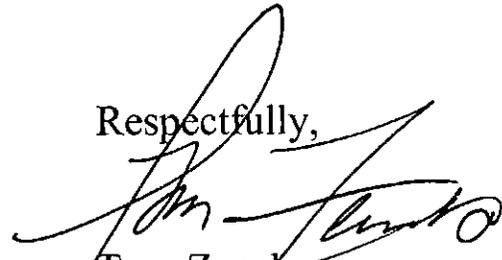
As a former Lake in the Hills resident, I am encouraged that a local not-for-profit entity is willing to invest millions of dollars in a hospital which is so sorely needed for the residents of Lake in the Hills, western Algonquin, as well as all of the Huntley area. Obviously, the people from the south side of Crystal Lake and all of Lakewood would benefit from this project as well.

It is my belief that Centegra's strategic choice of this Huntley site is an important step in providing quality health care for all the citizens of McHenry County and it should strengthen Centegra Health System as a whole.

I urge you to approve this application.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this application, I can always be reached at my office at 40 Brink Street in Crystal Lake, Illinois, by phone at 815-459-8800.

Respectfully,



Tom Zanck

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**Dr. Shawn Palmer**  
Centegra-Huntley Testimony  
2/16/2011

My name is Dr. Shawn Palmer. I'm a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, fellowship-trained in reconstructive joint surgery at the University of Chicago. I'm also a partner at Midwest Bone & Joint Institute, with offices in Algonquin, Barrington and Elgin. I practice at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Sherman Hospital and Provena-St Joe. In addition to caring for my patients, I am a consultant to the biomedical industry, an invited lecturer and published author on topics important to the healthcare industry.

I oppose this project, because the communities that the applicant, Centegra, proposes it will serve, already have access to hospital care, and the project can only have an adverse impact on the area hospitals currently caring for these residents. This is to say nothing of the additional costs that will be realized by the local healthcare system, and in turn by the patients it intends to serve.

On the surface, area residents may understandably view a new hospital as a good thing, something that offers further convenience. They should however, understand the realities of the proposal and of healthcare today. Will this proposed hospital offer new or exclusive services that aren't available within a short drive already? No. Will this proposal help reduce the cost of healthcare? Certainly not, in fact it will do just the opposite. And, if a Sun City resident experiences a heart attack, will this new hospital be able to treat them? Unlikely, given that without a catheter lab to intervene, precious time may be wasted having to transfer the patient from the new hospital's ER to another existing area hospital that offers cardiovascular services.

I may disagree with the current state of healthcare reform, but one issue is undeniable. We must manage down the costs of healthcare through innovation, patient safety and improving our quality of care. Spending a quarter-billion dollars on an inpatient bricks-and-mortar project alone represents "old thinking" and lacks the vision necessary to contribute to cost control.

The dilution of volume that this proposal represents for the region will also weaken the financial stability of hospitals like Sherman and St. Joseph's, whose construction and expansions were previously approved by the board using volume and revenue assumptions based on serving these very communities.

Lastly, as a surgeon, I'm acutely aware of the importance that patient volume plays in delivering quality outcomes. Studies bear out that an operating room team needs adequate patient care experience to maintain quality. The proliferation of hospitals in the area will reduce volumes at others, which may in turn negatively affect patient safety and quality. That negative impact would further add cost to our healthcare system.

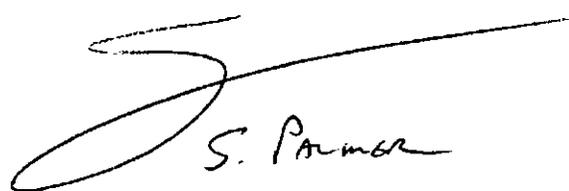
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It's my understanding that the purpose of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board is to limit health care expenditures on unnecessary duplication of resources. This proposal is the poster child for the Board to meet that mission. Considering the proximity of nearby hospitals to Huntley and the potential jeopardy that a new hospital will cause them, I urge the Board to deny this application.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Therese Preusker, McHenry County resident  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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My name is Therese Preusker, and I am a resident of McHenry County. I'm here today because I'm against the proposed Centegra hospital. It's an unnecessary addition to the community, and would have negative effects on nearby hospitals.

Unlike many other parts of the state, McHenry County and the surrounding areas are lucky to have several hospitals that are close and offer comprehensive care to residents. There simply isn't a need for an additional hospital, especially one that does not offer the same range of health services as the existing facilities.

As we discuss this issue today, I cannot help but be reminded of the saying: "Don't fix what isn't broken." The fact of the matter is the area's health system is not broken. For example, Sherman Health recently built a new, state-of-the-art hospital in Elgin, and Provena St. Joseph has poured millions of dollars into improvements for its hospital. Then, there's Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital that's just a short distance away from Centegra's proposed Huntley location.

Taking away from the quality health care services these hospitals already provide would be a detriment to our community. Why weaken a system that already provides for the area and serves it well? It would be a shame to let superior health care go to waste because Centegra chose to build a hospital without worrying about whether it's really needed.

I can't believe that the area is going to grow nearly as much as Centegra says it is. As I drive around, I often see incomplete subdivisions that are mostly abandoned. And, I know we've had a lot of foreclosures around here.

A new hospital would simply be a misuse of time and funds. I ask that you please reject Centegra's proposal.

I appreciate your consideration. Thank you.



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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Dear Ms. Avery:

Good day, my name is Jean Marie Saidler. I live and work in McHenry County and have been an active participant in many community organizations throughout the years.

I am here today as a small business owner, and resident, to express my concern over the building of yet another Centegra hospital - it's third - in McHenry County. I strongly believe this represents unnecessary and costly duplication of services in our area and further burdens our critically overextended state budget.

Today, residents throughout our area certainly have immediate access to an exceptional inventory of outstanding health care. In addition to the two Centegra hospitals already well established in our area, southeast McHenry and northern Kane county residents are able to choose from the brand new Sherman Health Medical Center just 20 from here, not to mention Provena St. Joseph, St. Alexius and Good Shepherd Hospitals all located within 30 minutes of the proposed Centegra Huntley Hospital. In addition, the new hospital proposed by Centegra would not bring any services to the area that are not already available at the facilities I previously mentioned.

Months ago, Centegra launched a very well orchestrated media campaign package that focused on its commitment to various organizations and its need for space. This campaign came neatly wrapped with an attractive bow that focused on the short term job impact due to construction. However, that package did not include one word of information as to how Centegra Health system will manage its hospitals' destiny in this new post-healthcare-reform world. Nor, did they mention how they will manage the cost/value equation, reduce defects in care that increase costs, and create accountability for physicians' patient care decisions.

*THIS* is the future of our healthcare and *THESE* are the elements that will be critical for success for any healthcare system.

I urge you to be thoughtful, strategic, and realistic about our current situation and deny this proposal for yet another new hospital in McHenry County.

Sincerely,

Jean Marie Saidler  
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**Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

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**In support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project # 10-090**

Name: Spiridon Gerolimatos, MD  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Medical Director, Medical Imaging

Testimonial: My name is Dr. Spiridon Gerolimatos and I am an independent radiologist and the medical director for Medical Imaging at Centegra Health System. I proudly offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Centegra Health System is currently the leader in providing state-of-the-art medical imaging equipment and services to the people of northern Illinois. As we planned five years ago to extend Centegra's high quality services to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, we invested in several equipment acquisitions, including a 128-slice CT scanner. This financial commitment ensured people of our region would have access to the best-available technology near their homes. We also installed a 3.0 Tesla MRI in Huntley to round out our complete continuum of medical imaging. Now, as we look to the future, Centegra Health System needs to fulfill a promise it made to the people of the region to continue to provide improved healthcare access for all medical services. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will provide our patients the outstanding services and quality they deserve near their homes.

One of the main reasons I support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley is because I know that Centegra will remain committed to delivering the newest technology to the people of our region. A beautiful new facility will be constructed; however Centegra understands the importance of putting the newest resources into the hands of the skilled physicians and Associates who deliver care to patients. That commitment to excellence is essential to the provision of high-quality healthcare, and Centegra embodies this dedication.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve project 10-090. Thank you.

**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: John Heinrich  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Director, Medical Imaging

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Testimonial: It is a great honor for me to be able to share my thoughts with you today at this hearing. I am proud to be part of a team of healthcare professionals that is an Illinois leader in the provision of Medical Imaging services. Centegra Health System offers comprehensive Medical Imaging services to the members of our growing community. At Centegra's Health Campus in Huntley, we currently provide state-of-the-art technology in both our 128-slice CT scanner and our 3.0 Tesla MRI. Our goal as a system is to provide the highest level of care to our patients and in doing so, to remain a leader in healthcare in our region. To accomplish the level of care we strive to provide, we as a system must invest in the tools necessary that will help our physicians and Associates succeed.

In greater McHenry County, only one healthcare system has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to bringing the best technology to the community -- Centegra Health System. The technology that we offer in our 128-slice CT is an excellent example. Another healthcare system that seeks to expand into our region currently offers CT technology with the use of a 16-slice scanner at its nearest location. Our awesome technology allows for reduced radiation exposure dosage, enhanced image quality, and offers improved speed, which equates to shorter scan times. As Centegra develops new services to meet and exceed the needs and expectations of the people of southern McHenry and northern Kane Counties, we will deliver on our promise to provide leading healthcare services to our community members. When Centegra sets a goal, we aim high while always keeping the patient at the forefront by keeping them "the main thing" and our top priority. The new Huntley hospital will help us to better accommodate our growing community by providing an array of medical imaging services including X-Ray, Nuclear Medicine, Mammography, Bone Density and Ultrasound. I hope that you agree with me and will support our effort to bring the new Huntley hospital to life. Thank you.

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**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Leslie Phillips  
Address: 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102  
  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

**Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.

Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital



**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

Laura Dickman

On behalf of Mercy Health Systems.  
Centegra is the wrong project in the wrong location. The need for competition in McHenry County for health care services is now - please do not allow this monopoly. Having the privilege of having worked for both health systems I know the need for another hospital in McHenry County. The location proposed by Centegra is not where the greatest need exists. Having been an ER nurse @ Centegra McHenry I know the need for a new Hospital. We spent many nights on bypass due to lack of inpt. beds for hospital admissions thus clogging the ER and causing long ER wait times, to be seen one of the largest EMS providers affected by Centegra McHenry being on bypass was Crystal Lake, so I know the direct need for a hospital in Crystal Lake. Please deny the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley as it is the wrong project in the wrong location.



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## **Claudia Larsen, Executive Director of Sherman Health off-site locations PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**

As the executive director of Sherman Health's off-site locations, I am very familiar with the health care services available in this area by Sherman as well as by other area providers. Today you are hearing a lot about the six hospitals that serve this region and the high level of inpatient care that is available to residents of Huntley and other nearby area. What you haven't heard much about is that those hospitals also offer a network of urgent care centers and other outpatient facilities that meet residents' outpatient health care needs.

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While many of the smaller communities like Huntley don't warrant an inpatient facility, existing providers in the community, like Sherman, have ensured that a network of adequate outpatient services are available close to home for residents of the Fox Valley and nearby communities. There are four immediate care centers within eight minutes of the proposed hospital in Huntley and sites that provide routine, specialized and urgent physician care, imaging and other diagnostic and treatment services exist throughout all of the populated areas of McHenry County.

Additionally, there are eight immediate care centers within the proposed hospital's primary service area. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding area go to these immediate care centers for treatment of non-life threatening injuries and minor illnesses such as broken bones, cuts and burns, flu symptoms and ear aches. And, often an immediate care center can treat you faster than if you went to the ER. Additionally, other types of outpatient care offerings in McHenry County provide many other services beyond urgent care, such as sophisticated imaging services, other diagnostic testing, a variety of therapies, health screenings, women's health services including mammography, vascular screening and a whole host of other services.

The location for this hospital proposal is the site of a currently open immediate care center with medical imaging and lab services, as well as a HealthBridge fitness center. The hospital proposed will be a limited service hospital that provides routine care. When patients have major health concerns or need treatment for a life-threatening injury, they want to go to a hospital that can treat all of their needs from emergency care to heart surgery and cancer treatments to stroke rehabilitation. You can receive all of these specialty services plus routine health care at Sherman's new hospital, a mere 12 miles from Centegra's proposed site.

A patient wants to get the best care when their health and life are at stake. Traveling to Elgin to save one's life is hardly a compromise or a health threat, and here in metro Chicago, people are happy to have the host of options that the academic medical centers



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and other specialty institutions provide even if it means traveling an hour or more. McHenry County residents are in good hands with existing local hospitals and the resources in the region.

I am here today to oppose Centegra's proposal to build a limited service hospital in Huntley because I believe this area already has a strong network of inpatient facilities, immediate care and other outpatient facilities and doctor's offices.

Thank you for your time.

Parenzan, Marilyn

Director, Quality

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Good afternoon my name is Marilyn Parenzan and I am the Director of Quality at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. This project will dilute volumes among hospitals that will negatively impact patient quality and patient safety. There are numerous studies by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality and the Institute of Medicine demonstrating that hospitals with higher volumes of particular cases tend to have better outcomes than those hospitals with lower volumes. This proposed hospital will add nearly 50% more beds to McHenry County. As you know, our hospital is located less than one mile away from McHenry County. There's little doubt that adding another hospital with that many beds in the region will negatively impact the volumes of area hospitals and may impact quality of care. Clinical staff need adequate patient care experience to maintain competencies.

I'm sure that when Sherman forecasted their volumes for their new hospital, when St. Joseph forecasted their volumes for their new bed tower and when St. Alexius forecasted their volumes for their new children's hospital, they forecasted certain volumes not only for financial reasons but

also to ensure adequate staffing and training of staff. This proposed hospital would jeopardize those financial and staffing projections. It's important for McHenry County residents to feel like they have adequate access to health care resources, but it's more important that residents feel like they have access to quality health care resources. There is bed capacity at both Centegra hospitals and the Mercy hospital in Harvard. A more prudent approach would be to add beds to those facilities.

To summarize, one purpose for the Review Board looking at utilization and the appropriate allocation of resources is to ensure quality care. Approval of this project may jeopardize that care because it will significantly dilute volumes across a number of hospitals. I urge the Board to deny this proposal. Thank you.



# Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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Dear Board members and participants,

My name is Dr. Giangrasso and I am the Medical Director of Emergency Medicine at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less one mile from McHenry County. Due to another commitment I am not able to attend this hearing but wanted to make my views heard. There is already sufficient Emergency Department services in McHenry to well serve the current and future population and we do not need additional Emergency Departments in McHenry County. Building expensive new inpatient facilities with emergency departments is an expensive proposition. My department is proud to serve McHenry County patients every day, both through the hospital's emergency room and Good Shepherd's immediate care center in Crystal Lake.

Existing hospitals in the area have more than enough capacity to serve the emergency needs of McHenry County residents. Last year, Good Shepherd was able to serve additional emergency patients 99.9% of the time. This means that we were rarely on bypass and for only 5 hours all

year had to direct ambulances to other hospitals due to capacity constraints in the emergency department. Three hospitals serving the area were not on bypass at all during 2010, including Centegra-McHenry, Alexian Brothers and Northwest Community. Three other hospitals (Centegra-Woodstock, St. Alexius and Sherman) averaged only 10 hours on bypass for the entire year. Existing hospitals, such as Good Shepherd and Centegra, also provide urgent care at their five immediate care centers and various ambulatory centers located throughout McHenry County. Over 85% of the patients seen in our Crystal Lake immediate care by board-certified emergency medicine physicians are McHenry residents. They have chosen to receive their care in our immediate care setting rather than seeking care in one of the three emergency departments. This is not because the existing hospital emergency departments are at capacity, but, rather, they recognize that they can receive this care in a non-hospital based setting.

I'm also concerned at the limited number of services that will be provided at the proposed hospital and how that will impact patient care. Patients experiencing life-threatening symptoms such as a heart attack or stroke will have to be stabilized at the proposed hospital and then be transferred to a full-service hospital that can service these patients. Patients would be

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better served bypassing this hospital and going straight to a facility that can handle all their needs, without having to transfer them.

In summary, I urge the Board to reject this application as it will be an expensive duplication of services that are not needed. My department and I look forward to continuing to serve the acute needs of McHenry County residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Giangrosso MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "MD" written in a smaller, more legible font at the end.

Joe Giangrosso, MD

**Hearing for Huntley hospital  
Presented to the Health Facilities Board  
February 16, 2011  
Huntley, IL**

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*Nancy Delaware*

I am speaking today as a Crystal Lake resident for 40 years. I have watched repeated efforts to bring a hospital to the burgeoning community of Crystal Lake. We had an association of Crystal Lake, Woodstock, and McHenry. Then McHenry left the group to build a new facility in McHenry. Then Woodstock left to build a hospital in Woodstock. Then Sherman said they would build an emergency care center to provide services until a full hospital could be built. Crystal Lake disbanded their hospital association because now we would have a hospital. As you know, none of this effort resulted in a hospital for Crystal Lake.

I was very excited when I learned that Mercy was bringing a hospital to Crystal Lake. I joined the organization to be part of that effort. The Health facilities board and the city of Crystal Lake said yes, this was good for Crystal Lake. Political maneuvering took away the hospital that Crystal Lake so urgently needed.

So here we are today. The chance to bring a hospital to the heavily populated Crystal Lake/ Algonquin area is within our grasp. I shudder to think that we citizens of Crystal Lake could once again be denied these services.

I do not oppose Centegra/Huntley unless it precludes the opportunity for Crystal Lake to have a hospital after all these years.

Building a hospital in Huntley will not reduce wait times in McHenry emergency rooms. Spending hours in the ER waiting for admission will not change in McHenry with a facility in Huntley; having a facility in Barrington has not decreased wait times or increased bed availability in McHenry. Huntley may someday need a hospital, but Crystal Lake needs one now.

I am a nurse. I know the importance of minutes in an emergency situation. I have no emergency room less than 20 minutes away, and I live in the most populous city in McHenry County. I have used the immediate care facilities in town, and could not get a simple CBC done to determine the state of my illness in an urgent situation.

So, you see my frustration. I live in the most heavily populated area of the county with moderately good economics. Healthcare organizations want to be near me because I have insurance, and I pay my bills. But, no one wants to care for me in my town if I need emergency services or to be hospitalized.

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Don't let the Huntley of the future take away my chance for hospital beds and emergency services now when I need them in my community

I deserve better.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Delaware



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February 11, 2011

*Leo Kelly, MD*  
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Dear Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board,

I am a board certified internal medicine physician living in Algonquin. I apologize that I cannot speak in person due to patient commitments at the time of the hearing but I did want to express my opinion about this project. [If he lives in Algonquin, could she discuss the how the GSH Algonquin facility serves people in this area?] I oppose this project because I'm concerned about a dilution of volumes among hospitals will negatively impact patient quality and patient safety. The main point I want to make today is that a proliferation of new hospitals in a geographic area already well served by existing hospitals puts patient care and patient safety at risk.

There are numerous studies by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality and the Institute of Medicine demonstrating that hospitals with higher volumes of particular cases tend to have better outcomes than those hospitals with lower volumes. This proposed hospital will add nearly 50% more inpatient beds to McHenry County. That's a big increase in the number of beds for one county. There's little doubt that adding another hospital with that many beds in the region will negatively impact the volumes of area hospitals and may impact quality of care. Clinical staff need adequate patient care experience to maintain competencies.

It's important for McHenry County residents to feel like they have adequate access to health care resources, but it's more important that residents feel like they have access to high quality, affordable health care resources. There is bed capacity at both Centegra hospitals and the Mercy hospital in Harvard. A more fiscally prudent approach would be to add beds to those facilities. Centegra has chosen not take this approach and is abandoning their Women's project in Woodstock.

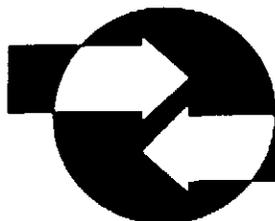
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To summarize, as I understand it, through the Certificate of Need process this Board not only helps to keep health care costs in check by controlling capital expenditures but also ensures that only high quality projects are approved. In my opinion, approval of this project will not add additional high quality health care services to my community and will jeopardize the quality of care being provided at existing hospitals, including the two McHenry County Centegra hospitals. On this basis I would request that the Board deny this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Leo Kelly, MD



## TURNING POINT

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February 8, 2011

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
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Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project No. 10-090. Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. Hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides.

Centegra Health System has long been a valued partner for Turning Point through our collaboration with the McHenry County Crisis Line, and their team that serves victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Centegra Health System contacts Turning Point when victims of domestic violence come through emergency rooms or are receiving hospital services. We depend upon the staff of Centegra Health System as they help us to fulfill our mission to **confront violence against women and children in McHenry County.**

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Jane Ann Farmer  
Executive Director



# Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
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**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. Based on this, I believe there is a need for a full-service hospital in this area.

The Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District provides not only traditional fire and rescue services to our District, but also paramedic ambulance service including transport to the nearest hospital. A new hospital facility constructed at the proposed site would significantly improve the transport time for many critically ill or injured patients from our District. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I support and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Rynders, Fire Chief  
1020 West Algonquin Road  
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Ilene Steiner Testimony 2/16/2011

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My name is Ilene Steiner. I recently became a ~~planning manager for Good Shepherd, returning to Illinois after many years out of state.~~ In my twenty-three years as a health planner with national consulting firms and multi-state health care organizations, I have conducted many health care demand forecasts, feasibility studies, and impact analyses, including forecasts published in formal documents used for bond offerings to finance major hospital construction projects. I also have a master's degree in health planning from Johns Hopkins University.

I am concerned about the adverse impact that a new hospital will have on the nearby hospitals, including Good Shepherd. For this reason, I oppose this project. The application does not address the impact of the Huntley hospital on Good Shepherd, located less than a mile from McHenry County. I would like to offer my assessment of the impact of a Huntley hospital on GSH.

The population in the Centegra-Huntley market is indeed growing and aging, increasing the demand for health services. However, there is not nearly enough growth to support the appropriate occupancy level for a new 128 bed hospital without also taking volume from existing hospitals and adversely affecting performance, quality, and financial stability at existing hospitals. The proposed 128 additional beds will increase the acute bed count in McHenry by almost 50% over just a few years. This huge increase in supply will far outweigh the increased demand, resulting in low occupancy rates, underutilized resources, diminished quality, and increased risk to patient safety.

Located just a mile from GSH, McHenry County is a major source of patients for GSH, providing almost half of the GSH patients. The Centegra-Huntley service area significantly overlaps with the GSH primary service area. More than half of GSH patients reside in the Centegra-Huntley service area. GSH will be adversely affected by a 128 bed hospital located in Huntley in the next few years.

The applicant makes much of the issue that McHenry County residents leave the county for hospital services – as if this is a problem that needs a remedy. Outmigration is not due to lack of facilities or lack of available capacity within the McHenry County facilities. The fact that many McHenry residents choose to drive one mile across the county line to our hospital hardly seems to be a health care crisis requiring a \$200 million solution.

As indicated in the application, the hospital will not open for another five years. If there is such a great need for another hospital, why would the applicant delay the project? It doesn't take 5 years to build this hospital. Most applicants proceed from CON approval to occupancy in a much shorter time frame. Perhaps the applicant should defer until there is adequate demand and funding, and the project can move forward in an expeditious manner. The Board should not allow such a long period.

Even more troubling is that another CON application to serve a similar market has been submitted by Mercy-Crystal Lake. Should both the Crystal Lake and the Huntley applications be approved, the validity of the forecast volume of each will become invalid and the stability of the existing hospitals will be in serious jeopardy.

Dr. McHenry testimonial

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Sample: Feb 1/2010

Last April I was delighted to share Centegra's vision for increasing access to healthcare for the Southern McHenry County and Northern Kane County areas when Centegra Health System purchased Key Medical Group of which I was a member. Key Medical Group was a successful internal medical practice that was well respected in the community. Together, Centegra Primary Care and Key Medical Group have moved to the next level of patient satisfaction and quality healthcare. That integration demonstrates Centegra's continued commitment to providing access to the full continuum of care from wellness to comprehensive medical care to the residents of our community. Joining Centegra allowed us to join a health system committed to meeting the needs of the residents of greater McHenry County. Centegra provides services in multiple, convenient locations, including hospitals, Immediate and Primary Care Centers, Health Bridge Fitness Centers and more. Our patients are at the forefront of every decision. We believe our association with Centegra has allowed us to provide better continuity of care and enhanced access to local state-of-the-art services, including those at the Huntley Campus, such as digital mammography, 128-slice CT scanning and higher resolution MRI. Together, Centegra and Key Medical Group have moved to the next level of patient satisfaction and quality healthcare. This integration also has allowed us additional access to capital, technology, physician and provider talent. We truly believe that our partnership with Centegra has enhanced what we can provide for our employees as well as our patients. I fully support Centegra's plan to expand its Huntley Health Campus.

in our community



**Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Katie Bata, <sup>VP</sup> Director of Human Resources, Sherman Hospital**

I'm Katie Bata and I'm the Sherman Hospital VP of HR. This proposal will harm Sherman Hospital's efforts to recruit and retain qualified clinical staff as well as exacerbate systemic nurse staffing shortage problems. This means higher health care costs and lower quality of care. Furthermore, since hospital bed utilization is not increasing in the region, a new hospital will create few new nursing jobs. Based on a duplication of services, there will be some redistribution of the health care workforce, however, which will result in increased staffing costs, creating less efficient care delivery.

A qualified nursing staff is critical to the success of any hospital, and Sherman is no exception. We are investing in our nursing staff in many ways including through our commitment to obtain magnet status. Magnet hospitals are recognized for the strength and quality of their nursing staff, for their high level of nurse job satisfaction, a low staff nurse turnover rate and appropriate grievance resolution mechanisms. Since moving to our new location, we have reduced our staffing vacancy rates by hiring qualified clinical staff. We are proud of the excellent care our nurses provide. They are integral members of our patient care delivery team, providing crucial information and feedback. To maintain this level of excellence we need to recruit and retain qualified nurses

A Huntley hospital will threaten many of our patient care staff recruiting accomplishments that we have achieved over the years and will hamper our ability to recruit and retain qualified nursing and patient care staff going forward. As I am sure everyone is aware, the overall industry is battling a nursing shortage with estimates of over 100,000 open nursing positions nationwide. Nurse staffing demand is nationally 6% higher than the available supply. In 2008, combined nursing home and hospital vacancies as reported by the national associations relayed an even larger shortage of over

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8 percent. The State of Illinois has identified an annual shortage of almost 2,000 RNs from 2006 to 2016. Also, based on the aging workforce and the need for more advanced RN training with expanded roles, a large and prolonged shortage of nurses is expected for years to come.

Establishment of a new hospital will increase competition for the limited number of qualified nurses and patient care staff, jeopardizing the ability of existing hospitals to maintain qualified nursing staff. Inadequately staffed facilities must resort to nurse staffing agencies, which are costly, impede continuity of care, and increase the risk of avoidable adverse events. As a result, quality of care declines while the cost of care increases.

The CON Board should deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Matt Stilson, Emergency Department Director  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Dr. Matt Stilson, and I am board-certified emergency physician. I serve as the Emergency Department Director at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. In that role, I oversee the Emergency Department at the hospital, as well as Sherman's Immediate Care Centers in Algonquin, Elgin and South Elgin.

Sherman Hospital's new, state-of-the-art Emergency Department serves more than 49,000 people each year. We have physicians specially trained in emergency medicine as well as certified trauma nurse specialists. We are also certified as an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics.

I was surprised when I heard that the State Board was considering an application for a new hospital in Huntley. Given Sherman's regional capabilities, excellent access from nearby communities and capacity for the future, I do not see a need for additional facilities.

Ambulances serving people who live in Huntley and the surrounding areas bring the vast majority of their patients to Sherman, because we are so close, and because we have a large, capable, and brand-new Emergency Department. With our location near the border of Kane and McHenry Counties, we are perfectly positioned to serve McHenry County residents.

Additionally, the most important factor for people in life-threatening situations is not how close their home is to a hospital, but how long it takes EMS and paramedics to reach them and stabilize them. And, Huntley is less than 14 minutes away from Sherman, a very reasonable transport time for patients needing emergency services.

Sherman works very closely with the EMS community. We have served as the area resource hospital for the training of paramedics for more than 25 years. Our new Emergency Department was designed with a dedicated entrance for ambulances, and because of our 24-hour communication network with paramedics and emergency transports, we always begin treating emergency patients before they even arrive at the hospital.



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Sherman is a major trauma and cardiac center so we also have the technology and the medical expertise to act quickly and effectively 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our surgery and cardiac catheterization suites are located immediately adjacent to the Emergency Department for quick transfers. And, unlike smaller, more limited community hospitals, we have the diagnostic treatment capabilities of a leading regional medical center.

Sherman's heart and vascular center, for example, is among the best in the region. The department features nearly 50 cardiac specialty physicians, and as a whole has performed more than 12,000 open-heart surgeries over the past 35 years. Additionally, Sherman Hospital is a STEMI (Heart Attack) receiving hospital, meaning that all heart attack patients in the Huntley area have to be transported to Sherman for definitive management (opening the coronary arteries in the catheterization lab). This would not change with the newly proposed hospital as the new proposal does not include a catheterization lab for these services. These patients would have to bypass the proposed hospital to be taken to Sherman for management.

Sherman is also certified as a Primary Stroke Center, and offers a state-of-the-art, comprehensive cancer care center and a new center for advanced liver and pancreatic care.

Given Sherman's size, capabilities and level of care, I think building additional hospitals in the area is an unnecessary expenditure of money, and would only detract from – rather than enhance – medical service for our region's residents.

Thank you.

*Matthew R. Stibson MD*

Lee, John

Physician practicing in the area

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Good morning/afternoon. My name is Dr. John Lee and I am a board-certified anesthesiologist practicing at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less than one mile away from McHenry County. I disagree with the premise of this project that additional beds are needed in McHenry County. Constructing a 128 bed hospital in McHenry County will increase the number of beds in a relatively small county at a tremendous cost. It would also mean that Centegra would own three of the four hospitals in McHenry County. I can't think of any other place in Illinois where one system has three hospitals in one county that make up over 90% of the beds.

I'm also concerned whether Centegra could adequately staff this new hospital with the appropriate number of physicians. A 2010 study by RAND Corporation, a leading health care research firm, found a current shortage of 3,800 anesthesiologists in the United States and projects a possible shortage of 12,500 anesthesiologists by 2020. This shortage in anesthesia professionals is just as important as the shortage in primary care

physicians. Just because a health system builds a new hospital doesn't mean that they can effectively staff it on day one.

Also, I know that Sherman just built a replacement hospital in Elgin and that both St. Joe's in Elgin and St. Alexius have had big construction projects on their existing campuses. All of these projects were approved by the Board. The Centegra hospital project threatens not only to harm where I practice, Good Shepherd, but also will undo the hundreds of millions of dollars put into these hospitals. Instead of creating greater quality in health care facilities, approval of this hospital will undermine the Board's previous actions with respect to other area hospitals.

I am here today asking that the Board to not approve the Centegra application to significantly increase the number of beds in McHenry County when it is not needed. Thank you.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Andrew Ward  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. I'm Dr. Andrew Ward. I am chief of anesthesiology and director of the Algonquin Road Surgery Center in Lake in the Hills. I'm here today to urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject Centegra's certificate of need application for a hospital in Huntley. In fact, many of the arguments you will hear or have heard today in opposition to Centegra's proposal are the very same arguments Centegra used in 2004 and 2007 to oppose similar projects in the area. How times have changed.

The unnessesary duplication of operating rooms that Centegra proposes is my first objection to the Centegra proposal.

The Algonquin Road Surgery Center has provided surgery services since 2002 and is a joint venture between Centegra Health System, Sherman Health and surgeons who use the ASC as an extension of the medical practice.

Our facility is licensed for three operating rooms and one procedure room. After eight years of operation, we have never reached capacity and are still dramatically underutilized. In 2010 we served 2,644 patients. Each of the four rooms has capacity for about 1,800 cases per year, for a total of 7,200 cases. The result is that our operating rooms were only at one-third capacity.

The proposed Centegra hospital includes eight operating rooms. It strikes me as curious that this is considered a need, when our operation, of which Centegra is a partner, cannot sustain four suites. While we are the only multi-specialty surgery center in the area, the area hospitals also have similar capacity to do more surgical cases.

My second objection is to the wasted healthcare dollars. The significant capital outlays going towards the new facility should be invested in improving the quality and functionality of the existing campus. During this time of economic struggle, covering more lives through increased community outreach, improving efficiencies, and technology would seem a better use of these funds. This proposal does none of these things and severely impairs the ability of existing providers to work toward these goals.

Centegra's hospital would also continue to cost the community. No matter how many patients visit each facility, equipment must be maintained and upgraded. The buildings need to be kept up. Everyone needs to pay their large staff of nurses, other clinicians, maintenance and security personnel, managers and executives. Adding another facility like a hospital to an area that already has plenty of health care services will not improve health care delivery to patients.

I recently had the opportunity to visit with our congressmen and senators in Washington D.C. to discuss health care issues. It is largely agreed that superfluous and reckless spending is at odds with decreasing health care costs and bringing the Sustainable Growth Rate under control. Rising health care costs are threatening our nation's financial health. The politicians and the stake holders at the national level are in a political debate which focuses on a health care budget with sustainable growth but the truth is that federal government spending on health care is unsustainable. This CON Board cannot approve new hospitals that duplicate the capacity of our existing providers. It will put the bankruptcy of the Medicare trust fund on the fast track. We need a tighter, more efficient health care system to survive in this new financial reality.

We already have six hospitals in the region, which can serve our patients to 2018 and beyond. Medical advances like robotic surgery have and will continue to decrease length of stay and move more procedures to the out patient setting. By the time Centegra's hospital would open in 2018, demand for beds will be even lower because of these medical advancements and changes required by federal health care reform.

The lack of demand for operations at our top-notch facility is a strong illustration that we need to take a breath and be thoughtful about how we deliver quality care to patients. Duplicating resources does not promote better health care. It means higher costs for everyone.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject the CON permit application of Centergra Health System to build a hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ward, M.D.

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To: Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

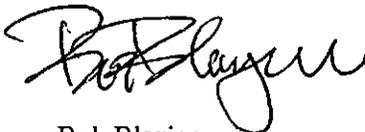
I am writing in support of The Proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley Illinois. My wife and I have lived in Crystal Lake since 1962. At that time both Huntley and Crystal Lake had dramatically smaller populations than they have in 2011.

As a retired superintendent of schools, and CEO of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, I have seen Centegra take responsibility for the County's Healthcare needs. Quality Healthcare close to home is important to me but I also appreciate Centegra's efforts to provide preventative care for all of us.

My wife and I have both been patients, in 2010 at Centegra Hospitals, we can attest to the quality of care that we received. We have also been active in the prevention and fitness programs offered by Centegra.

I feel that this endorsement represents thousand of citizens in my senior age group who will benefit from the construction of the Centegra Huntley facility. In addressing an audience last week I said "If you think Healthcare is expensive, it's even more expensive, if it's inconvenient." This project will solve that problem.

Best Regards,



Bob Blazier

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**Babzett Sherfield**

**895 Prairie Ridge Drive**

**Woodstock Ill. 60098**

**Testimony by Babz Sherfield**

**My name is Babz Sherfield. I am a resident of Woodstock in McHenry County.**

**I am here to oppose Centegra from building a new hospital in Huntley. Centegra already has a hospital in the cities of McHenry and one in Woodstock, where I reside.**

**In fact, Centegra had plans and made a commitment to the Woodstock community to build a women's pavilion for the Woodstock hospital. I was surprised to learn that Centegra just decided to abandon this \$50 million dollar Women's project, and is now going to spend that money and more on a new hospital in Huntley.**

**Why has Centegra decided to abandon this important project for Woodstock? This was a much needed project for our community. I know that Huntley is more affluent than Woodstock. Is this a good reason to abandon this much needed project.**

**I understand that Centegra demonstrated the need for the Women's Pavilion in a process similar to what Centegra is pursuing now at this hearing for a hospital in Huntley. I understand that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board agreed with the need for the \$50 million dollar Woodstock women's pavilion and awarded Centegra a Certificate of Need for the Women's Pavilion .**

**A lot of time, effort and money was used to plan for the Woodstock women's pavilion.**

**Well, my questions are : What happened to the need for the Women's Pavilion in Woodstock? Why should Centegra abandon its commitment to meet that established need for women's health services in Woodstock and be allowed to spend even more money to build a hospital in Huntley.**

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**Testimony in favor of project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Chris Newkirk, Board of Governors

I am excited to be here today to express my support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Like others you’ve heard from today, I too have a deep connection to McHenry County. I am a lifelong resident of the area, and I feel that I truly understand what it means to live and to serve here.

My deep understanding of McHenry County includes its healthcare history. My family played an integral role in creating the original McHenry Hospital. They, along with many of their friends and neighbors, saw the need for a hospital, and they worked to bring community members precisely the care they needed. While the year was different and most modern technologies were non-existent, I certainly see parallels between the situations. Both then and now, we see communities where residents lack healthcare close to home. It is imperative that we too succeed in bringing a hospital to those who need it.

I am also very familiar with Centegra Health System, as I am a former Chair of the Centegra Board. I still play an active role on that Board today. I can vouch for the utmost integrity of the health system and its commitment to the county. It is because I sincerely believe in the health system’s mission that I continue to be involved.

My family and I love McHenry County, and we try to give back to the community in every way we can. Right now, I view my support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley as one of the best ways that I can help this community. It is no secret that Huntley and the surrounding communities are underserved.

The application before you clearly meets the rules of the state for approval and will go a long way toward meeting the healthcare needs of this community for years to come. I ask the Board to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Thank you.

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- CANCER
- HEART

**Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital**

**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

## Support for Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project #10-090

My name is Ryan Nestruck and I support the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I believe that the proposed hospital in Huntley reinforces Centegra's commitment to serving the community and local businesses by having a full service healthcare campus that can meet any healthcare need of people living and working in this growing area of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. As an Associate of Centegra I have the privilege of leading our home health agency. Nearly 70% of our agency patients are over age 65 and on Medicare. Del Webb Sun City is just over four miles from the proposed hospital site, and has an estimated population of 8,000 residents. As Dell Webb grows, so does their new residents need for access to high quality healthcare services. The 2010 MedPAC Medicare study shows that the average Medicare beneficiary receives \$8,865 of care each year. The data goes on to show that Medicare beneficiaries access healthcare services at increasing rates as they age. Countless studies show that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, pneumonia (to name a few) frustrate suffers and increase utilization of healthcare services. Centegra Health System has been working diligently to link evidence based education and care pathways from the hospital bed to home in hopes of positively impacting the quality of life for those managing chronic illness.

Centegra Primary Care geriatrician Rex Nzeribe has shared with me that within 7 office visits his patients typically need either home health or are hospitalized. Most of them take more than 8 medications and visit multiple subspecialists for care. Dr. Nzeribe's holistic view of patients is seen in his comprehensive clinic. His clinic consists of dietitians, physical and occupational therapists, behavioral health specialists and nurses who listen to the patient's goals and assess how their expertise can help those goals be attained. This is just one example of what this community can count on Centegra Health System to provide with the approval of this project.

As a community member who moved here specifically because of Centegra's commitment to responsible use of resources, this project fulfills the vision I first learned four years ago. I am honored to represent and support Centegra Health System's commitment to bring excellent healthcare services to Huntley (and surrounding communities) with the building of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

**Robert Nixon**  
**Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley**  
**Project # 10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

William D. Cox, Jr., M.D.  
*Sportsmedicine and  
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*Sportmedicine and  
Arthroscopic Surgery*

Priyesh D. Patel, M.D.  
*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

My name is Robert Nixon and I am an orthopedic specialist with offices in both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I also serve as the Medical Staff President at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock. I am here today to offer my personal support and that of our medial staff for the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

I have been practicing medicine for nearly 25 years and have had the pleasure of being in a leadership role for 8 years. It is clear from my experiences that the vision, thoughtful assessment and planning that are required of a proposal of this magnitude, have been thoroughly undertaken by the Centegra leadership team. Clearly based on state data, Huntley is the right place for a new acute-care hospital and now is the right time.

My professional expertise focuses on orthopedic sports medicine. In fact, I serve as the team physician for area high schools and can typically be found at area sporting events throughout the county. Unfortunately, injury is a part of athletics. However incorporating proper health and training can help minimizing the risks.

For many of you parents in the room, a trip to the emergency room or immediate care center with a child is not an unfamiliar one. You also know that traveling long distances or facing traffic back-ups on area roads to sporting events, practices and tournaments is not unheard of either. But traveling long distances to receive medical care – in an emergency or not – is a situation none of us enjoy.

That is why the proposal for a new hospital in Huntley which will serve the communities of Huntley, Lake in the hills, Algonquin, Gilberts, Marengo and many others is a welcome plan. Not only will it bring medical care and treatment closure to home, it will meet the state's designated need to additional in-patient beds serving southern McHenry County.

Also important, particularly for medical providers, is the time it takes to begin treatment. Prompt care can even be a life saving issue for those with trauma or cardiac injuries and that is why the medical professionals that I work so closely with stand firmly behind the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

I urge the Board's approval.

**David Neumann, Carpentersville Chief of Police**  
**Support for Project #10-090**

My name is David Neumann and I am the Chief of Police for the Village of Carpentersville, a community of more than 38,000 people located in northern Kane County.

I strongly support a new hospital in Huntley because my commitment to preserving Carpentersville as a safe and healthy community depends on it. As a representative of our community's first responders, having immediate access to emergency medical care and a full-service hospital is critical to the job we are tasked with each and every day.

Public officials, in every community, have a responsibility to provide the services that are critical to a vibrant, safe and productive community. Health care, education and housing are all vital to ensuring our residents have access to a high quality of life. Health care, in particular, is integral to providing a landscape where businesses want to invest and where families want to call home.

I welcome a new hospital in Huntley. The 128 additional beds this would provide to our region and the full-service emergency department will give our first responders another emergency care option. Our community already faces a shortage of hospital beds, and an additional hospital in Huntley will help to meet this need in our growing area.

It is no secret that we anticipate further growth in the coming years, and I urge this board to help us prepare for that. More people will inevitably lead to a higher demand for medical attention. We must act now so we are prepared to continue serving and protecting our community.

Carpentersville falls within the proposed hospital's primary service area, and I look forward to the time when our residents are able to rely on the proximity of a Huntley hospital to access the best possible care.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

## **Centegra Hospital Support Speech for Project #10-090**

My name is Scott Padjen. I serve as the Pharmacy Director for Centegra Health System. I emphatically support Centegra's certificate of need to build a hospital in Huntley. I believe there is a clear need in this location to serve not only the growing demographics of southern McHenry County, but also the residents of Northern Kane County.

I am a 10-year Centegra associate. I believe this organization's dedicated caregivers are most qualified, best prepared and naturally suited to fulfill this need. It's what we have been doing in this community for generations. We are an integrated and proactive community partner, we are eager to answer the call...to expand our offerings of healing, nurturing and wellness.

A word about Pharmacy services at Centegra...we are progressive and dynamic...with an advanced clinical pharmacy practice and medication management practices that ensure safe and correct dispensing of live-saving medications. Clinical pharmacists collaborate with physicians and nurses to promote evidence-based medicine. Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the physicians who serve on that committee are active and engaged in implementing best practices for medication formulary management, physician order sets and pharmacist-managed protocols for high-alert medications. Pharmacy embraces a medication safety culture - openly reporting and monitoring both actual and potential errors to drive process improvement. Advanced information systems utilize medication bar code verification to improve safety and, with the exception of urgent need, pharmacists review and verify all orders for medications before they are administered to our patients.

Our pharmacists are active in the ambulatory clinic setting. They manage Centegra's anticoagulation clinics...serving over 1000 patients at 3 different sites including Huntley. The Centegra Anticoagulation Clinics have been recognized as the best in the nation for clinical quality and consistently rank above the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction. Our pharmacists are expanding into other direct patient care roles - on the frontier...Medication Therapy Management...consultant pharmacists working with the patient... conducting medication therapy reviews... identifying and resolving medication related problems...developing patient centric medication action plans... with the goal of achieving optimal medication outcomes through patient education and empowerment.

I am particularly proud that our Centegra pharmacies are teaching sites for 3 state Colleges of Pharmacy as well as local high schools. In this fiscal year, Clinical Coordinator Alan Mader will mentor 20 students from all levels of learning...from 4th year pharmacy students...to high school freshmen.

In closing...I am proud to represent Centegra...and proud to stand with our doctors, nurses, pharmacists, caregivers, and associates...to support Centegra Hospital Huntley. We are here to serve...we have always been here to serve...we are the caretakers of our community.

## **Testimonial – Richard Parsons for Project #10-090**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the proposed Centegra Hospital Huntley. My name is Richard Parsons and I am the Director of Respiratory Care, Neurology, and Sleep Services. I have been with Centegra Health System family for over six years as part of the leadership team.

As part of the leadership team, I am very pleased with the commitment our organization and the Associates continue to demonstrate on a daily basis to meet and exceed the community needs. This commitment extends from the Board of Directors in guiding senior leadership, to educating, preparing and developing the leaders with a servant leadership philosophy, to engaging the Associates to deliver the finest and most compassionate care to our patient population. The desire to excel in all aspects of a patient focused model of care is clearly illustrated in all we do.

In 1989 based on community assessments, Centegra Health System identified a need for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep related disorders. The Sleep Services department cared for its first patient on October 10, 1989. As the requirement for treating more patients grew, Centegra expanded to two beds in 1996 and then four beds in 2003. In 2008, in an effort to further meet the requests of the community, Centegra Health System expanded the operations to seven days per week. Due to the overwhelming support from the community of patients, the physician experts leading the way, and the quality of services delivered by outstanding clinicians, Centegra is in the process of expanding to add more beds in McHenry County.

This ongoing strategic planning and subsequent actions provides just one example of how Centegra Health System continues to meet the needs of the residents of our community closer to their homes. Historically and ongoing, Centegra Health System continues to have a long-term strategic plan in identifying the health and wellness needs of the community and providing these and other services to enrich the lives of those we serve.

Once again, thank you for your support of building care closer to the homes of our families in Huntley, Illinois.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Leslie Phillips

**Address:** 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

**Company:** Centegra Health System

**Title:** Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

### **Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.



February 4, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Testimony of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley  
*Mercy  
Crystal Lake Hospital, Crystal Lake*

Dear Ms Avery:

My name is Jack Porter. I am a local McHenry county resident, residing at 1552 Bobolink Circle, Woodstock, IL. I am President of Jack Porter & Associates, Inc. and Mg. Partner for LandKeepers, LLC with offices also in Woodstock. In addition, I serve on the Board of Governors for the Centegra Health System and am a member of the Quality and Service and Human Resource Committee for Centegra Hospital system. I also serve as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Woodstock.

My wife and I have been in McHenry County for over 22 years and have watched Centegra grow and become a leader in this area for health care. I was honored to be asked to serve on the board over four years ago. Since then I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and understanding of our health care system and needs. ~~Most of all, I have come to respect the unyielding dedication and commitment of our physicians, nurses, executive team and all the Centegra's associates. The Centegra Health system has made significant financial contributions to the community in facilities, jobs and services and their commitment to quality care is unmatched.~~

With a background in planning and development, I understand the need for providing convenience and balance for a growing population. Health care in the right location is fundamental to servicing that growth. Logic would dictate that you identify service gaps in the market and locate them in areas that will be best served. In my opinion, Mercy Hospital request to locate in Crystal Lake would provide an oversaturation of beds and overlapping services. However, ~~Centegra's proposed location in Huntley is ideally situated to provide the greatest opportunity to deliver care in one of the fastest growing areas of the state. We are already seeing highway and infrastructure improvements being put in place to handle the planned residential and commercial growth in Southern McHenry and Northern Kane, not to mention the already built in need to service Del Webb's age restricted community. Planning ahead to meet those health care needs are imperative. In my opinion, Centegra's vision and strategy is right on target.~~

*a new hospital in Crystal Lake would not effectively meet the needs*  
As a resident, businessman and as a member of our community health care governing body, ~~I would like to go on the record to support Centegra Health System and its request to build a the Centegra-Huntley hospital. Thank you.~~ *popover*

Sincerely,  
  
Jack Porter  
President

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*if the residents of  
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**Kathy Powell**  
**Centegra Board of Governors**  
**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project 10--090**

I am Kathy Powell, and I am a firm supporter of Project 10 – 090.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, I learned about this project several months ago. The time, effort and detailed preparation that went into the plans were immediately apparent. This proposal was not thrown together in a day and has been well thought out. It's the result of many years of studying the population, demographics, residents and their medical needs. All, in a region that the Centegra Health Care System knows very well.

There is no doubt that Centegra Health System understands McHenry County. The hospital system has had a presence in the county for more than 100 years. We have grown as the needs of the community have grown and today we stand ready to take the next step in providing for the medical needs of our area residents.

As we know, Centegra's efforts to provide care in southern McHenry County began more than 5 years ago. Since then, thousands of residents from Huntley and the surrounding communities use the Immediate Care Center on Centegra's Huntley campus. Right now, urgent care patients who require the services of an acute care hospital need to be transferred elsewhere. A hospital on the Huntley campus would eliminate this challenge, bringing comprehensive services close to home in a growing population.

Centegra administration has worked tirelessly for thousands of hours to clearly culminate a strong application that meets the Board's rules. It addresses the needs identified by the state for Planning Area A-10. There is no better health system than Centegra to fulfill this need.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley and appreciate the opportunity to share my view. Thank you.

LEO A. REYES, M.D.,P.C.  
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My name is Leo A. Reyes, the first formally trained Pediatrician and General Practitioner to establish permanently and still practicing in Woodstock since 1972. I have been on the active medical staff of CHS for 39 years, served as its President, chairman in my specialties, numerous committees and was a member of CHS Board of Governors. I was the co-creator of McHenry County's Well Child & Immunization Clinics, the first Medical Director of McHenry County's Valley Hi Nursing Home, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Home Health, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Skilled Nursing Facility and the first Medical Director of Centegra's Utilization Management.

Led by Mr. Michael Eesley 9 years ago, then the new President and CEO, Centegra made a commitment to serve with genuine respect, passionate caring and joyful spirit.

Physicians are the dominant decision makers when it comes to choosing hospitals and services for the care of their patients. In a marketplace that finds physicians increasingly competing rather than collaborating with hospitals, through physician-owned facilities offering profitable services once exclusively enjoyed by hospitals, it is critical that hospitals make physician satisfaction and communication a top strategic priority. I can tell you that Centegra Health System recognizes that priority and has shown outstanding efforts in strengthening physician relations, increasing opportunities for collaboration, moving market share through enhanced referral networks, increasing revenue and building physician preference for its hospitals.

Seven years ago our daughter from Oswego,IL gave birth to our first grandchild a blond blue eyed girl at Centegra. We were hooked on her and Centegra.

I have been all over this country and the world. I can tell you that Centegra's associates from housekeeping, nursing to directors, its Administration from the Board of Governors, VPs to the President, facilities, equipments and doctors all will stack up to the best of them in everything.

A patient will come to me in sickness and in health. They have choices but they will usually go to where I will send them. You can forget modern medical technology, you can forget a gleaming hospital and you can even forget the weather but you must remember the good people of Centegra.

One is only as good as one is available. Centegra is not only good but is also available. And now please welcome CHS to the Huntley neighborhood.



# Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. Based on this, I believe there is a need for a full-service hospital in this area.

The Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District provides not only traditional fire and rescue services to our District, but also paramedic ambulance service including transport to the nearest hospital. A new hospital facility constructed at the proposed site would significantly improve the transport time for many critically ill or injured patients from our District. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I support and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Rynders, Fire Chief  
1020 West Algonquin Road  
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**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**  
**Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

Kevin Rynderas  
Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District  
Village of Lake in the Hills

My name is Kevin Rynderas and I am the Chief of the fire protection district for the Villages of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin. I am here this morning to voice my support for the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley

My department currently serves nearly 60,000 residents, and quick, local access to medical care is an integral part of what we provide. Last year, our department responded to more than XX calls (add other stats?)

In our job, the time it takes to access medical care is critical, and the current long travel times and indirect access to existing facilities puts our residents at risk.

As a part of EMS Region IX, our closest hospital to the south is on average 20 minutes away and the closest hospital to the north is often longer. If the proposed hospital in Huntley is built it will be about half the distance—only 5 miles away. Having immediate access to life-saving care is critical to the job of our team and why we support this project.

In addition to the patient care benefits, shorter trips to and from the hospital will free up our vehicles and personnel faster to the benefit of our local residents. It's important to understand, that our travel time is not just the time it takes to respond to a call and transport the individual to an emergency room, it is also the time it takes us to return and put our personnel and vehicles back in service.

The Lake in the Hills and Algonquin communities are growing, and the area we serve is much larger than it was just a few years ago. In just six years our population has grown by over 13,000 people, resulting in more frequent emergency calls and greater medical needs.

I know that the towns of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin and would greatly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley. I know I speak for my emergency responder colleagues when I say that a new hospital in Huntley is imperative to the health and care of area residents and to maintaining a timely, cost-efficient operations emergency.

For these reasons, I ask this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley and bring much needed local medical care to a growing community.

**Kathy Kozak, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Hello, my name is Kathy Kozak. I am the Group Fitness Manager for Health Bridge Fitness Center, both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley! There is a great need for a hospital in southern McHenry County/ northern Kane County.

Since we opened our Huntley location in 2008, the people of the area have filled our Fitness Center. They come from all walks of life and in many shapes and sizes. Some of our exercisers are there to maintain and improve their fitness levels, and others come to us for life-changing advice as they strive toward a healthier, happier lifestyle. We offer fitness classes, nutrition counseling, aquatics, sports facilities, activities for children and families and a spa to help people relax their minds and indulge their bodies in a healthy way.

The success of Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Huntley comes from Centegra's goal to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities we serve. It is clear to all of us at HealthBridge that the people of the Huntley region were just waiting for the opportunity to live more active lifestyles, and Centegra met the needs of the community by building the Centegra Campus in Huntley.

I'm especially excited when I see the young families of the area who visit Health Bridge together. The parents are setting positive examples for their children, and I believe those kids will grow up to be healthier than the previous generation. This wouldn't be possible without Centegra's impact on the community. From our CEO to the Associates who work at Health Bridge, we consistently demonstrate our commitment to the region's overall wellness.

Personally, my parents live in Del Webb Huntley and use Centegra for their wellness needs. My in-laws live in Algonquin and work out at Health Bridge in Huntley. I live in Algonquin. My entire family deserves a hospital closer to our homes.

Making Centegra Hospital - Huntley another part of the Huntley Campus would complete the continuum of care we have already begun to provide to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I am proud to be a part of Centegra's Huntley campus and deeply believe that Centegra is the best health system and Huntley is the best location for a new hospital.

**Bonnie Saban in Support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Good Morning/Afternoon. My name is Bonnie Saban and I am a long time resident of McHenry County. I am the Manager of Volunteer Services and Patient Express for Centegra Health System. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and am the coordinator of the State of Illinois-Senior Health Insurance Program sponsored and supported by Centegra. I also served for several years as the President of the McHenry County Task Force on Aging.

I would like to speak to you today on behalf of the aging community of McHenry County. A demographic study done by the Metro Chicago Information Center and Northwestern University forecasts that, of Chicago's five collar counties, McHenry County will experience the most dramatic growth in their senior population between the years of 2000 and 2020. Our county can expect to see a 66% increase in seniors with the next largest increase of 60%, taking place in Kane County.

Sun City Huntley, the largest 55+ community in the Midwest, straddles the McHenry and Kane county lines and is home to more than 9,000 seniors. That number includes my parents, Lloyd and Bette Miller. As they have aged it has become more and more important that health care services are easily accessible. In fact, the demographic study mentioned earlier, found that 84% of participants cited the availability of quality medical care as the most important aspect of their community.

Centegra Health System has consistently worked to identify the healthcare needs of the community and then provide for those needs. The purchase of property on Haligus Rd and the subsequent construction of the Immediate Care Center, Centegra Primary Care and Healthbridge Fitness Center is an example of that commitment. Construction of a hospital at the Haligus location clearly best meets the needs of the aging community of McHenry and Kane County.

I would like to encourage you to approve Centegra Health System's application for the construction of Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today.

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley**  
**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**

Jerry Sagona, Village Administrator  
Village of Lake in the Hills

Good morning. I'm reading this testimony on behalf of Village President Ed Plaza. I am the Village Administrator for the town of Lake in the Hills. Our community lies in southern McHenry County and we have a growing population of over 30,000 people. The location of the proposed hospital in Huntley is ideal for our townspeople, as we fall within its primary service vicinity and have a growing need for accessible healthcare.

As with any new addition serving our community, we want to ensure that a new hospital will act as a partner to the residents of Lake in the Hills, not merely a business. I strongly support this project because Centegra has already proven its commitment our community and our residents.

Centegra has a well-kept, established Huntley campus with a state-of-the-art fitness center and physician offices. Its Immediate Care facility provides timely, high-quality treatment for our surrounding area and has served as a necessary go-to for those with less serious medical needs. Many Lake in the Hills residents choose the Huntley campus for their routine health and wellness needs.

Centegra's Huntley campus is the right place to build a new hospital—already operating as a functioning, integral part of our community. In addition, the new hospital will provide hundreds of construction and thousands of permanent jobs to sustain and foster the economic growth of our communities, which is vital to our expanding population. The indirect economic development benefits to all of the neighboring communities is critical to keeping our businesses strong, our residents employed and our towns growing.

Lake in the Hills has seen tremendous growth over the past decade, like so many of our neighbors in McHenry County. Projections for future growth are just as strong with 10% increase in our community population in just the next 4 years.

Clearly, the proposal for a new hospital comes at a time of growth, drawing a need for greater, localized access to medical care. Southern McHenry County is medically underserved and a new hospital in Huntley will help to meet that need.

The Centegra healthcare system has invested in our community, and I strongly believe that a new hospital in Huntley will bring a sustaining partnership and a vital economic boost to our area.

The community needs this hospital, and so I ask that the board lend its support. Thank you.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Connie Secor

**Address:** 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152

**Company:** Centegra Health System

**Title:** Director, Surgical Services

My name is Connie Secor. As the Director of Surgical Services for Centegra Health System and as a community member living in Marengo, I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley.

Centegra Health System's Surgical Services departments provide comprehensive services for both ambulatory and in-patient populations for the communities of McHenry County and beyond. Performing nearly 14,000 surgical procedures annually, our combined 15 operating rooms serve more than 110 surgeons, covering more than 15 different service line specialties. These service lines include our open heart program at the Centegra Hospital - McHenry campus and a weight loss surgery program at our Centegra Hospital – Woodstock campus. We are proud to say that our weight loss surgery program has been designated as a Bariatric Center of Excellence from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

In addition, our ancillary service areas provide combined visits of more than 16,000 annually in our Endoscopy and Ambulatory Treatment Departments. These service areas play a critical role in the provision of care to citizens throughout McHenry County and surrounding communities. We are very proud of the excellent care we provide and that our associates remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our patients.

As a community member, I am very excited that Centegra is building upon its excellence and continues to bring important medical services to the communities in need. Thank you for your time and consideration of this much needed hospital and the many services it can bring to the community.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Sheila Senn

**Address:** 148 Glenbrook Trail McHenry IL 60050

**Company:** Centegra Health System

**Title:** Director of Behavioral Health Services

### **Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as an Associate of the health system, as a resident of McHenry County and as an advocate for those who suffer from Mental and substance abuse illnesses. During my 15 years with Centegra, it has been my calling to care for those individuals who are marginalized and underserved and work toward the reduction of stigma associated with Mental Illness and substance abuse.

I am proud to be a part of Centegra Health System as this organization shares these same values. While other hospitals have chosen to reduce or entirely eliminate Behavioral Health Services, Centegra has maintained services for those in need in our community. The decisions to maintain such services have been made exclusively on the basis of what our community needs not on the impact to our financial bottom line which incidentally is negative. In the spirit of our mission to serve our community, we have partnered with other community agencies to coordinate services and meet the changing needs of McHenry County. A recent example is our involvement with the suicide taskforce in McHenry County. It saddens me to report to you today that the number of residents who have ended their lives by suicide in this past year has doubled since 2008. As the number of suicides mounted last year, we worked with many community agencies to offer free education to our residents related to suicide prevention. We educated our physicians and Associates regarding the group most at risk and common signs and symptoms.

I think most of us would agree that the past few years have been some of the most economically and emotionally challenging for our country and our community. Unemployment and foreclosures have taken a toll on our community at the same time that access and resources for Mental health and substance abuse services have been seriously diminished. Though there has been a complete elimination of support from the state for acute psychiatric services, we have maintained our acute care services. Acute psychiatric services are not optional services, they are essential and should not be compromised. These services are a person's very last option. They are provided when nothing else will

do to insure the safety of the individual or others. We continue to care for people because it is consistent with our mission and simply, the right thing to do.

The Huntley hospital will provide an additional access point for people to seek entry into the most appropriate level of mental health or substance abuse services. We provide truly integrated and informed services to our community. I am very proud to be a part of such a sophisticated approach to care. I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those we serve.

Public hearing testimony  
Supporting Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090  
February 16, 2010

My name is David Shinherr and I'm a Woodstock resident and Executive Director of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Centegra Health System.

Centegra's orthopaedic surgeons have advanced education in their areas of expertise and integrate the latest orthopaedic treatments to provide our patients the best quality care. We offer advanced procedures to treat injuries and problems of the hand, shoulder, back, hip, knee, and foot. The surgeons on our medical staff deliver new approaches to hip replacement, knee replacement and finger joint replacement and spinal surgery.

In addition to outstanding orthopedic care Centegra Health System offers the complete continuum of rehabilitation services. From skilled nursing and home health care to outpatient therapy, Centegra is committed to providing McHenry County with the best rehabilitative care. One thing that I think is important to note is the fact that Centegra Health System maintains the only Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit in McHenry County, which allows patients to rehabilitate following a brain injury either from a stroke or trauma close to home. Centegra also operates the Neuro-Rehab Center a very unique clinic in Crystal Lake which is essentially the outpatient version of the acute inpatient unit where patient continue their progress in order to return to the highest level of function following these life altering disease processes. This is one of only five similar clinics in the entire state of Illinois.

Because of my background in chiropractic care, I was also thrilled when Centegra added chiropractic medicine to the Centegra Orthopaedic Care continuum. The addition of complimentary and alternative medicine as part of the patients "health care team" insures collaboration amongst the patients primary care physician and ancillary providers is another way Centegra provides outstanding care to our patients.

At Centegra Hospital - Huntley, Centegra Orthopaedic Services will continue to provide the highest levels of treatment and care through a complete continuum of specialized orthopaedic and rehabilitative programs and services for people of all ages.



Hello I'm Rita Slawek, President and CEO of the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce. I represent more than 320 business members and their employees and I support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.

Centegra Health System is an Executive Club Member of our Chamber, and has consistently provided the highest level of support to the community and our Chamber.

The Chamber and its Members encourage the expansion and retention of area businesses. We also work closely with the Village of Huntley and other community organizations to attract reputable businesses and organizations in an effort to generate employment opportunities and continue the economic growth and development of our community.

Our chamber works hard to promote the area's economic growth and supports our business community members. This Centegra hospital project makes great business sense. It has been thoroughly planned to meet the healthcare needs of our growing and aging community.

Full-service hospital services are needed in the southern McHenry County area and Centegra has the health system best suited to provide these services.

With a Sun City Huntley senior community in excess of 9,000 residents, the hospital will be a huge benefit to this population. For some of these residents, the distance it takes to currently get to a hospital may be the difference between life and death.

I choose life and I hope you choose to support the life of this project.

Thank you.

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**Erin Smith, Village President of the Village of Lakewood**  
**Support of Project #10-090**

Good Afternoon. My name is Erin Smith and I am happy to share with you my excitement for a new hospital serving southern McHenry County.

I am proud to serve Lakewood and its more than 3,500 residents as Village President. Lakewood is a unique place with many benefits, including wetlands, bike paths, local businesses and a true sense of community. As president, I am committed to furthering our residents' quality of life today and in the future. A new hospital in Huntley will do just that.

We find ourselves in a unique moment. As the rest of the country recovers from the recent recession, we have seen a remarkable growth in our area's population. With that excitement comes the responsibility to provide the services that helps keep a community vibrant. Health care, of course, is a critical service that must be accessible.

Together with many of our neighboring communities' we have seen demand for inpatient and emergency services exceed what is available to them. With the growth we have experienced in recent years also comes congestion, infrastructure challenges and a greater need for core human services.

Our area is one of the only in the state of Illinois that faces a bed shortage at current hospitals, and our population growth points to the need for more access. This proposal would provide 128 additional beds, a dedicated Women's Center, and non-invasive cardiology services among many other needed treatment and services. This proposal is clearly a forward-thinking project that will bring a hospital directly to where it is most needed.

The Village of Lakewood falls in the proposed hospital's primary service area. What that means to the community I serve is greater access to health care as well as shorter travel time for residents and emergency vehicles. All of these are of the utmost importance to me and the Lakewood residents.

In addition, I am confident that the proposed hospital will provide Lakewood residents with quality care. Centegra has already shown Lakewood and McHenry County that it is indeed a true community partner by providing excellent health care through its hospitals in McHenry and Woodstock and its newly expanded Huntley campus.

As we hear at the local and national levels, access to health care must be a priority in every one of our communities. I urge you to help provide that access to the community I represent by approving Centegra's proposal for a new hospital in Huntley. This project is needed and is the right investment for our community.

Thank you.

**Berni Szczepanski**  
**In Support of Project #10-090**  
**Public Hearing Speech**  
**February 16, 2011**

You heard earlier about our confidence in being able to staff this new facility-- about how our retention demonstrates our ability to attract and retain staff.

Indeed the retention rate of 95.8% is impressive. What contributes to this? Centegra commits to its Associates—to their success and satisfaction. We commit to developing great leaders, creating a pipeline for healthcare professionals, and providing Associates with the Total Rewards they value.

Centegra is committed to being a learning organization. Our Leadership Development program is tied to our strategic objectives and is driven by the Leaders themselves. Our curriculum, tools and resources are built on our leaders needs. Our best in class program combines external speakers, internal talent, hands on tools, and facilitated small group highly—interactive sessions to deliver over 48 hours of Leadership Development programming per year. The skills introduced in the sessions are then further supported with an on-line Leader Resource site and a unique one-on-one coaching program.

We support our leaders—and they in turn support their staff and our community. Our leaders participate in Leadership Greater McHenry County—a program designed to develop community leader awareness, skill, and collaboration. In fact, the program was developed by Centegra and 29 Centegra leaders have graduated from the program. Those Leaders then go on to serve on numerous community boards and further share their skills in helping both non-profit and for-profit community organizations in strategic planning.

Our commitment in developing a consistent pipeline of healthcare talent is evident through the many unique programs implemented by Centegra. The **Student Nurse Shadowing Program** was created last year in response to the decrease in nursing jobs available for new graduates and provides nursing students the opportunity to experience our work place culture.

For six years, The **Healthcare Career Fair** inspires and educates thousands of 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the exciting careers of healthcare professionals, through an interactive wonderland of simulated surgeries and futuristic pharmacy.

Centegra proposed and authored a three credit course, **Health Profession Career Exploration**, offered through McHenry County College which is held at Centegra Hospitals. Students explore government defined healthcare paths via testimonials from Centegra associates, tours of units, job shadowing and skills exploration.

Centegra serves hundreds of clinical students from over 40 different colleges every year. Although many healthcare systems have clinical rotations few have a **Red Carpet Clinical Rotation Program**. It provides students with a warm and welcoming learning environment that features a comprehensive orientation, enthused and engaged mentors, leader rounding of students and student feedback gathered by a quantitative tool.

The **Student Nurse Internship Program** provides a learning experience specifically designed to enhance the student's confidence as a practitioner post graduation with our unique, multi-tiered program and varied opportunities to further advance clinical skills and develop expertise within a chosen specialty.

Finally, we commit to the well-being of each of our 3700 Associates. Our benefits and compensation philosophy, called Total Rewards@Work, is to tailor benefits to each Associate's unique needs. Our Total Rewards philosophy is based on competitive salary and benefits, workplace culture and development. At Centegra we focus on the Associate personally and professionally. For the busy Associate that is managing work-life balance, we offer a concierge service providing dry cleaning, oil changes, video rental, gift cards and much more.

Our commitment to our leaders, our community, our future workforce, and to each and every Associate is what makes Centegra a great place to work. It is also what will support us in our efforts to extend our great healthcare to Huntley.

**Testimony of Dee Tallon in favor of Centegra Health System's application for a CON  
Project #10-090**

Good Morning. My name is Dee Tallon. I am the clinical manager of OB at our Woodstock campus, and most recently named Interim nurse leader. I'd like to share with you why Centegra Health System is not only an excellent healthcare provider -- it is also an outstanding employer to our Associates. My own experiences as both a Centegra Associate and a leader have overwhelmed me with warmth, spurred me to grow and have helped me maintain a healthy balance between my career and my family life.

I was welcomed as a new nurse leader just 13 months ago. Before joining Centegra, I was living in Kentucky. I remember being surprised when I received our new leader welcome package from Centegra Health System Chief Executive Officer Michael S. Eesley at my home just days after accepting their offer. The package included a nice welcome letter from Mike, a DVD that talked about Centegra's values, and a nice leather binder. It was such a nice welcome before I even arrived. My husband is the dean of a business college, and he was impressed, too! Perhaps a bit jealous since he has never been treated this way.

On my first day at the Family Birth Center, I was welcomed with a breakfast by the staff and physicians. Staff members made a scrapbook including pictures of them and their stories, so I could immediately get to know my team. The welcome was overwhelming. Since my husband still lived in Kentucky, I remember calling him to share I felt like they'd rolled out the red carpet for me. I have been a nurse leader for more than 15 years and I can tell you that Centegra's culture is completely unique. I have time to build relationships and see how happy Associates provide better patient care. I am so impressed with this staff. This is by far the best group of people I've ever worked with. Throughout the hospitals, people have smiles on their faces and acknowledge each other.

As a nurse, I appreciate how hands-on caregivers are asked to contribute to process improvement at Centegra. They take part in shared governance, which calls on the expertise of the nurses to improve practices and quality of care. I feel accepted, secure and confident in my role at Centegra Health System because of Centegra's supportive work environment. I love coming to work each day. I always want to tell my team and the people I report to, "Thank you for allowing me to bring my joyful spirit to work." When I think about extending the exceptional level of Centegra care to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, I get so excited I get goose bumps! I whole-heartedly support Centegra's plan and am ready to welcome 1,100 new Associates to our culture of excellence.

Matt Towler, Vice President of Support Services  
Centegra Health System  
Support of Project #10-090

Hello... I am Matthew Towler and I am the Vice President of Support Services for Centegra Health System.

My role within Centegra includes providing oversight and support to the operations teams that facilitate our construction services. If the Centegra proposal for Centegra Hospital – Huntley is approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, I will oversee the construction and occupancy of the new hospital.

This is very exciting for the people who reside in McHenry and Kane counties and are in need of improved access to Centegra's healthcare services. The planning and development of the new hospital facility has been in process since the purchase of land in 2006. The new facility will be a necessary part of our plan to fulfill the Centegra mission to provide wellness for people in the communities we serve.

The bid process will utilize criteria of Financial Cost, Relevant Healthcare Experience, Relationship with Centegra and Alignment to Centegra's Mission, Vision, and Values, which will be competitively evaluated from the pool of respondents. Our philosophy is to make it a priority to hire skilled laborers and tradesmen from the communities we serve. Through the hospital construction process we look to create more than 800 jobs in the construction-related fields. These jobs have an estimated economic impact of \$152 million on area communities, with an anticipated additional \$45 million to be generated from the professional salaries and commercial sales that would be needed to support the construction work.

This is a very exciting time for me. To have the privilege to provide leadership to this project is a true honor. I look forward to the opportunity to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Thank you.

**Nancy Turngren, Manager of Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley  
In Favor of Project #10-090**

My name is Nancy Turngren, and I currently manage of the Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley, an active living community of more than 10,000 seniors. Sun City is located in Kane County just north of I-90 just west of Route 47 in Huntley.

With the Sun City residents in mind, I strongly support the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090). The location to our facility is ideal, and in addition, Centegra is already a valued wellness partner within the Sun City community.

As an active-living senior residence community, many in Sun City are healthier and stronger than their peers. Clearly however, the medical needs of an aging population only increase as the years pass. Easy access to a quality health care, particularly for a senior community is imperative.

The proposed location of the new hospital is only minutes from Sun City. Many residents in fact already visit doctors and immediate care facility on the Centegra Huntley campus. An extension to a full-service acute care hospital within minutes of this community of senior citizens would be a blessing.

Sun City has had the pleasure of truly partnering with Centegra to provide residents with much of the wellness care they need. The Centegra name is one many know and trust. Through the wellness center in Sun City, Centegra provides health screenings, customized nutrition counseling, home safety assessments, health assessments and a wide variety of community health lectures.

Since the Wellness Center opened in [year], residents have responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback. In fact, this feedback and the demand for more quality wellness services led to the extension of the center's hours and the expansion of available services. Now our residents have access to more in-depth services such as blood testing, osteoporosis screenings and behavioral health services, among others.

The Sun City residents would certainly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley, and particularly, one that would be operated by such a community partner. I encourage this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley. I look forward to the access that a new hospital in Huntley would afford the Sun City community.

Thank you.

**Marianna Wolfmeyer**  
**3428 W. Skyway Drive, McHenry, IL 60050**  
**Support letter for Centegra Hospital-Huntley #10-090**

My name is Marianna Wolfmeyer and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and Chaplain for Centegra Health System providing care through the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

Centegra is committed to caring for people holistically - body, mind and spirit – a part of which is providing support services and opportunities to meet emotional and spiritual care needs. Counseling, care and support are offered in various forms throughout our system to associates, patients, families and groups at no cost. More often than not, I meet with people in difficult and challenging times which are filled with anxiety and distress. For example, after a cancer diagnosis or recurrence. When enduring difficult treatment and/or side effects. When facing end of life. At death and through bereavement. When I meet with people and they realize that they can receive support services at no cost, they are not only surprised (because as many often say, “Really, this just doesn’t happen in today’s world - nothing is free!”) but sometimes they just cry, expressing real gratitude for receiving services that they know they need, but can’t pay for. I am so proud to work for a health care system that not only talks about its interest in and responsibility for community health and wellness, but more importantly acts, by committing real resources and money despite challenging financial times, to employ me and others, including counselors, social workers and chaplains who in caring for people in very difficult emotional and spiritual times, profoundly impact community health and wellness for the better.

Centegra seeks to be flexible and adaptive in response to community needs. For example, recognizing that the needs of cancer survivors along the continuum of care could be further enhanced, an education and support program for men living with prostate cancer was recently begun in Huntley. Additionally the needs of cancer survivors post treatment are now being addressed through a program called Cancer Transitions, a six week research based program focusing on fitness, nutrition, and emotional and medical management. We are also excited about two grants from the City of Hope recently awarded to staff at Centegra Sage Cancer Center for training this spring, that will facilitate additional types of support services and programming for patients and caregivers. Centegra’s mission, vision and values exhibit a real commitment to health and wellness. We will continue meeting our community’s needs as we move toward future expansion.

**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090; Huntley-Centegra Hospital  
Rick Zirk—Village President, Village of Gilberts  
February 16, 2011**

Hello, my name is Rick Zirk. I am the Village President of Gilberts, Illinois, and I am here today to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090).

Gilberts is a relatively small village of just under 10,000 residents, but like its surrounding communities, Gilberts has continued to grow rapidly throughout the recession and our growth is expected to continue.

Population projections through 2015 cite an increase in Gilberts residents by 11.7 percent. With this scenario repeating itself throughout southern McHenry and northern Kane Counties, travel times to area hospitals is growing exceedingly long. We cannot continue to rely on distant surrounding communities to provide the vital services we need, such as healthcare.

Centegra has long had a reputation as a top notch healthcare system, and they stand as the provider of choice for many in our community. They are very well positioned to bring about the next evolution of care—a fully comprehensive community hospital—as a seamless, natural progression from its existing Huntley campus.

Gilberts is not one of the largest communities in Kane County, but we are situated among them. Along with the surrounding towns we will benefit economically, but the medical advantages we will gain are imperative. Our area needs more beds, and I am behind Centegra's proposal to fill this gap and provide medical care to my residents.

I strongly urge approval for Centegra Hospital Huntley. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR SUSAN MILFORD  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning, I am Susan Milford, the Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing, Planning and Wellness Services at Centegra Health System.

I would like to tell you how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital - Huntley meets the CON Rules regarding Bed Need and Service Demand based on Rapid Population Growth.

McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, known as A-10. The Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued "Bed Need Determinations" through 2015. The current monthly "Revised Bed Need Determinations" indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Med-cal-Surgical/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds in 2015.

The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County has a rapidly increasing population, among the highest in Illinois.

Because of the rapidly growing population in McHenry County as well as in the market area that we identified for this hospital, we were able to project the demand for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service based upon rapid population growth in the target market area, as specified in the CON Rules. This review criterion permits us to document population growth based upon population projections that may extend as much as 10 years from the date the CON application is submitted.

The second full year of operation of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not occur until mid-2018. Although that will be several years later than the most recent Adjusted Bed Need figures, it was possible to determine Calculated (Adjusted) Bed Need for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service for mid-2018 using the State's own methodology that was used to calculate the 2015 Bed Need figures.

We found that the State's Bed Need Determination will show a need for 104 additional Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds by mid-2018 due to the rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This is 21 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds more than shown in the current "Revised Bed Need Determinations."



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February 9, 2011 .....

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Subject: Project #: 10-090 – Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois to support the approval of Centegra Health System's Certificate of Need for a new hospital in Huntley.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois is the largest provider of hospice and palliative care services in our region, which encompasses Boone, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties. Our agency has provided quality end-of-life care to area residents for 27 years and has developed one of the largest grief support programs in the State of Illinois. Several years ago, we partnered with Centegra in the development of an inpatient hospice program located at Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock to provide end-of-life care to clients for whom hospice care at home is not an option. Centegra's commitment to all aspects of the healthcare continuum for the residents of McHenry County was key in the decision-making process for that partnership, and the decision to build a new hospital in Huntley underscores that commitment.

I fully support the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's approval of this Certificate of Need. Centegra Hospital-Huntley will benefit our clients and their families by improving access to quality healthcare. Our support of this project is also in harmony with our mission to enhance life by providing dignified, compassionate care and guidance to those coping with loss and the end of life.

Sincerely,

Anne B. Miller  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Hospice and Palliative Care for Northeastern Illinois  
Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care  
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**Angela McAuley**  
**Centegra Hospital-Huntley -- Support**  
**Project # 10-090**

My name is Angela McAuley, and I am here to share my support for Centegra's plans for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. There is no doubt that this application meets the state's rules for approval. And what I can best speak to are the impressive elements of this project and the character of the health system that is proposing it.

As a current Centegra Board member and a former employee for more than three decades, I have a deep understanding of healthcare and how it has changed over the years. Women's health, in particular, has always been of interest to me. This proposal includes plans for a dedicated Women's Center with a separate entrance. I cannot think of a better resource for my granddaughters as they grow up in the surrounding area.

A space devoted to women will help patients feel as comfortable as possible while undergoing tests and treatments that are rather uncomfortable in nature. Perhaps more importantly, it's a great way to advance collaboration among the medical practitioners who work with women. This is a terrific asset of the project, and it shows that Centegra truly is a forward-thinking health system. Dedicated Women's Centers are a relatively new idea in healthcare, and Centegra recognizes their value.

Through my positions with Centegra, I also understand the organization's unrelenting loyalty to the people it serves. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding communities deserve this level of commitment from a healthcare provider. I began my career at Centegra as a part-time nurse. In that role, I learned the "contagious" dedication that those who work for this organization have. The system's staff and leaders are involved in our community on a number of levels, and they carry a genuine respect and joyful spirit in whatever they do.

I support this project wholeheartedly and based on my understanding of the state rules, I believe that this proposal meets those rules for approval.

Thank you.



Letter of Support

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. The fact is, hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides.

Centegra has long been committed to Huntley and the surrounding communities through outpatient services and other health services that have already been brought to the area. Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site.

As an Executive Director of a community based organization, I personally appreciate that, along with needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Signature Terry Legare Date 2/15/2011

Printed Name: Terry Legare, Executive Director, Lakeside Legacy Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 401 Country Club Road \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: Crystal Lake, IL 60014 \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Fernando Lamounier  
In Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley Project #10-090

I joined the staff at Centegra Health System last January and have worked with Cardiac Surgery Associates to provide the latest techniques for cardiothoracic surgery. I completed my thoracic surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center in 2006 and specialize in valve surgery.

My expertise complements the already impressive procedures performed at Centegra to improve the overall health and wellness of the McHenry County community. The first ever open heart surgery in McHenry County was performed at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, formerly known as Northern Illinois Medical Center, on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2006, when cardiac surgeons from Centegra performed bypass surgery on a female patient from Woodstock. That procedure inaugurated Centegra Health System's open heart surgery program.

Centegra partnered with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, four years ago to be the cardiovascular surgical team performing all of Centegra's cardiovascular procedures. The physicians of CSA have provided our patients with the highest quality cardiac care in the state. We continue to focus on new ways to bring the most state-of-the-art cardiac care right here to McHenry County. The expansion of our cardiothoracic program demonstrates the commitment of the entire Centegra family as we continue to make a difference in the communities we serve.

With this important service, patients and their families are receiving the care they need closer to home. Centegra's cardiovascular program includes three cardiac catheterization labs for angioplasty procedures and electrophysiology to help correct heart electrical problems, as well as Centegra's Heart Failure Clinic that coordinates a patient's care and reaches out to other agencies when needed. I fully support Centegra's proposal to further develop our heart program by offering additional services to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

**Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Public Hearing February 16, 2011**

My name is Judi Jefko, I serve as Director of Performance Improvement for Centegra Health System. I have had the pleasure of being a part of this great organization in serving our community for 32 years. As part of the Centegra Healthcare Team, the patient and their family are at the heart of all that we do each day. Over the years Centegra has shown an ongoing commitment to the community through expansion of services to ensure quality care can be received close to home. Several of the expanded services that offer the latest technology and procedures are cardiac, cancer, orthopedic and bariatric, along with a full continuum of outpatient services, home health, rehab, behavioral health and wound care.

The vision to expand an acute care hospital in Huntley again demonstrates Centegra's commitment to fulfill the community needs. In providing healthcare services, we have shown commitment to ensure safe, efficient, quality care. Centegra has always been a leader in participating in voluntary public reporting initiatives. Recently Centegra chose to take quality and safety to an even greater level by voluntarily reporting information to the Leapfrog Group. As the leading healthcare system in McHenry County, we are already committed to the quality and safety measures that we use to protect our patients and to improve the care we provide. We joined more than 1500 hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic that are volunteering patient outcome information. I am proud to join Centegra leaders in our shared belief that transparency provides information to the community and makes us a better healthcare system. Additionally Centegra has achieved certifications and accreditations in many areas to ensure gold standards of care are provided.

Not only have I had the honor of being part of the Centegra Healthcare Team for many years, I have also been a part of the community for 52 years and experienced the compassionate, quality care for myself and family. When my mother had a heart attack, the Centegra team saved her life following a cardiac arrest. She has received subsequent cardiac procedures and cardiac rehab that have maintained her active quality of life. Each of my family members have experienced a need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to provide the "very best", quality care by experienced, dedicated physicians, leaders and associates. I experienced a patient centered, collaborative team, showing compassionate care - a team I could trust.

I look forward to expanding this same quality of care for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Judi Jefko  
Director, Performance Improvement  
4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050

**Lawrence Howell, Village of Lakewood Chief of Police**

My name is Lawrence Howell and I serve the Village of Lakewood as Chief of Police. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the construction and operation of a new hospital in Huntley. I encourage the board to also support this hospital and approve Project #10-090.

As Village President Erin Smith can tell you, Lakewood residents truly enjoy the quality of life they find in their community. We work hard to keep our community a safe and healthy place to live by protecting residents and also by providing access to the services they require.

From my experience, I can tell you that when fire and police services respond to emergencies, it is critical that their travel times be as short as possible. Our ability to deliver emergency service relies on our ability to arrive on the scene as quickly as possible and then transport a person just as fast. We know southern McHenry County lacks a full-service emergency facility. This is a void that must be filled.

For many years, area development was such that traveling to McHenry or Woodstock wasn't a big deal. It's clear to anyone traveling on 47 that those days are gone.

As Chief of Police, I am committed to keeping Lakewood a safe and healthy place to live and work. I am joined by other public servants here today whose job is to both serve and protect. We must be willing to do both if we want a productive and vibrant community. In this instance, serving our community means providing the access to health care that is certainly in demand. I ask this board to help open further access to health care in McHenry County.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the proposed hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.



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January 18, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090.

As a large employer in McHenry County, we have partnered with Centegra for over a decade. The support and service they provide for our business and the well-being of our employees has been outstanding.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides. Centegra has long been committed to our community through outpatient services and other health services such as worksite wellness. In addition to the health care services Centegra would provide with a new facility, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare that this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Lon D. Hollis  
Vice President – Human Resources

# Surgical Associates of Fox Valley

General, Vascular, Laparoscopic, Oncologic & Bariatric Surgery

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## Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital - Huntley

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**Project # 10-090**

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The Centegra Weight-Loss Surgery Center offers a multidisciplinary approach to significant weight loss for people when all other attempts at weight loss have failed. We use a comprehensive approach to the whole person that combines surgery with behavior-based counseling, exercise and nutritional counseling to achieve the most effective results possible. After surgery, we provide support groups that encourage patients to follow the program to achieve their weight loss goals. Our bariatric program is unique in its approach to the care of the morbidly obese patient. We are the area's leading bariatric surgery program because we have a multidisciplinary clinic that combines the expertise of dietitians, mental health clinicians, exercise physiologists and other healthcare professionals. Our minimally-invasive surgery procedures include laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding (LapBand and Realize Band) and laparoscopic gastric sleeve. We also perform surgical revisions for patients whose gastric bypass surgeries at other facilities have caused complications. Blue Cross and Blue Shield has designated Centegra Hospital-Woodstock as a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery. To date, only 230 facilities nationwide have received a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery designation. We are also designated as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, and Aetna Insurance Company has named our facility as an Institute of Quality for Bariatric Surgery.

Amir Heydari, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Gina Heinz in support of Project #10-090

Hello, my name is Gina Heinz, I am the manager of the cardiac cath lab at Centegra Hospital – McHenry. Since the early 1990s, Centegra Health System has been performing cardiac catheterization at Centegra Hospital – McHenry. The program has grown and expanded to include three state-of-the-art cath labs capable of providing the highest-quality procedures. With the support of highly skilled cardiologists, electrophysiologists and clinical staff, Centegra can offer diagnostic caths, angioplasty and electrophysiology procedures that provide the community with full spectrum cardiovascular care. The procedures provided by the cath lab are used to diagnose and treat a number of heart conditions, such as coronary heart disease, valve disease, and cardiac arrhythmias. At Centegra there is heart in the healing, rehabilitation and nurturing of every patient we serve. Residents can feel confident in our comprehensive prevention and wellness programs, access to the most advanced medical technology and the impressive heart surgery options available to them right here in McHenry County. With the addition of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, many more residents will have greater access to this full spectrum of cardiovascular care.

Thank you.

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project 10-090**  
**Testimonial**  
**Illinois Health Facilities & Services Planning Board**  
**February 16, 2011**

Crystal Lake Orthopedics

My name is Edward Grogg; I am the Executive Director of Crystal Lake Orthopedics. Crystal Lake Orthopedics is a five physician orthopedic group with our main office in Crystal Lake and a newly opened office in Huntley. We provide orthopedic services for over 4,000 patients a year and capture approximately 30% of the orthopedic market in McHenry County. Our surgeons use the latest technology providing sub-specialty services for knees, hips, shoulders, hands, wrists, and spine.

In 2009 we decided to open an office in Huntley because of the population growth in southern McHenry County, including the consistent growth in the Dell Webb development. Patient demand from McHenry County and northern Kane County residents was vital in our decision-making process to open a Huntley office. Patients wanted to see our physicians but did not like traveling to the northeast side of Crystal Lake, especially when their post-op and therapy schedules require 2 to 3 visits per week. We have found the same mentality holds true for selecting the hospital they prefer for surgery, especially from patients south of Algonquin Rd. in Huntley. These patients struggle with going north to Woodstock and even more so going further northeast to McHenry. We opened our Huntley office in June 2010 and have seen steady growth in patient volumes each month. It is my belief that if a hospital were built in Huntley, the majority of our Huntley (and surrounding area, including Hampshire, Marengo, and Lake In The Hills/Algonquin) patients would choose to stay in Huntley for their care.

To conclude, Crystal Lake Orthopedics has made a significant strategic and financial investment in the southern and western market of McHenry County. We have had a terrific and appreciative response from our patients needing orthopedic care. We expect the demand to continue to grow as our practice matures and gains more traction in the market. A new hospital in Huntley would only enhance our growth because fewer patients would leave the county for surgical services. Therefore, we encourage the Board to approve Centegra's Certificate of Need for this project.

LYNN GRIESMAIER RN MS FOR PROJECT #10-090  
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WE have a problem in McHenry County. Our county has women who are diagnosed at a later stage of breast cancer than almost all other counties in IL. We diagnose about 3-4 women a week. From age 26 to 93, rural to neighborhood, fit to not so fit women. The profile isn't set. It can happen to any woman. Centegra has recognized the severity of this situation and has implemented an action plan to address it. We have taken the lead on establishing the first Comprehensive Breast Health Program in McHenry County. Following National Standards for Breast Programs, we are providing access for all women to come forward to have state of the art digital mammography, breast ultrasound and MRI. We provide onsite radiologists who meet with every patient who comes to us with a breast issue. We then provide a multidisciplinary approach under the direction of our 2 medical directors, that allows a patient to benefit from the expertise of all our breast specialists to help manage through their very personal journey back to health.

Even my role as the only Breast Health Navigator in McHenry County, is an indication of how sensitive Centegra is to meeting the needs of very fearful women facing one of the biggest challenges of their lives, knowing they have a touchstone with my position, to be there every step of the way with them.

Outreach and education about breast cancer awareness is extremely important. Our commitment to take this out to the community is demonstrated in many ways such as the first Tuesday of the month when Family Health Partnership takes over the mammography department at our Woodstock Hospital and our technologist do mammograms while their nurse practitioner examines patients in our treatment rooms. If a positive diagnosis is made, we keep the patients in our system and continue to provide treatment whether it is surgery, chemotherapy or radiation therapy. In other words, we take care of patients and we love what we do.

Having a specialized women's center such as at what we plan for Huntley, will allow us to expand offering this great commitment to women, knocking down the barriers, so they know they can expect comprehensive breast treatment, with the most competent physicians, latest technology and high touch care that reflects the values that make us Centegra.

Thank you.

Public Hearing for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, in favor of Project #10-090

Michelle Green  
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My name is Michelle Green, and I am a wife and mother of two boys in Crystal Lake, Illinois. I proudly support Centegra Health System's application to build Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

My Crystal Lake location is close to both Centegra Hospital – McHenry (where my family has been for emergency care) and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock (where I delivered my second son). Truthfully, I would drive for hours to continue to receive the high-quality, compassionate care that Centegra consistently delivers.

I currently travel to Centegra's facilities in Huntley whenever I need to see one of my physicians. Dr. Yvonne Yao, who left Mercy Health System to join Centegra Primary Care's staff, is my obstetrician/gynecologist. Like many of her patients, I followed her to Centegra and have been thrilled with my decision. Because I wanted all of my physicians to be through Centegra Primary Care, I began seeing Dr. Erin Davis, an internal medicine physician at Centegra Primary Care – McHenry. As a Crystal Lake resident, it takes me 15 minutes to get to Dr. Yao in Huntley and just eight minutes to see Dr. Davis in McHenry. I love the easy access Centegra provides my family and me.

I delivered my oldest son at another Illinois hospital where I worked and was lucky enough to be checked in as a VIP. When my husband and I moved to north Crystal Lake and we had our second baby, I scheduled my repeat C-section at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock. There, I had no VIP label and wondered how my care would be different this time around. Rather than being treated as a VIP, I was cared for as a cherished friend or sister. I'll never forget my third morning there, when one Family Birth Center nurse came in and said, "I haven't gotten to hold this chubby little guy yet. Can I have a quick snuggle?" I was so moved that someone who'd been a labor and delivery nurse for more than 20 years would still feel that kind of passion about her job. That passion is what Centegra is all about for me and my family.

Please add my name to the long list of people who support Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I know for sure that Centegra is the health system that is best suited to provide care to my community for generations to come.

## Support of Project #10-090

My name is Dr. Frances Glosson and I have been employed in the Centegra Health Care System for 35 years in a variety of roles and I fully support Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.

I have a background in critical care nursing and have a doctorate focused in leadership, learning, service and research. I have lived in McHenry County since 1973; however, the Glosson family has roots in this county dating back to 1852.

Centegra has been serving this county for a very long time and has had a positive impact on the overall health of the community as evidenced in recent healthy community studies. **Centegra is a perfect organization to open a new hospital in Huntley.** I can report to you that Centegra is a vision and values led organization. The governance of the organization, the physicians, leaders and all 3800 Associates are true servant leaders. As I said Centegra is values driven, committed to serving the community's healthcare and wellness needs with genuine respect, passionate caring, and a joyful spirit. Their emphasis on wellness and community outreach and most importantly, quality of healthcare makes them the obvious choice in expanding services **here in Huntley, Illinois with a new hospital.**

Centegra is positioned to serve this area in an integrated manner based on their ability to offer the full continuum of care. I look forward to the day my grandchildren, Matt and Maggie, who live less than a mile from the proposed Huntley hospital site can seek services from this well established and led organization. It is of great comfort to our family that Centegra would be so accessible for their health needs. My son was diagnosed with cancer two years ago and when he needs immediate care it will be ideal that a Centegra hospital is literally just around the corner **in his neighborhood.**

I have witnessed and can declare with certainty that **Centegra is the right choice** for this community. Healthcare is delivered in a **team approach** and Centegra excels in this area having created a nationally recognized learning organization. Leadership and learning are essential elements as we continue to operate and excel in the new healthcare reform arena. Centegra is also a leader in collective community leadership contributing to the overall health of every citizen through multiple diverse programming.

As I mentioned, Servant Leadership is the leadership style emphasized by Centegra leaders to enhance service to others and improve the engagement of the workforce. This style of leading provides a holistic approach to work; promoting a sense of community; and the sharing of power in decision making. The healthcare of the future will continue to require this type of leadership approach. Centegra has been a pacesetter with this leadership platform, which will continue **at the new Huntley hospital.**

At Centegra the associates are characterized by performing meaningful work; clarity of the organization's direction, performance accountability, and having a safe, trusting, and collaborative environment. I can attest to this after 35 years and we will build on this strength **at the Huntley hospital.**

Please endorse the plans for the Centegra Huntley hospital. **Again, it is the perfect choice.**

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Sandy Gabl  
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Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as a Del Webb resident and Centegra Health System patient. My husband, Dan, and I have utilized Centegra's facilities and services a great number of times over the years.

I've had ear surgery at Centegra Hospital-Woodstock, another unrelated procedure at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, I regularly see my Centegra Primary Care Physician, Dr. Patel in the Algonquin office. I've visited immediate care in Huntley several times for a number of ailments and health conditions. I've visited Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Crystal Lake for rehab and physical therapy following a knee replacement. I've used their imaging and lab services as well.

I've had nothing but superior care and support at all the locations and would deeply appreciate having that type of care right here in our own backyard. As we age, travel becomes more of an issue so having a full-service hospital close to home would benefit us a great deal.

We also have additional family in the area who will benefit from great healthcare close to home. My Grandkids have used immediate care and emergency care as well.

I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those they serve. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Hector Flores on behalf of Centegra Hospital – Huntley project 10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Hector Iyán Flores. I am the lead Interpreter/Ambassador at Centegra Hospital Woodstock. I have been working at Centegra for about six and a half years now. I have personally witnessed the strides that Centegra has taken in order to ensure that we are providing great service and overall excellent medical care to all the people that live in our community.

As interpreters, we offer the best language service in the area. We are pivotal in the assistance of communication between patients whose primary language is Spanish and the medical personnel in the hospitals and other Centegra satellite facilities. We have significantly increased our translation services to having twenty-four hour coverage at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock and 12-hour daytime coverage and nighttime call at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to meet patients' needs. We have set forth a great effort to ensure that we understand the cultural customs of our patients in order to provide healthcare services in a respectful manner. As a result, patients choose the Centegra hospitals for their care.

From my perspective as someone who is dedicated to serving the diverse population of our region, a new hospital in Huntley will be an extension of the already established programs to address the unique language and cultural needs of all area patients. In McHenry County, more than 11% of area resident are of Hispanic descent and those number continue to climb and population increases.

By hiring of the right personnel, implementing the proper training, and following the Centegra Values, all area residents, regardless of their native language, are able to put the hassles of barriers behind them and focus on their care and recovery. At Centegra, we strive to improve the community as a whole, and this sentiment will be expressed fully if a new Huntley hospital is opened.

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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Re: Letter of Support – Project #10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is in support of Centegra Health System's proposed hospital in Huntley, Illinois. My name is Michael J. Fleck. I am an attorney in Huntley and have been affiliated with Centegra for 15 years, first serving on the Board of Directors for the Foundation (1996-2003) and recently as a member of the Foundation's Development Council. I believe in Centegra Health System. I have experienced firsthand its dedication to the communities it serves, and I recognize the need for high quality hospital services in this community. Centegra is the right choice for this project, and this is the right project for this community.

When I began my private practice in Huntley in 1995, there were approximately 2,500 people in the area. Today, there are 25,000 and the infrastructure is in place to serve tens of thousands more over the next few decades. I have seen Huntley grow over these years, including an influx of seniors as well as families with growing children. Along with that growth comes the entire spectrum of healthcare needs.

As an attorney who deals with estate planning, estate administration and guardianships for disabled persons, my practice allows me to assist seniors and families on a very personal level, people whose legal issues include health-related matters. So often I hear how these clients and their families need to travel quite a distance to obtain the quality health services that are necessary. A rapidly growing community of 25,000 (with a significant population whose healthcare needs are relatively more evident) should have a full service hospital nearby. So there is no question that the need exists in this underserved, expanding community.

The opportunity to watch the growth of the Huntley area, alongside the growth of the Centegra Health System over the last 15 years leads me to the conclusion that Centegra is the proper provider for this project. I was impressed with Centegra's commitment to the Huntley area, even

when Huntley was not the biggest community in Centegra's then service area. Involvement with the business community through Chamber of Commerce events, sponsorship of community health initiatives and a physical presence with local medical offices and ultimately the creation of the existing healthcare campus are a few examples of Centegra's commitment and investment in the growth and development of the greater Huntley area.

Because of the obvious need in the area; because of the existing partnership between the community and this health care provider; and because of the proven commitment to offering the finest quality health care in the region, Centegra Hospital – Huntley should be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Fleck  
LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL J. FLECK, P.C.

Pam Fender  
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Support of Project 10-090

My name is Pam Fender and I am a trustee for the Village of Huntley. I am proud to support Centegra Health System and its proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley. Centegra is the right health system and Huntley is the right location for a new hospital in McHenry County.

This hospital will be a great addition to our Community; Centegra offers state of the art medical services, varied employment opportunities, total health and wellbeing education, and a neighborhood partnership of caring. With our current population of 25,000 people in Huntley soon expected to grow to 45,000, we need great medical care close to home. Between 2010 and 2018, Huntley's population is projected to grow by 20 percent. Algonquin's population is expected to increase by 17.6 percent and Lake in the Hills is expected to grow by 16.7 percent in the same time frame. Our total area population is expected to be 273,886 people by 2018. I believe this merits a hospital.

Regional roadways in the area are already congested and the people of my region deserve immediate access to healthcare in case of emergencies. I look forward to being able to quickly access emergency services, cardiology services and women's services right in my community.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Centegra Hospital-Huntley and Project 10-090. Thank you.

**Centegra Health System – Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra  
Hospital – Huntley  
Project No. 10-090**

Sue Dobbe

I have been a resident and business owner in McHenry County for more than two decades.

Centegra has been the hospital of choice for my family. Through my business I have had the opportunity to work with many of the professionals at Centegra. The servant leadership concept of operating the organization modeled by Mike Eesley has been an amazing advantage to McHenry County healthcare. Having some familiarity with local business and economic development, it is my desire to see the Centegra Huntley campus provide the needed healthcare services to that part of the county.

Congratulations to the Centegra team for such an innovative and comprehensive facility plan.

Sue Dobbe,

Board Member Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Vice President Downtown Crystal Lake Main Street  
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My name is Gordy Smith. I have been in full time ministry for 30 years, the past 10 as pastor of Heartland Community Church in Rockford. I've spent a lot of time in hospitals visiting patients and subsequently observing the care they receive, including time as an on-call chaplain at Rockford Memorial Hospital.

But I'm here today to speak of the care I've observed at Centegra in Woodstock as both my mom and dad were patients there in the past year. Having visited them in the ER, the ICU, and in hospital rooms, I experienced first hand both an ease of navigating the facility, and a friendliness of the staff that quickly left me the sense that Centegra was not a large corporate healthcare machine, but a welcoming community-minded hospital.

My parents are both in their 80's (which doesn't seem as old to me as it used to...). I have seen hospitals over the years treat people in this age-group simply with a sense of inevitability. Not so with Centegra. They saved my dad's life twice. But more than that, they had as their goal to get him healthy and strong to continue to enjoy life.

One day I was visiting my dad as he was recovering from brain surgery. It was a scary day for us because they were not able to wake up Dad. Not sure why, they were running tests to see if he'd had a stroke in his sleep or something else. Dad seemed unaware of our presence in his room. At one point his nurse came in and began talking to him while she was checking on him. It was clear that she was not just taking care of a patient, but that she truly cared about my dad. As she talked to him and asked him some questions, he gave her a thumbs up! It was obvious he recognized her voice and was responding to her care. Shortly after that he began to show signs of improvement. Today he is back home, doing well, and helping care for my mom as she battles cancer.

I can't speak to the level of medical care of the hospital. I'll let my dad's health speak for that. I'm here today to testify to the level of personal care and community mindedness often lacking in large corporate healthcare, but which I've experienced firsthand at Centegra.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordy Smith, Pastor  
Heartland Community Church

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RE: Letter of Support for project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

February 16, 2011

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a chiropractor who recently joined the Centegra Primary Care-Huntley. The addition of chiropractic care enhances Centegra's high-quality orthopaedic and rehabilitative services by offering patients another way to treat pain and improve wellness. By adding chiropractic care to our services, we are providing the people of greater McHenry County new ways to get well and stay well. I treat patients who suffer from back pain, neck pain, pain in the arms and legs, and headaches. Chiropractors are extensively trained to diagnose and treat conditions of the musculoskeletal system that are mechanical or functional in origin. We use a holistic and evidence-based approach while educating our patients about exercise, nutrition and lifestyle choices. Chiropractic care fits well into the continuum of orthopaedic and rehabilitative medicine services at Centegra Health System.

Chiropractic care is often the primary method of treatment and it can also complement treatments that are prescribed or implemented by primary care physicians, orthopaedic surgeons and physical therapists. Chiropractors co-manage a patient's care with physicians and physical therapists and refer patients to other healthcare providers when a different clinical approach is needed.

Because I am part of a specialty network of physicians, my patients are able to seamlessly receive the multidisciplinary care approach they deserve. I fully support expanding our Huntley campus to include a full-service acute care hospital.

Yours in Health,



Randy J. David D.C.

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**CAREY**

**ELECTRIC CONTRACTING INC.**

**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Thomas Carey  
Carey Electric Contracting, Inc.

We are writing to express our full support of the proposed hospital by Centegra Health Systems in Huntley, IL. (Project #10-090). Hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and we feel Centegra is the health system best suited to provide these services. Centegra's commitment to the entire community is unparalleled and is demonstrated in virtually every aspect of the health services which they provide.

Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site. In addition to the needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community and the entire county.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and the surrounding areas, we urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health Systems for a new hospital in Huntley, IL.

On a personal level, the importance of a high quality healthcare system offering a full continuum of services to a community cannot be overstated. At some time in all of our lives, we will require some form of healthcare and to be able to rely on Centegra to provide those services locally without having to travel to Chicago, or Milwaukee is a huge benefit to our entire community. This Huntley Hospital will further enhance the quality healthcare available to our community, locally – here at home.

As members of this community, my family and I have chosen to support the Centegra Health Care System for two main reasons. First, a quality healthcare system enhances the quality of life for our entire community and that is a benefit for everyone. The second reason, and probably the most compelling reason for me personally, is the fact that Centegra Health System is such a vital part of the community – not only by the jobs and services it provides- but through its support of so many of the programs and community events throughout McHenry and Kane Counties. To see a healthcare system so invested and willing to support all aspects of our community makes me want to be a full supporter of the Centegra Healthcare System.

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February 16, 2011

My name is Tom McTavish. I am the Business Manager of IBEW Local 117 and the President of McHenry County Building Trades. The trade unions that are members of our council represent thousands of members and their families with the majority of them from McHenry County and even right here in Huntley, Lake in the Hills, and Algonquin. We fully support Centegra's proposed new hospital here in Huntley.

The two most important reasons for us are the fact there has been a tremendous amount of growth in this area of McHenry County with much more to come in the future. The location of this hospital is ideal to service this expansion. The hospital will also be an economic engine that is very much needed to provide good long lasting jobs to this area of the county now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. McTavish

**UNION  
YES**

**Dr. Terrence J. Bugno  
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Public Hearing on the Centegra Health System Application to build:  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL – HUNTLEY, Project #10-090**

My name is [KAY PRESHLOCK] and I am speaking on behalf of Dr. Terrence Bugno, member of the Centegra Board of Governors and Radiation Oncologist on staff at the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

I strongly support the Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project. It is the right answer to an unmet healthcare need, situated in the right place, being 'birthed' at the right time, and pursued for the right reasons by our System – anchored in McHenry County Illinois --- building on the Promise which Centegra Health System Made in 1995 --- that the PATIENT is the CENTER of what we do, who we are, how we work (from a BASIS OF INTEGRITY) – and providing modern technologic advances delivered through compassionate personalized care.

This IS CENTEGRA – it's history, it's mantra, it's charge.

My career path has brought me to McHenry County on two occasions – the first in the 1980's, the second as of 2000. What a difference a few decades makes! I have grown to be passionate about CENTEGRA – as physician, a cancer doctor, former medical director of Radiation Oncology Services, a Board Member and a resident of McHenry County. We continually contribute to the health and welfare of our own residents. I wish to speak to access, quality, technology, 'heart' and 'stewardship' in my remarks.

As an Oncologist specializing in radiation medicine arriving to McHenry County in the mid 1980's, state of the art services were fragmented, often inaccessible and requiring compromises by hard working families to 'go elsewhere' ... Wisconsin, downtown Chicago, collar county university and academic centers and yes, even Mayo Clinic.

Scared of the big "C" ... worried about limited options or choices... daily sacrifices were made --- because you did the 'right thing'. Priorities and values drove many out of the area for specialized care. It's just the way it HAD to be. Caring physicians aligned with NIMC and Woodstock Hospitals helped to bridge the gap and provided fundamental services --- closer to home, inspired by the "war on cancer" national directive on Community Cancer Programs.

Come 2000 and my return to this area --- new realities --population expansion, growing and aging families, rising prevalence of acute and chronic illnesses despite medical advances --- and with it ---a real need for comprehensive Cancer Care. Awareness of, and proper planning for, dedicated multidisciplinary cancer services 'right in our own county' ultimately birthed the Sage Cancer Center in McHenry-- with collaboration amongst physicians, diverse healthcare providers, consumers and generous support from all sectors of the business community. The result? Improved access and benefits for our residents.

In my area - Radiation Oncology - we acquired progressive high tech equipment and procedures -- linear accelerators, Tomotherapy, High dose rate radiation, sophisticated planning software systems -- and, we were able to attract many 'best and brightest' minds to our Center --- academically credentialed but choosing to live, work and give their talents to McHenry County residents.

We've met the needs in the diversity of Cancer Services offered across the continuum of care --- from screening & prevention, diagnosis, individualized cancer treatment programs, clinical trial access, aftercare support including survivorship, and when appropriate --- palliative and hospice care. Being there throughout that patient's cancer experience. High technology, progressive cancer care -- distinguished by professionals who believe in 'high touch' personalized approach with 'heart'.

Our success is measured beyond our excellent patient satisfaction surveys, through testimonials who tell us: "They treated us like their own family! We felt right at home!"

I can attest that Centegra Health System is 'well beyond expectation' in it's delivery of Cancer Care Services for McHenry County . We've answered with 'high tech' state of the art diagnostics, leading edge radiation oncology and infusion services -- and a solid nationally accredited program. Our 'team approach' interconnects our System, medical providers with our partnering community. Expansion to the Huntley area affords many more individuals access to 'what we do best' in cancer care.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors (who happens to be a physician)... I have watched this Healthcare System demonstrate keen understanding of, and leadership to acquire, deliver and steward appropriate Inpatient and Outpatient accessible facilities for McHenry County. It takes it's mission seriously and responsibly.

I have both observed and participated in our executive team's 'common sense' yet insightful steering through the maze of changing Healthcare with high moral and ethical

character, decision-making, and 'doing things for the right reasons'. Our Board's responsibility towards behavioral health for McHenry County, new initiatives in Cardiovascular, Cancer, Degenerative and Chronic Diseases as well as Women's Health, newborn and pediatric care and in community education, patient access and self empowerment are very evident.

The board , executive team and it's hundreds of associates embrace our mission, vision, values in the conduct of our activities. We do our best, and seek, retain and support our dedicated workforce. There is a healing culture, a 'team' born of local residents living, working, caring and involved ---- In realizing our charge as the leader for Healthcare for McHenry County. Ours is a culture of Servant Leadership .

We've recognized the changing scene for the growing population in our southern corridor ---- and have already established a presence including Health Bridge & Outpatient Center which has been well received and incorporated into the fabric of this area.

We do note that healthcare is NOT defined by a building, but a continuum of integrated services. It is imperative that we win our community's confidence that we are 'right around the corner' – ready, able, attentive – with quality healthcare initiatives... easy access.... experienced leadership... compassionate caring and genuine respect ... and ..... involved! ...

As an Oncologist, Centegra Board Member – and McHenry County Resident ---- I know that Centegra is THE dedicated service provider who's answering this call –for the present --- for the future. The next step in the satisfying that growing expectation for onsite healthcare is... Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

We have studied healthcare needs, done our due diligence and explored various options . Despite the imposing present economy, healthcare trends and life stressors living in McHenry County- Illinois, Centegra genuinely believes it's culture, it's 'roots' and demonstrated responsible stewardship during these trying times - can bring substantial benefit to those who live, work and play right here – and achieve the vision.

I believe that our mantra to be a destination system with Mayo's clinical and Ritz Carlton's service reputation is what this Huntley area relates to, and best aligns with in its Healthcare Needs for now and the future. This Centegra Hospital Huntley initiative is the 'best' answer and I urge it's approval.

Thank you.

Daniel Byars in support of Project #10-090  
Director, Patient Support Services, Centegra Health System

I strongly support the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley; project number 10-090 because Centegra Health System is well-suited to meet the area need and able to provide the most effective integrated healthcare network for the residents of the greater McHenry County area.

Changes to the Medicare payment system and other healthcare reforms that become effective in July of 2011 will move all hospitals toward a more health facility – community integrated approach to providing health services. Examples of these reforms include: Medicare payment methods that reward preventative service such as providing pneumonia and flu shots to vulnerable populations and payment strategies that penalize poor outcomes such as patients being readmitted to a hospital within 30 days of being discharged.

Because of the need for greater effectiveness of health services, the future of Health Care in the McHenry County area, as well as, the entire country requires the effectiveness that is delivered by a highly integrated approach to health services. This integrated approach would be enhanced if a new full-service hospital were built upon the existing Centegra campus in Huntley.

Based on its 100+ years of providing care, Centegra has well established collaborative relationships with the network of health services providers that serve the residents of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. Because of Centegra's existing broad base of inpatient and outpatient services as well as its well established relationships with physicians, allied health professionals, nursing homes and other health service providers in the area, the Centegra Huntley- Hospital would ensure the most effective integrated healthcare network for the greater McHenry County area.

In conclusion, I enthusiastically support the proposed Centegra Huntley – Hospital because it will meet area need and provide health services to the greater McHenry County area in the most effective manner.

**Jefferson Batt  
2412 Dakota Ridge  
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In Support of Project #10-090**

February 16, 2011

My name is Jeff Batt, a partner of McHenry Financial and the founding President of the Rotary Club of McHenry-Sunrise. As a long standing and active member of our community, I support project #10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Centegra has been an excellent citizen in our community. There is a need for a hospital and its clear Huntley is the right location.

On New Year's Day 2010 my Grandmother had surgery at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to repair a broken knee cap from a fall she had taken the day before. My Grandmother suffers from severe dementia and was a “challenging” patient to say the least. The care that the doctors and nurses took with my Grandmother during her surgery and recovery has made me a raving fan of Centegra and their standard of healthcare.

I strongly believe Centegra is the right organization to provide our community with another excellent resource for health care.

Jefferson Batt  
Partner  
McHenry Financial

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name: Elissa Brebach, MD**

**Address: 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152**

My name is Dr. Elissa Brebach – thank you for this opportunity to speak my support for Centegra Health System’s proposed hospital project in Huntley. As section chief of women’s health and as a radiologist serving the community through Centegra’s Medical Imaging Services, I am uplifted by Centegra’s commitment to the women of our region. When it comes to early detection of breast cancer, we still have a long way to go to ensure the health of many women and men nationwide and certainly in the greater McHenry County area communities.

Centegra Health System has demonstrated a true commitment to providing outstanding medical imaging services to help women and men in the fight against breast cancer. McHenry County's breast cancer statistics are sobering. Between 2002 and 2006, 135 women out of every 100,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer. That was higher than Illinois' rate of 127 diagnoses per 100,000 women.

In the six-county Chicago metro area, McHenry County also has more women who are diagnosed with late-stage cancer -- 32% -- than any other county. Because of the late-stage cancer diagnoses, McHenry County also has higher breast cancer mortality rates than other surrounding counties. Centegra is committed to improving these numbers throughout greater McHenry and Kane Counties. We recently opened the Centegra Gavers Breast Center to provide a centralized location to meet each individual’s breast care needs. This center offers a multidisciplinary approach with leading edge technology including digital mammography, breast MRI and stereotactic and ultrasound guided biopsies.

Today I stand here to demonstrate my support for Centegra Health System’s proposed hospital project in Huntley which will bring additional women’s services to communities in need so that we can continue to reach out to the many women in the county that still need to get annual screening mammograms and those that can benefit from follow up services.

I'm honored to be a member of the Centegra community and see a promising future ahead.

**Kathy Kozak, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Hello, my name is Kathy Kozak. I am the Group Fitness Manager for Health Bridge Fitness Center, both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley! There is a great need for a hospital in southern McHenry County/ northern Kane County.

Since we opened our Huntley location in 2008, the people of the area have filled our Fitness Center. They come from all walks of life and in many shapes and sizes. Some of our exercisers are there to maintain and improve their fitness levels, and others come to us for life-changing advice as they strive toward a healthier, happier lifestyle. We offer fitness classes, nutrition counseling, aquatics, sports facilities, activities for children and families and a spa to help people relax their minds and indulge their bodies in a healthy way.

The success of Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Huntley comes from Centegra's goal to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities we serve. It is clear to all of us at HealthBridge that the people of the Huntley region were just waiting for the opportunity to live more active lifestyles, and Centegra met the needs of the community by building the Centegra Campus in Huntley.

I'm especially excited when I see the young families of the area who visit Health Bridge together. The parents are setting positive examples for their children, and I believe those kids will grow up to be healthier than the previous generation. This wouldn't be possible without Centegra's impact on the community. From our CEO to the Associates who work at Health Bridge, we consistently demonstrate our commitment to the region's overall wellness.

Personally, my parents live in Del Webb Huntley and use Centegra for their wellness needs. My in-laws live in Algonquin and work out at Health Bridge in Huntley. I live in Algonquin. My entire family deserves a hospital closer to our homes.

Making Centegra Hospital - Huntley another part of the Huntley Campus would complete the continuum of care we have already begun to provide to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I am proud to be a part of Centegra's Huntley campus and deeply believe that Centegra is the best health system and Huntley is the best location for a new hospital.

## **Testimony – Supporting Centegra Hospital Huntley, Project #10-090**

**Judy Andronowitz**

**February 10, 2011**

My name is Judy Andronowitz, Director of Nursing Support Services for Centegra Health System. I have been with Centegra for over 20 years and I am extremely proud today to represent Centegra's 819 nurses who as we speak are at the bedside of our patients serving them with passionate care and joyful spirits. Our nursing Associates are actively engaged in quality improvement processes and evidence-based nursing practice to ensure the very best care for each of our patients. We foster professional growth and career advancement for nursing Associates through active participation in professional and educational activities. Each year we host over 250 undergraduate and graduate nursing students from 13 schools, developing future nurses to serve our community, and we partner with five schools for BSN completion programs for the development of our current nursing team. Centegra Health System is actively on the nationally recognized Magnet journey for nursing excellence. We promote the health of our community through active participation in health-related events and the role modeling of health. The clinical nursing teams have responsibility, authority and accountability for providing outstanding patient care and achieving the best patient outcomes. Through our nursing shared governance councils, our nurses and other clinicians have a strong voice in how care is provided within our system to ensure high quality outcomes for those we serve. We currently have over \_\_\_ nurses actively working on the design of our cutting edge, fully integrated, high-tech electronic medical record which will further enhance quality and patient safety, timely care and patient satisfaction. The mission of the Department of Nursing at Centegra Health System is to provide care that is of the highest quality. As we treat the physical and mental needs of our patients, we also consider their spiritual and cultural beliefs. We encourage our nurses to maintain a balance between work and family life so when they care for our patients they can do so with a joyful spirit. Our patients are our neighbors, friends, families and loved ones. It's personal, we take it to heart, and we deliver excellence in all we do. Centegra has been part of this community for nearly 100 years. We are fully committed to bringing the best care to the Huntley area, because this IS our community.

I support the Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.

**Centegra Health System – Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Project No. 10-090**

Chad Alexander  
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My name is Chad Alexander of Gilberts and I am here in support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley as a community member.

My wife-to-be and I moved to the area in early November of 2005. One of the first things we needed to do was to find a health system that would fit our needs. Centegra distinguished itself as health system designed to meet the needs of its community. As my family has grown, so too has the Centegra family. We have all used the new immediate care center in Huntley for numerous reasons including our flu shots the past few seasons. My father-in-law has even used the immediate care for his flu shots when he has been in town and was thoroughly impressed.

As I mentioned, our family has grown since we moved to the area. My wife delivered both children at Centegra Hospitals (McHenry and Woodstock). Our first child came within an hour of her water breaking and I barely made it to the hospital in time. Thanks to the staff in labor and delivery at McHenry, I was in constant contact with my wife on my way to the hospital. They even alerted security to meet and escort me up to the unit. If that had not happened I would have missed the birth of our first son. Since the delivery was so quick, I did not have a camera to capture any of those first moments. Again the staff at Centegra went above and beyond. One nurse let us borrow her camera and even put the pictures on a CD for us. Since our first child was a speedy delivery, we decided that my wife would deliver the next a little closer to home at Centegra Hospital in Woodstock. When my wife went into labor with the second child, we found out last minute that the baby was breach. Along with the attending physician, Dr. Brown, my wife's primary ob/gyn, Dr. Yao, was there within 5 minutes to help deliver our son. Again, the care was beyond expectations. It would be great to have a Centegra Hospital closer to our home.

Last thing about the Centegra family, we knew that as first time parents we wanted to find a pediatrician close to home. Again, we found that something special at Centegra in Dr. Dana Hartwigsen. Dr. Hartwigsen is not just a pediatrician but a friend and a valued family resource. We feel that she takes care of our children as she would one of her own kids.

Thank you for your time and consideration of Centegra's proposed Hospital in Huntley.

Chad Alexander

**SUPPORT FOR PROJECT #10-090**  
**Centegra Huntley Hospital**

I would first like to preface my remarks by saying that I was born in Woodstock Hospital, the medical building prior to the Centegra Healthcare System that we now enjoy. I have been in this county my entire life so I am speaking as someone who can reflect on decades of local healthcare from first hand knowledge.

The first hospitals in McHenry County were not started by a sophisticated medical system, but by a group of community members and doctors who were looking at supporting their community. McHenry County has enjoyed a burst of growth in recent years and it has become an attractive target for medical care, but I continue to remember that our Woodstock Hospital and McHenry Hospital were created for the community, by the community. The integration of these hospitals into the Centegra system was a long process that required tremendous support of the board, administrators, service providers and residents to make it happen. We should all be very proud of our Centegra system today.

I have lived in Huntley for the past 37 years and I have owned a woodworking business for the past 15 years. When the HealthBridge Fitness Center building and the Ambulatory building were let out for bid in my hometown, my McHenry County millwork company was among many other local companies who received an invitation to bid competitively on this local job. I was grateful for the opportunity to at least bid on this job. I was ecstatic to find that the General Contractor for the job, acting on behalf of Centegra picked my company for the millwork for both projects.

My employees and I put much effort into these projects and are very proud that we were a part of helping to provide the availability of quality health care to our neighbors. Centegra has made a commitment to McHenry County contractors and we will continue to support their efforts to help us live longer, healthier lives.

Sandra M. Pierce  
President  
Phoenix Woodworking Corporation

**Berni Szczepanski**  
**Director, Human Resources Development**  
**Centegra Health System-McHenry**  
**4201 Medical Center Drive**  
**McHenry, IL 60050**

**Project #10-090**

You heard earlier about our confidence in being able to staff this new facility--about how our retention demonstrates our ability to attract and retain staff.

Indeed the retention rate of 95.8% is impressive. What contributes to this? Centegra commits to its Associates—to their success and satisfaction. We commit to developing great leaders, creating a pipeline for healthcare professionals, and providing Associates with the Total Rewards they value.

Centegra is committed to being a learning organization. Our Leadership Development program is tied to our strategic objectives and is driven by the Leaders themselves. Our curriculum, tools and resources are built on our leaders needs. Our best in class program combines external speakers, internal talent, hands on tools, and facilitated small group highly—interactive sessions to deliver over 48 hours of Leadership Development programming per year. The skills introduced in the sessions are then further supported with an on-line Leader Resource site and a unique one-on-one coaching program.

We support our leaders—and they in turn support their staff and our community. Our leaders participate in Leadership Greater McHenry County—a program designed to develop community leader awareness, skill, and collaboration. In fact, the program was developed by Centegra and 29 Centegra leaders have graduated from the program. Those Leaders then go on to serve on numerous community boards and further share their skills in helping both non-profit and for-profit community organizations in strategic planning.

Our commitment in developing a consistent pipeline of healthcare talent is evident through the many unique programs implemented by Centegra. The **Student Nurse Shadowing Program** was created last year in response to the decrease in nursing jobs available for new graduates and provides nursing students the opportunity to experience our work place culture.

For six years, The **Healthcare Career Fair** inspires and educates thousands of 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the exciting careers of healthcare professionals, through an interactive wonderland of simulated surgeries and futuristic pharmacy.

Centegra proposed and authored a three credit course, **Health Profession Career Exploration**, offered through McHenry County College which is held at

Centegra Hospitals. Students explore government defined healthcare paths via testimonials from Centegra associates, tours of units, job shadowing and skills exploration.

Centegra serves hundreds of clinical students from over 40 different colleges every year. Although many healthcare systems have clinical rotations few have a **Red Carpet Clinical Rotation Program**. It provides students with a warm and welcoming learning environment that features a comprehensive orientation, enthused and engaged mentors, leader rounding of students and student feedback gathered by a quantitative tool.

The **Student Nurse Internship Program** provides a learning experience specifically designed to enhance the student's confidence as a practitioner post graduation with our unique, multi-tiered program and varied opportunities to further advance clinical skills and develop expertise within a chosen specialty.

Finally, we commit to the well-being of each of our 3700 Associates. Our benefits and compensation philosophy, called Total Rewards@Work, is to tailor benefits to each Associate's unique needs. Our Total Rewards philosophy is based on competitive salary and benefits, workplace culture and development. At Centegra we focus on the Associate personally and professionally. For the busy Associate that is managing work-life balance, we offer a concierge service providing dry cleaning, oil changes, video rental, gift cards and much more.

Our commitment to our leaders, our community, our future workforce, and to each and every Associate is what makes Centegra a great place to work. It is also what will support us in our efforts to extend our great healthcare to Huntley.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name: Elissa Brebach, MD**

**Address: 815 Foxanna Circle, Fox River Grove, IL 60021**

My name is Dr. Elissa Brebach – thank you for this opportunity to speak my support for Centegra Health System’s proposed hospital project in Huntley. As section chief of women’s health and as a radiologist serving the community through Centegra’s Medical Imaging Services, I am uplifted by Centegra’s commitment to the women of our region. When it comes to early detection of breast cancer, we still have a long way to go to ensure the health of many women and men nationwide and certainly in the greater McHenry County area communities.

Centegra Health System has demonstrated a true commitment to providing outstanding medical imaging services to help women and men in the fight against breast cancer. McHenry County's breast cancer statistics are sobering. Between 2002 and 2006, 135 women out of every 100,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer. That was higher than Illinois' rate of 127 diagnoses per 100,000 women.

In the six-county Chicago metro area, McHenry County also has more women who are diagnosed with late-stage cancer -- 32% -- than any other county. Because of the late-stage cancer diagnoses, McHenry County also has higher breast cancer mortality rates than other surrounding counties. Centegra is committed to improving these numbers throughout greater McHenry and Kane Counties. We recently opened the Centegra Gavers Breast Center to provide a centralized location to meet each individual’s breast care needs. This center offers a multidisciplinary approach with leading edge technology including digital mammography, breast MRI and stereotactic and ultrasound guided biopsies.

Today I stand here to demonstrate my support for Centegra Health System’s proposed hospital project in Huntley which will bring additional women’s services to communities in need so that we can continue to reach out to the many women in the county that still need to get annual screening mammograms and those that can benefit from follow up services.

I'm honored to be a member of the Centegra community and see a promising future ahead.

**Joseph Emmons, MD, in favor of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

My name is Dr. Joseph Emmons and I am the medical director of internal medicine with Centegra Primary Care. I practice at our Woodstock location. I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board to approve Centegra's Certificate of Need application for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

In my years with Centegra Health System, Centegra has been the region's leader at bringing new specialties and services to the people of greater McHenry County. As the region's population has grown and our patients' needs have changed, Centegra has recruited physicians to provide healthcare to the people of the communities we serve.

Centegra has significantly enhanced the availability and the level of heart care services for the people of the region. We work with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, to provide open heart surgery to our patients. Our cath labs perform lifesaving noninvasive procedures to thousands of patients each year.

In orthopaedics, Centegra surgeons deliver the newest in spine surgery, hip and knee replacement, arthroscopic procedures and even finger joint replacement surgeries. Centegra's physician partners deliver the extraordinary care our patients demand and deserve.

Please allow Centegra to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I represent all Centegra Primary Care physicians when I say we want our patients to have Centegra's state-of-the-art care close to home. I support Centegra Hospital – Huntley as the right place and now as the right time for a new hospital. Thank you.

## **Testimony in Support of Centegra Hospital Huntley**

**Mayor Chuck Sass  
Village of Huntley**

Good Morning and welcome to Huntley. It is with great pride that I stand here today on behalf of the more than 23,000 residents of our Village and offer our wholehearted support for Centegra Hospital Huntley. With my testimony, I am also including for the record a Resolution of Support approved unanimously by the Huntley Village Board on January 27, 2011.

Since Centegra first announced its vision for a hospital in our community I have heard from area residents and businesses who are excited about the plans. It is clear that so many others recognize what those of us in Huntley have known for many years: Residents here and in surrounding communities need improved access to healthcare!

Huntley and southern McHenry County has been at the heart of regional population growth for the past decade and more. As Village President since 2001, I have watched our community grow exponentially and worked tirelessly to manage growth and to make our Village attractive for both residents and businesses alike.

According to the 2008 Special Census, Huntley's population grew at an annual rate of 19.1% between 2000 and 2008. In total that is more than a 300 percent increase since 2000. And as you will hear from my colleagues in the neighboring communities of Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Gilberts and others, we are not alone. These are the exact communities the proposed new hospital is designed to serve.

Huntley is home to the largest active adult community for those 55 and over in the state with more than 10,000 residents in Del Webb's Sun City. We are also home to a large number of young families with young children. This combination of residents makes having a full-service hospital in our community, with easy access, that much more imperative.

From the State Department of Public Health's own data, our communities are underserved and in need of additional hospital beds. Centegra is the healthcare provider that has stepped up to the plate to meet this need.

They invested in our community with millions of dollars to build an immediate care facility, physician offices and outpatient services. No other health system in the region has recognized the need in our region and taken the necessary steps to address these needs. Centegra is committed to our community.

We stand strongly behind the proposal for Centegra Hospital Huntley. We ask that those who claim a hospital isn't needed to look around this room at the supporters, look at the

population of our communities and look at the needs outlined clearly by state health officials.

Now is the right time. Huntley is the right place for a new full-service acute care hospital in McHenry County. Thank you.

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COUNTY OF KANE     )

CERTIFICATION

I, RITA MCMAHON, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized Village Clerk of the Village of Huntley, Counties of McHenry and Kane, State of Illinois, and that as such Village Clerk I am the keeper of the records and minutes of proceedings of the President and Board of Trustees of the said Village.

I do hereby certify that the following Resolution (R)2011-01.05 – Resolution in Support of Approval of Centegra Hospital-Huntley was duly passed and approved, at the Village Board meeting of said President and Village Board, held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, at which time 5 Trustees were present and 1 absent.

Motion was made by Trustee Kanakaris seconded by Trustee Piwko that the attached Resolution be passed and approved.

Upon roll-call vote, the following voted Aye: Trustees Fender, Kadakia, Kanakaris, Mercer and Piwko, 0 Trustees voted NAY, and 1 Trustee (Trustee Leopold) was absent; where upon said Resolution was declared duly passed and was thereupon approved by the President.



*Rita McMahon*  
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VILLAGE CLERK

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY**

**RESOLUTION (R)2011-01.05**

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County and the population of the Village of Huntley has more than tripled in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley is interested in ensuring the availability of quality healthcare to all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley has had the opportunity to collaborate with Centegra Health System in the development of a state-of-the-art Immediate Care Center, primary care physicians' office, and fitness center and believes that the proposed project will yield benefit, not only for the Village of Huntley, but for the entire region, and that Centegra is the best suited to serve the community through this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Huntley commends, and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

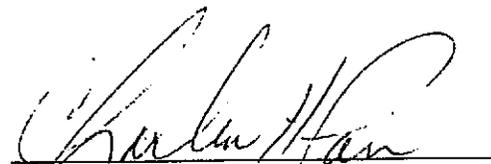
PASSED and APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

AYE: Trustees Fender, Kadakia, Kanakarlis, Mercer and Piwko  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Leopold  
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

  
Village Clerk



  
Village President



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**Luke Johnsos, Centegra Board of Governors  
Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Project # 10-090**

My name is Luke Johnsos. I am a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, and I am here to support Centegra Hospital – Huntley. This application abides by state rules and would bring a new hospital to an underserved area.

As a business owner, I know that numbers don't lie. In this case, numbers show that southern McHenry County's population is growing rapidly. Numbers also show that Planning Area A-10 doesn't have enough hospital beds.

I see every reason to approve this application. Please vote in favor of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

My name is Ryan Nestruck and I support the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I believe that the proposed hospital in Huntley reinforces Centegra's commitment to serving the community and local businesses by having a full service healthcare campus that can meet any healthcare need of people living and working in this growing area of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. As an Associate of Centegra I have the privilege of leading our home health agency. Nearly 70% of our agency patients are over 65 and Medicare beneficiaries. Dell Webb Sun City is just over four miles from the proposed hospital site, and has an estimated 8,000 residents. As Dell Webb and the surrounding community ages, so does the need for access to high quality healthcare services. The 2010 MedPAC Medicare study shows that the average Medicare beneficiary receives \$8,865 of care each year. The data goes on to show that Medicare beneficiaries access healthcare services at increasing rates as they age. Countless studies show that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, pneumonia (to name a few) frustrate suffers and increase utilization of healthcare services. Centegra Health System has been working diligently to link evidence based education and care pathways from the hospital bed to home in hopes of positively impacting the quality of life for those managing chronic illness.

Centegra Primary Care geriatrician Rex Nzeribe has shared with me that within 7 office visits his patients typically need either home health or are hospitalized. Most of them take more than 8 medications and visit multiple subspecialists. Dr. Nzeribe's holistic view of patients is seen in his comprehensive clinic. His clinic consists of dieticians, physical and occupational therapists, behavioral health specialists and nurses who listen to the patient's goals and assess how their expertise can help those goals be attained. This is just one example of how our community can count on Centegra Health System to meet the needs of the aging population with the approval of this project.

As a community member who moved here specifically because of Centegra's commitment to patient centered care, this project fulfills the vision I first learned four years ago. I am honored to represent and support Centegra Health System's commitment to bring excellent healthcare services to Huntley (and surrounding communities) with the building of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

**Lisa Glosson, MD, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

My name is Dr. Lisa Glosson and I am a family practice physician with Centegra Primary Care-Woodstock. I am here today to implore the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board to allow Centegra Health System to fulfill a promise it made to my patients. That promise was to improve healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Centegra Hospital-Huntley is the solution to our region's need for greater access to healthcare. I sincerely hope my patients will be able to receive emergency services, noninvasive cardiology care, women's services and access to a helipad if they need to be transferred to a Level I Trauma Center.

As the population increases there will be more people in need of family practice, internal medicine and pediatric physicians who will serve as the front-line providers of healthcare. Centegra Health System is THE health system that is committed to recruit and support the physicians that our growing population will need.

I know that southern McHenry County and northern Kane County need improved access to healthcare, and Huntley is the right location. Please give Centegra Health System the Certificate of Need to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.



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February 16, 2011

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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**Re: Illinois Department of Public Health CON Public Hearing 10-090 Centegra  
Hospital-Huntley, Huntley**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am speaking at the request of Sherman Health, located in Elgin, Illinois, which is opposing the need for Project 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Huntley. This testimony provides a national perspective of the impact of healthcare reform and value-based care delivery on utilization trends and bed need calculations, including the determination of need for this proposed project.

As payment reform moves toward more outcomes-based payment (e.g., bundled payments, Pay-for-Performance), legislation is aimed at creating clinically integrated care delivery models and reimbursement. Traditional utilization study and bed need calculations are now becoming obsolete as healthcare continues this movement toward value-based care delivery over traditional volume-driven care. A case in point is the findings<sup>12</sup> of the impact on utilization of health reform in Massachusetts. Treatment intensity as measured by length of hospital stays decreased by one percent, while expanded insurance coverage resulted in a two percentage point decrease in the fraction of hospital admissions from the emergency room. Hospital inpatient admissions for treating preventable conditions also fell almost three percentage points.

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<sup>1</sup> Wright, Sarah H. The Impact of Health Insurance Reform in Massachusetts. *The NBER Digest*. The National Bureau of Economic Research. November 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Kolstad, Jonathan T. and Kowalski, Amanda E. The Impact of Health Care Reform on Hospital and Preventive Care: Evidence from Massachusetts. *NBER Working Paper*, No. 16012, May 2010. © 2010 by Jonathan T. Kolstad and Amanda E. Kowalski.

The emergence of patient-centered medical homes, bundled payments, clinical integration, and accountable care organizations are directing the organization and delivery of healthcare away from the traditional fee-for-service, volume-based model. In the next few years, providers will begin to experience the impact from this paradigm shift in care delivery and reimbursement away from the inpatient, acute care hospital-driven delivery system towards one that is more clinically integrated, coordinated, and ambulatory-based. Examples of where this change has occurred include Brown & Toland in San Francisco, California; Greater Rochester IPA ("GRIPA") in Rochester, New York; and Advocate Health Care in Oak Brook, Illinois.

These trends are also supported by the latest future trend reports published by leading national healthcare research firms. Sg2 forecasts<sup>3</sup> health reform will result in a decline in inpatient utilization and increase in outpatient utilization. The HFMA report "*Ambulatory Stands Out Under Reform*"<sup>4</sup> states that inpatient utilization and margins have stagnated, with rate of inpatient admissions declining by ten percent from 1987 to 2007. A recent Thompson Reuters™ report<sup>5</sup> notes the "demand for outpatient services will grow and ambulatory care will be prioritized" as a result of payment reform initiatives such as bundled payments, Pay-for-Performance, and episode-based payments. The Advisory Board issued a report<sup>6</sup> last year that discussed the changing role of the traditional acute care model and the reduction in inpatient utilization that is likely to result. In this report, The Advisory Board notes that inpatient admissions were already deteriorating before the worst of the downturn of the economy. In addition, Pay-for-Performance initiatives are targeting cuts on hospital-based care, "making specialty care less lucrative, more efficient, and penalizing lack of coordination." In this post-reform healthcare landscape, providers will face new payment methodologies that will fundamentally change their business models and organizational design and further drive the need to leverage interdependency with physicians and value-based alignment.

Market consolidation of providers will accelerate in 2011 and beyond. Payment reform will drive regional health system consolidation at the service line level for high resource intensive services. The HFMA report<sup>4</sup> sites reform legislation aimed at reducing costs of episodic care for

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<sup>3</sup> Sg2 Forecasts Inpatient Services to Decline 1.9% and Outpatient Services to Grow 30% Over the Next Decade. Press Release, June 9, 2010.

<sup>4</sup> Johnson, T.K. Ambulatory Care Stands Out Under Reform. *HFM. Healthcare Financial Management*, 64(5):56-63, May 2010.

<sup>5</sup> Dunn, D., Lewandowski, D., and Pickens, G. The Influence of Reform on Local Coverage and Utilization: White Paper. Thompson Reuters™, September 2010.

<sup>6</sup> *Future Strategy, Future Growth: How the Recession and Reform Will (and Won't) Change Hospital and Health System Economics.* White Paper. May 19, 2010. © 2010 The Advisory Board Company.

chronic conditions that should be managed proactively outside of the acute care setting. Therefore, providers should expect increased mergers, closures, and conversions with surviving health systems restructured to provide high value (high quality, low cost). These restructured systems will be clinically integrated across facilities and with physicians, have geographically distributed primary care physicians ("PCPs") and access points, and be operating at 90 to 95 percent occupancy with high throughput.

The emergence of new care delivery and payment models reflect this trend toward value over volume incentives (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") demonstrations, commercial payer pilots, etc.). Pay-for-Performance and bundled payment programs will drive further physician alignment and collaboration as a mechanism to improve efficiency and improve overall quality by moving beneficiaries to participating acute care episode ("ACE") demonstration providers. The goal of these programs is to reduce or stabilize growing costs to Medicare for acute care services by maximizing the use of available capacity in high quality providers. Clinical integration and accountable care organization ("ACO") focus will be to improve population health and preventive care. As a result, the projected inpatient utilization per capita will decrease.

Benefit design is now focused on high deductible, high copay health plans that will soften demand for diagnostic testing and procedures as consumers become accountable for a larger percentage of their healthcare costs.<sup>7</sup> Efforts to "bend the cost curve" will result in doing less (i.e., lower utilization) and paying less. This trend is demonstrated in recent changes in Medicare payments, or actually reduction in payments. Medicare is no longer paying for hospital-acquired infections.<sup>8</sup> Medicare is also reducing payment for all hospital readmissions<sup>9</sup> for heart attack, heart failure, and pneumonia (up to one percent reduction in FY 2013, up to two percent in FY 2014, and up to three percent in FY 2015 and beyond). Beginning in FY 2015, Medicare can expand this list to include an additional four conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease ("COPD"), cardiac and vascular procedures, and other conditions or procedures as the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines appropriate.

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<sup>7</sup> Syre, Steven. Picturing lower costs. *The Boston Globe*. January 25, 2011.

<sup>8</sup> Paddock, Catherine. Medicare Will Not Pay For Hospital Mistakes And Infections, New Rule. *Medical News Today*. August 20, 2007. © Medical News Today <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/80074.php>

<sup>9</sup> Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Title III, Subtitle A; Part 3, Sec. 3025. Hospital readmissions reduction program. May 1, 2010.

Patient Centered Medical Home pilot programs have also demonstrated significant declines in inpatient admissions and readmissions, improved quality, lower costs, and overall better value through adoption of medical homes. For example, Geisinger Health System saw a 15 percent decrease in hospital admissions for a savings of \$3.7 million. Community Care of North Carolina experienced a 40 percent reduction in Medicaid hospital admissions.<sup>10</sup>

Employers are also developing innovative programs to manage health costs, many in partnership with local insurers. Boeing partnered with Regents Blue Cross in Washington to work with three clinics to build "Ambulatory ICU" models for 700 predicted high cost employees and dependents. This program resulted in a 28 percent decline compared to baseline in hospital admissions.<sup>11</sup> IBM and UnitedHealthcare have collaborated on a primary care medical home initiative in Arizona<sup>12</sup> with the goal of enhancing patient access to quality care and improving the care of chronic conditions.

Insurers are also making a move toward global payment and value-based care reimbursement. Blue Cross Blue Shield ("BCBS") of Massachusetts is driving a move toward global payments.<sup>13</sup> Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois ("BCBSIL") and Advocate Health Care signed an accountable care agreement<sup>14</sup> to improve performance and delivery of quality healthcare service. BCBSIL is also partnering with the Illinois Hospital Association to reduce readmission rates, as Illinois ranked 44<sup>th</sup> among states for Medicare 30-day readmission rates.<sup>15</sup> Commercial insurers in Michigan are collaborating to use BCBS of Michigan's Physician Group Incentive Program for medical home to manage chronic diseases through the CMS Innovation Center.<sup>16</sup>

Based on these results, it is clear that the emerging payment and care delivery models have significant implications on current and projected capacity for inpatient, acute care market

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<sup>10</sup> Fields, D., Leshen, E., and Patel, K. Driving Quality Gains and Cost Savings Through Adoption of Medical Homes. *Health Affairs*, May 2010; 29(5):819-826. Appendix Exhibit 1.

<sup>11</sup> Milstein, A. and Kothari, P. Are Higher-Value Care Models Replicable? *Health Affairs Blog*, October 20, 2009. <http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2009/10/20/are-higher-value-care-models-replicable/>

<sup>12</sup> cmeans. IBM, UnitedHealthcare collaborate on medical home initiative for Ariz. Docs. *Healthcare IT News*, February 9, 2009. <http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/ibm-unitedhealthcare-collaborate-medical-home-initiative-ariz-docs>

<sup>13</sup> Weisman, Robert. Blue Cross CEO says providers must control costs or else. *The Boston Globe*. January 23, 2011. © 2011 Globe Newspaper Company.

<sup>14</sup> Jaspen, Bruce. Blue Cross, Advocate raise bar on accountability. *Chicago Breaking Business*. October 6, 2010. <http://chicagobreakingbusiness.com/2010/10/blue-cross-advocate-deal-raises-bar-on-accountability.html>

<sup>15</sup> Page, Leigh. Illinois Blues, Hospital Association Partner to Reduce Readmission Rates. *Becker's Hospital Review*. February 2, 2011.

<sup>16</sup> Paul, Shannon. Michigan Health Insurance Payers Collaborate in National Program to Improve Health Care. *Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Blog: Blues Perspectives*. November 17, 2010. <http://bcbsmblog.com/2010/11/17/michigan-health-insurance-payers-collaborate-in-national-program-to-improve-health-care/>

providers. Closer alignment, collaboration, and clinical integration with physicians by hospitals will be critical to long-term success, in demonstrating better value through improved outcomes, lower costs, and reduced variation in care. Physicians make or break the care model, and new incentive models are also directly impacting physician practice patterns and utilization. These market forces will drive decreased inpatient utilization by physicians, creating more capacity at existing facilities or restructuring existing capacity to meet reduced inpatient demand (i.e., smaller acute care/inpatient footprint).

In summary, the traditional volume-based demand and utilization projection methodologies in use today do not account for these innovations in care delivery and payment models. These models focus on chronic disease management and care coordination that are designed to keep patients out of the higher cost, acute care inpatient setting and therefore consume fewer resources. Decision-making based on this outdated approach will result in an overestimation of future inpatient need. This will drive unnecessary capital investment and create additional inpatient capacity that will continue to underperform financially and clinically in a value-based reimbursement environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven T. Valentine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "V".

Steven T. Valentine  
President

Testimony in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090

Jason Sciarro  
Centegra Corporate Office  
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My name is Jason Sciarro, and I am the President and Chief Operating Officer for Centegra Health System.

I want to address a couple of the opposition issues that have been raised today.

- The proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley has been defined by opposition as a “limited service hospital”. Community hospitals are the backbone of health services for suburban and rural communities across the country. Proximity to care is extremely important and arguably the most important factor in determining a patient outcome. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will be a Level II Trauma Center and provide the proximity to care that is necessary for this fast growing population.
- Both Centegra Hospital McHenry and Centegra Hospital Woodstock have achieved national accreditation for chest pain services. Centegra Hospital Huntley will follow this trend. In fact, there are only 11 hospitals in the state of Illinois that currently have this designation. Besides Centegra no others are represented in the room today. This designation certifies that our facilities have implemented national recognized – evidenced based - clinical practice that is proven to save lives even in the absence of cardiac intervention. This is one example of how hospitals do not need to provide every service to have positive effects on patient outcomes.
- While it is arguable who provides the majority of convenient services to McHenry County, it is certainly clear who is stepping up to provide the necessary services. From health and wellness, to general medical and advanced surgical - and the only provider of behavioral and mental health services in the county - Centegra serves critical health care needs locally. Let’s not be fooled by the opposition who oppose Centegra Health System. We, in fact should applaud Centegra for its unwavering commitment, in the face of opposition, to do what is right for the communities in which we serve and live each and everyday.
- And lastly, a lot has been said today about health care reform. Healthcare reform is not about building or not building new hospitals. Healthcare reform is about providing integrated healthcare services – locally. Understanding the needs of your local community is the first step in being able provide these services. No one understands the needs of our community better than the people that are in the community everyday. Our support by the people of McHenry County is unwavering. The very people who live in our communities and the healthcare provider who has been providing service to these communities for over 100 years understands these needs and this is why we are proposing Centegra Hospital Huntley. We began this journey 5 years ago providing outpatient and immediate cares services to this community closely followed by our state-of-the-art wound care services and then, and only then did we propose this hospital project. Centegra Hospital Huntley is exactly what is needed, in the exact place it is needed and at the exact time it is needed.



# ALEXIAN BROTHERS

St. Alexius Medical Center

## PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

of Scott Rowley, St. Alexius Medical Center Asst. VP of Administration

PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Hello. My name is Scott Rowley, and I am the Assistant Vice President of Administration for St. Alexius Medical Center. I have 26 years of experience in hospital administration, including five years with the Illinois Department of Mental Health.

I am against the construction of a new hospital in Huntley primarily for this reason: It would severely hurt the ability of our hospital and others in our area to provide patients with the quality medical care they deserve.

St. Alexius currently has no problem managing its patient load, and I believe other area hospitals would say the same. We know inpatient hospital bed demand has been steady or declining the northern Fox Valley area. And, population growth has been minimal in the last few years with little expectation for a home building boom.

Because there is not sufficient demand, a new hospital in the area would create an unnecessary duplication of services. In this case, more is not better. Duplication of services does not promote better health care in the region. Instead, it wastes resources and ultimately raises costs for everyone through higher public and private insurance costs.

Right now, several hospitals, including St. Alexius, provide comprehensive medical care to southeastern McHenry County residents. At St. Alexius, our responsibility is to provide critical medical care to underserved and uninsured populations that depend on us as their safety net.

In contrast, Centegra's proposed hospital would only provide a limited spectrum of care, and only to a narrow, affluent area. The hospital seems designed to "cherry-pick" the area's most profitable patients while avoiding the cost of serving those without the ability to pay for care. By drawing patients and resources from St. Alexius and other area medical centers, Centegra's hospital would undermine our region's ability to provide life-saving medical care to our disadvantaged residents.

Also, Centegra's proposed hospital would only provide the most basic services, meaning that patients in need of advanced care such as a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or cancer treatment would need to transfer to a full-service medical center like St. Alexius regardless.

If you're sick and require a major medical procedure, the last thing you want to do is transfer to another hospital. Adding an extra step to the process only wastes time and resources and detracts from patient care.

For all these reasons, I ask the board to reject Centegra's plan to build a new and unneeded hospital in the area. It would hurt hospitals and, ultimately, residents throughout the region. We cannot let this happen. Thank you.



**ALEXIAN**  
**BROTHERS**  
Neurosciences Institute

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Robbin Arnfelt  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Robbin Arnfelt and I am the Regional Manager for Business Development for the Alexian Brothers Neurosciences Institute.

I oppose Centegra's attempt to build a hospital in Huntley because it would duplicate health care services and undermine regional specialty programs like those we offer at the Neurosciences Institute.

In my position, I act as a liaison between our neuroscience specialists and other physicians throughout the region, who need to refer their patients for neurosciences care. There is a shortage of neurosurgeons who perform the complex and comprehensive procedures that our neurosurgeons do. This means that our programs serve the neurological needs of residents (both adults and children) from throughout the northern Fox Valley – including Huntley and Crystal Lake. Our specialties include stroke, epilepsy, dementia, Gamma Knife and neurosurgery.

Our programs are on par with the academic medical centers in the city of Chicago, thanks to Alexian Brothers' dedication to recruit top specialists and obtain the most up-to-date technology and equipment.

St. Alexius is able to offer this hard-to-find care to southeastern McHenry County because we are a regional medical center, just like Sherman, Provena St. Joseph and Advocate Good Shepherd hospitals. Residents in the Huntley, Lake in the Hills and Algonquin areas are fortunate to be so close to so many outstanding hospitals.

Right now, all of the hospitals in and around McHenry County have plenty of hospital beds available because the projected growth for the area in the last few years hasn't materialized. And, area hospitals have made commitments to the state that they will serve the entire region. Not only that, but the goal in health care these days is to have quicker, and fewer, inpatient visits. And, by 2018, we should expect lower patient demand because of the changes required by federal health care reform.

If this new hospital were allowed, the health care system in this area would be overbuilt. And that spells trouble for programs like ours, which would be weakened. When St. Alexius suffers, our Institute does, too. And, worse, so do the residents of the entire region who depend on specialized health care.

It doesn't have to be this way. I hope the Board realizes Centegra's plan is not viable for an area that already has plenty of open hospital beds. I ask that you reject this application for a certificate of need.

Thanks.



**ALEXIAN  
BROTHERS**

St. Alexius Medical Center

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Linda Gump, St. Alexius Vice President, Administration  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi, my name is Linda Gump. I am the Vice President of Administration at St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. I am the person that is responsible for submitting the IDPH annual bed report. I am here to urge you to reject Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in Huntley.

There are currently six regional medical centers – including St. Alexius – within about a half-hour of the proposed Centegra site in southern McHenry County. Each of those hospitals has plenty of open beds to care for more patients. Given that existing hospital capacity can easily keep up with any potential growth in the area, it makes no sense to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on a brand new limited care facility. It will duplicate services and increase health care costs for everyone.

Many of our existing hospitals have already invested in improvements to increase and expand care. Sherman Hospital and Provena St. Joseph have new or newly upgraded facilities that are well-positioned to serve the Huntley area.

And, as you may be aware, Alexian Brothers is ready to break ground on a new children's hospital on the campus of St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. Alexian Brothers will be able to offer coordinated care among pediatric subspecialists as well as care for the tiniest infants and their mothers. This facility, located near Interstate 90 and Barrington Road, was approved by the state because it will serve a large geographic region, including southeastern McHenry County.

The six-story patient tower is scheduled for completion in early 2013. At 209,000 square feet, the tower will feature 96 additional patient beds, a pharmacy, MRI facilities and expanded pediatric facilities. It will also include an extension of same-day surgery and emergency department observation areas.

At a cost of \$117 million dollars, that expansion represents a significant investment that St. Alexius is making in our hospital and in our community.

A duplicative new hospital would undermine the long-term plans and investments of our regional medical facilities. It would, ultimately, adversely affect the level of health care available to the residents of our communities.

That's why I ask that you deny Centegra's certificate of need for this project.

Thank you.

William D. Cox, Jr., M.D.  
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*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

**William Cox, MD, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley,  
Project #10-090**

My name is Dr. William Cox and I am an orthopaedic surgeon and co-founder of McHenry County Orthopaedics. My practice has offices in Crystal Lake and Huntley, and I am also a board member at Centegra Health System. I am proud to offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

As a surgeon who specializes in sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery, I believe healthcare accessibility is an issue for the people of southern McHenry County and northern <sup>Kane</sup> Cook County. I believe Centegra Hospital – Huntley needs to be built for the same reason our practice has established our Huntley offices – patients deserve to have high-quality care close to home.

An acute-care hospital in that region would provide immediate medical access for people who suffer serious orthopaedic injuries as well as those who have heart attacks, strokes or other life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

Centegra is already improving the wellness of the region by providing Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center and clinical services on its Health Campus in Huntley.

I trust Centegra's leadership to provide outstanding care for our patients for years to come. That is why I support Centegra Hospital – Huntley as the right place and now as the right time for a new hospital. Thank you.

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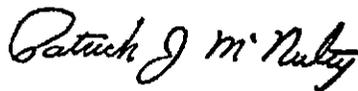
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Letter of Support  
CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM

The hallmark of a healthy community is how its public health system understands and reacts to the health needs of all of its residents. Centegra Health System has long shown its deep commitment to the public health system and this new endeavor is no exception. Building for future growth and providing increased access to health care is good news for a growing community and a much needed shot in the arm for a weak economy.

Centegra has been a valued public health partner and an avid supporter of community projects for many years. McHenry County Department of Health has been fortunate to work with Centegra on many of these projects but two in particular have far-reaching effects for the entire public health system – that being, the 2010 McHenry County Healthy Community Study, the results of which will be presented to the community at McHenry County College on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the other is the MAPP initiative (“mobilizing for action through planning and partnership”) which is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. MAPP is a systems approach to understanding the public health needs, devising a plan to address those needs and then implementing that plan. Centegra has been an integral partner in the MAPP process with an active participation on issues such as access to care, cardiovascular health and a central information and referral network. As a community leader, Centegra has also partnered with the Department of Health in the H1N1 outbreak, children’s vaccination campaign and smoking cessation programs.

Centegra has played a consistent role in the County’s assessment and implementation of priority health issues. Contributions to these projects have helped us build a strong public health infrastructure for the betterment of our communities. We wish Centegra’s leaders and its associates continued success in providing quality health care for McHenry County residents.



Patrick J McNulty  
Public Health Administrator

Dr. Yvonne Yao  
Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090

My name is Yvonne Yao. I have been practicing OB-GYN at Centegra Hospital Woodstock since 2000. I have always trusted Centegra Health System with my patients, even when I worked with a competing health system. I never hesitated to refer a patient to a Centegra facility when that was the best option for the patient.

The population growth in Huntley is very clear to me. When I joined Centegra Primary Care, I moved to the Huntley campus and saw swift growth in my outpatient practice. The new hospital in Huntley could service patients in the rapidly growing Lake in the Hills / Huntley area and also patients from parts of Crystal Lake that are further from Centegra Woodstock.

Patients in Huntley have voiced a desire to have a full-service hospital closer to home. With increasing traffic and in bad weather, a Huntley facility would make a difference in travel times for area residents.

I feel that Centegra is the most trustworthy healthcare provider in the region. I trust Centegra. My patients trust Centegra. Please approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Gail D. Rudolph  
Vice President, Development  
Centegra Health System

I live about two minutes from the proposed hospital site in Huntley. Over the last few years my family has utilized the emergency services at Centegra many times between my son's broken bones, my daughter's appendix and my husband's traumatic accident.

A year ago on January 18<sup>th</sup>, my fiancé at the time was helping a young lady with her car because he thought it was unsafe for her to drive. While he was working, a large tool slipped and hit him square in his left eye. The injuries were very severe.

I will never forget the sound of him yelling for me and how I knew something was wrong by the blood running cold in my veins.

When I reached him, blood was pouring out of his eye. I covered his eye with a clean towel because his hands were covered in grease. I helped him into the car and drove him over thirty minutes to the nearest hospital in Woodstock.

When we arrived the staff uncovered his eye. It had numerous lacerations, and it was crushed.

The team at Centegra not only took care of the injuries, they also treated our fears, both his and mine.

We spent the entire night at the hospital, and the Centegra team treated him as if he was family and reconstructed his eye. If it was not for their superior skills he would have an empty socket.

In an emergency, all anyone desires is getting their loved one to the hospital, and that drive to Woodstock felt like an eternity. A hospital at Algonquin and Haligus Roads would save the citizens of this area that gut wrenching drive of 20-30 minutes, even more if traffic is bad, to get the healthcare they need.

It is true, I work at Centegra, and I hear donors talk everyday about how they want to financially support Centegra because Centegra brings fabulous and convenient healthcare to our community.

Thank you.

Amy Moerschbaeher RN BSN MA  
Executive Director Oncology Services, Centegra Health System  
In Support of Project #10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley

Centegra Health System is committed to raising awareness about the importance of early cancer detection. As a community member who has had a spouse and a brother with early detection of two different types of cancer and who are now both cancer survivors, I truly understand the importance of what our "Get Checked" program can provide.

"Get Checked" provides information about guidelines for routine screenings that can make a big difference in one's life. Cancer has a measurably higher survival rate when caught in its earliest stages but that can occur only if you are vigilant about conducting self exams, having regular physician visits and following guidelines for testing and screenings

Self exams and screening should be part of your regular personal routine. Breast, cervical, colorectal, testicular, skin and prostate cancer are among those conditions most likely to be detected through self exams and routine screenings.

At Centegra Health System we educate the public and provide free screenings on a routine basis. We help community members find physicians and provide comprehensive care and support throughout the patient and caregiver experience. We look forward to extending that type of care and support in the southern portion of McHenry County and northern Kane County. I fully support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.

**Luke Johnsos, Centegra Board of Governors**  
**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project #10-090**

My name is Luke Johnsos. I am a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, and I am here to support Centegra Hospital – Huntley. This application abides by state rules and would bring a new hospital to an underserved area.

As a business owner, I know that numbers don't lie. In this case, numbers show that southern McHenry County's population is growing rapidly. Numbers also show that Planning Area A-10 doesn't have enough hospital beds.

I see every reason to approve this application. Please vote in favor of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

**TO:** Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

**FROM:** Terrence P. Egan, President/CEO

**RE:** Support for Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital-Huntley

**DATE:** February 11, 2011

My name is Terry Egan and I am President and CEO of Hearthstone Communities. Hearthstone Senior Living Community is a continuing care retirement community that has been serving the healthcare and residential needs of older adults since 1903. Our 200 residents include those living independently, as well as seniors requiring assisted living or skilled nursing care. Since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914 Centegra has been a trusted partner in providing for the acute health care needs of our residents.

The long term collaboration between Centegra and Hearthstone continues to this day not only when our residents need emergency or acute care services, but also when patients from the community are discharged from the hospital and require post-acute care in nursing facilities such as Hearthstone. We currently work with Centegra associates on "Critical Pathways", a clinical collaboration on quality measures to insure that patients who are sent from Centegra to Hearthstone for post-acute care, receive the highest quality care in the most efficient manner.

Another reason why we support the Centegra Hospital-Huntley project was identified in a 2010 independent market review study that confirmed Huntley as residing within Hearthstone's primary market area. Clearly, a new hospital would meet the current and future health care needs of our residents who reside in or near the Huntley area.

Finally, wherever Centegra Health System has a presence in a community, they give back generously to individuals and nonprofit organizations in those communities. For example, Centegra's support of organizations such as Leadership Greater McHenry County has had a direct positive impact on the development of leaders of many organizations in the community. At our organization alone, seven of our leaders have benefitted from this visionary program since 2005.

Hearthstone Communities fully supports Centegra Health System's proposal for a new 128 bed hospital in Huntley.

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I feel that we need diversity in health care. If Centegra receives a third hospital in this county I do not feel that the competitive drive to constantly improve health care standards will exist here. With what I consider to be a monopoly in this county should a third Centegra facility be built, no one in this area will have the choice to review options. I have had two surgeries, several procedures and delivered two babies at the Centegra facilities and have not had all wonderful experiences. I do say that my care was adequate, and I felt most of the staff did their best most of the time.

I have concerns about the culture at Centegra based on being addressed with great surprise during admission encounters by comments such as "You are a Mercy Health System employee and you are coming here?", "don't you like your own facilities?" "I guess your physician must like us better". While I know we are all individuals and our employers can not be responsible for each statement we make I am very concerned how management presents the issue of competition to their staff at Centegra. I have felt on these occasions that there was hostility toward my employer and I wonder why these individuals would feel this way. They were very kind and concerned about me up to the point of asking my employer. I will say that they regained composure and continued doing their jobs, these comments were very surprising to me just the same.

During a couple of my hospital stays I was concerned that my comments and concerns were never addressed at the time of care. I believe being given an option of health care, some of my complaints would have been investigated and addressed as they would have wanted my complete satisfaction. I did complete the survey received in the mail after my visits.

I know Centegra has many fine attributes; obviously that is why I have used their facilities on more than one occasion. I feel that fair competition will expand services in a variety of ways for multiple health care systems if there were more than one to choose from.

Thank you for allowing the time to speak,

Chris Lippert  
Wonder Lake, IL

Project #10-090

Testimony of Andy Andreski/  
President, McHenry County Board of Health  
2200 N. Seminary Ave.  
Woodstock, IL 60098

My name is Andy Andreski, President of the McHenry County Board of Health. I am also a local resident and business owner of 1776 Restaurant in Crystal Lake.

I would like to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System. Centegra's plans call for meeting an established need for additional healthcare services in southern McHenry County. It is clear that their committed to the community makes them best-suited to provide these needed medical services.

The job of the McHenry County Board of Health is to promote health, wellness and emergency preparedness. McHenry County residents are touched every day in many ways by the McHenry County Board of Health services. Every time we eat in a restaurant, need assistance for healthcare, or get our children vaccinated for school, the Health Department is involved to make us safer and healthier.

Centegra has been a primary partner of ours for decades.

For the past 100 years, Centegra has played a critical role in improving the health status of our broad community. A recent example of this was during last year's H1NI flu epidemic. Centegra led the way in providing access so thousands of residents could be vaccinated. They proactively partnered with us to reach out to schools and opened their facilities so we could reach more community members.

McHenry County is in need of additional medical services serving our growing southern communities.

I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley and urge the board to approve the application.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Andreski', is written in a cursive style across the bottom right of the page.

**Rachel Sebastian in Support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project, #10-090**  
128 Ashton Lane  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

My name is Rachel Sebastian and I am the Vice President of Service Line Operations with Centegra Health System. In my role I am responsible for the overall strategic leadership of Centegra Health System's Service Lines. I strongly support Centegra's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to improve healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Centegra Health System's leaders are passionate about their commitment to the patients we serve. We continually assess the needs of our communities and discuss ways to improve our services according to changes in the population.

It is important to note that McHenry County's current ratios of beds to population are far below those of the State of Illinois. Based on 2010 figures, McHenry County had 0.65 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds per thousand population, while the entire State of Illinois had 1.79 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds per thousand. Similarly, McHenry County had 0.10 Intensive Care beds per thousand population, while the entire state had 0.25 beds per thousand, and McHenry County had 0.12 Obstetric beds per thousand, while the entire state had 0.21 beds per thousand population. I believe the people of McHenry County deserve at the very least the same access to healthcare as other Illinoisans receive. Centegra Hospital – Huntley is the answer.

Centegra has demonstrated a real commitment to the community's healthcare needs throughout its history. Just a few years ago Centegra filed a CON application for our Open Heart program, a program that was specifically designed to meet the needs of residents and their families who had to travel outside the county for treatment and care. Centegra did not propose this project until there was a demonstrated need locally, but when the need was clear, we acted quickly. The Open Heart program is successful, it serves a critical need and it is making a real difference in people's lives.

The new hospital in Huntley reflects Centegra's ongoing commitment to serving local needs; it also reflects the organization's strong sense of stewardship with an eye toward the growing demand for medical services in the fastest growing portion of the County. This is the right project, at the right time in the right location and I am hopeful that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board will approve this application.

Thank you.

Project #10-090

## Testimony – Centegra Hospital Huntley

Judy Andronowitz  
982 Donnelly Place  
McHenry, IL 60050

February 16, 2011

My name is Judy Andronowitz, Director of Nursing Support Services for Centegra Health System. I have been with Centegra for over 20 years and I am extremely proud today to represent Centegra's 819 nurses who as we speak are at the bedside of our patients serving them with passionate care and joyful spirits. Our nursing Associates are actively engaged in quality improvement processes and evidence-based nursing practice to ensure the very best care for each of our patients. We foster professional growth and career advancement for nursing Associates through active participation in professional and educational activities. Each year we host over 250 undergraduate and graduate nursing students from 13 schools, developing future nurses to serve our community, and we partner with five schools for BSN completion programs for the development of our current nursing team. Centegra Health System is actively on the nationally recognized Magnet journey for nursing excellence. We promote the health of our community through active participation in health-related events and the role modeling of health. The clinical nursing teams have responsibility, authority and accountability for providing outstanding patient care and achieving the best patient outcomes. Through our nursing shared governance councils, our nurses and other clinicians have a strong voice in how care is provided within our system to ensure high quality outcomes for those we serve. We currently have over 50 nurses actively working on the design of our cutting edge, fully integrated, high-tech electronic medical record which will further enhance quality and patient safety, timely care and patient satisfaction. The mission of the Department of Nursing at Centegra Health System is to provide care that is of the highest quality. As we treat the physical and mental needs of our patients, we also consider their spiritual and cultural beliefs. We encourage our nurses to maintain a balance between work and family life so when they care for our patients they can do so with a joyful spirit. Our patients are our neighbors, friends, families and loved ones. It's personal, we take it to heart, and we deliver excellence in all we do. Centegra has been part of this community for nearly 100 years. We are fully committed to bringing the best care to the Huntley area, because this IS our community.

I support the Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.





**TO:** Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

**FROM:** Terrence P. Egan, President/CEO

**RE:** Support for Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital-Huntley

**DATE:** February 11, 2011

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**The long term collaboration between Centegra and Hearthstone continues to this day not only when our residents need emergency or acute care services, but also when patients from the community are discharged from the hospital and require post-acute care in nursing facilities such as Hearthstone.** We currently work with Centegra associates on "Critical Pathways", a clinical collaboration on quality measures to insure that patients who are sent from Centegra to Hearthstone for post-acute care, receive the highest quality care in the most efficient manner.

The main reason we support the Centegra Hospital-Huntley project was identified in a 2010 independent market review study. That study confirmed Huntley as residing within Hearthstone's primary market area. **Clearly, a new hospital would meet the current and future health care needs of our residents who reside in or near the Huntley area.**

**Finally, wherever Centegra Health System has a presence in a community, they give back generously to individuals and nonprofit organizations in those communities.** For example, Centegra's support of Leadership Greater McHenry County has had a direct positive impact on the development of leaders of many organizations in the community. At our organization alone, seven of our leaders have benefitted from this visionary program since 2005.

Hearthstone Communities fully supports Centegra Health System's proposal for a new 128 bed hospital in Huntley.

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Matt Towler, Vice President of Support Services  
Centegra Health System  
Support of Project #10-090

Hello... I am Matthew Towler and I am the Vice President of Support Services for Centegra Health System.

My role within Centegra includes providing oversight and support to the operations teams that facilitate our construction services. If the Centegra proposal for Centegra Hospital – Huntley is approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, I will oversee the construction and occupancy of the new hospital.

This is very exciting for the people who reside in McHenry and Kane counties and are in need of improved access to Centegra's healthcare services. The planning and development of the new hospital facility has been in process since we first purchased land from Tom Halat. The new facility will be a necessary part of our plan to fulfill the Centegra mission to provide wellness for people in the communities we serve.

The bid process will utilize criteria of Financial Cost, Relevant Healthcare Experience, Relationship with Centegra and Alignment to Centegra's Mission, Vision, and Values, which will be competitively evaluated from the pool of respondents. Our philosophy is to make it a priority to hire skilled laborers and tradesmen from the communities we serve. Through the hospital construction process we look to create more than 800 jobs in the construction-related fields. These jobs have an estimated economic impact of \$152 million on area communities, with an anticipated additional \$45 million to be generated from the professional salaries and commercial sales that would be needed to support the construction work.

This is a very exciting time for me. To have the privilege to provide leadership to this project is a true honor. I look forward to the opportunity to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Thank you.

**Jefferson Batt**  
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**In Support of Project #10-090**

February 16, 2011

My name is Jeff Batt, a partner of McHenry Financial and the founding President of the Rotary Club of McHenry-Sunrise. As a long standing and active member of our community, I support project #10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Centegra has been an excellent citizen in our community. There is a need for a hospital and its clear Huntley is the right location.

On New Year's Day 2010 my Grandmother had surgery at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to repair a broken knee cap from a fall she had taken the day before. My Grandmother suffers from severe dementia and was a “challenging” patient to say the least. The care that the doctors and nurses took with my Grandmother during her surgery and recovery has made me a raving fan of Centegra and their standard of healthcare.

I strongly believe Centegra is the right organization to provide our community with another excellent resource for health care.

Jefferson Batt  
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Dr. David A. Shinherr  
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**Supporting Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090**

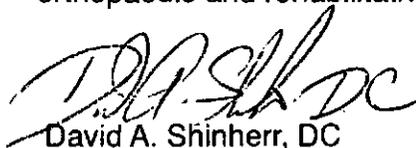
My name is Dr. David Shinherr and I'm a Woodstock resident and Executive Director of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Centegra Health System.

Centegra's orthopaedic surgeons have advanced education in their areas of expertise and integrate the latest orthopaedic treatments to provide our patients the best quality care. We offer advanced procedures to treat injuries and problems of the hand, shoulder, back, hip, knee, and foot. The surgeons on our medical staff deliver new approaches to hip replacement, knee replacement and finger joint replacement and spinal surgery.

In addition to outstanding orthopedic care Centegra Health System offers the complete continuum of rehabilitation services. From skilled nursing and home health care to outpatient therapy, Centegra is committed to providing McHenry County with the best rehabilitative care. One thing that I think is important to note is the fact that Centegra Health System maintains the only Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit in McHenry County, which allows patients to rehabilitate following a brain injury either from a stroke or trauma close to home. Centegra also operates the Neuro-Rehab Center a very unique clinic in Crystal Lake which is essentially the outpatient version of the acute inpatient unit where patient continue their progress in order to return to the highest level of function following these life altering disease processes. The Neuro-Rehab Center is one of approximately 18 similar clinics in the entire state of Illinois.

Because of my background in chiropractic care, I was also thrilled when Centegra added chiropractic medicine to the Centegra Orthopaedic Care continuum. The addition of complimentary and alternative medicine as part of the patients "health care team" insures collaboration amongst the patient's primary care physician and ancillary providers is another way Centegra provides outstanding care to our patients.

At Centegra Hospital - Huntley, Centegra Orthopaedic Services will continue to provide the highest levels of treatment and care through a complete continuum of specialized orthopaedic and rehabilitative programs and services for people of all ages.



David A. Shinherr, DC

Dee Tallon  
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Project #10-090

### **Testimony of Dee Tallon in favor of Centegra Health System's application for a CON**

Good Morning. My name is Dee Tallon. I am the clinical manager of OB at our Woodstock campus, and most recently named Interim nurse leader. I'd like to share with you why Centegra Health System is not only an excellent healthcare provider -- it is also an outstanding employer to our Associates. My own experiences as both a Centegra Associate and a leader have overwhelmed me with warmth, spurred me to grow and have helped me maintain a healthy balance between my career and my family life.

I was welcomed as a new nurse leader just 13 months ago. Before joining Centegra, I was living in Kentucky. I remember being surprised when I received our new leader welcome package from Centegra Health System Chief Executive Officer Michael S. Eesley at my home just days after accepting their offer. The package included a nice welcome letter from Mike, a DVD that talked about Centegra's values, and a nice leather binder. It was such a nice welcome before I even arrived. My husband is the dean of a business college, and he was impressed, too! Perhaps a bit jealous since he has never been treated this way.

On my first day at the Family Birth Center, I was welcomed with a breakfast by the staff and physicians. Staff members made a scrapbook including pictures of them and their stories, so I could immediately get to know my team. The welcome was overwhelming. Since my husband still lived in Kentucky, I remember calling him to share I felt like they'd rolled out the red carpet for me. I have been a nurse leader for more than 15 years and I can tell you that Centegra's culture is completely unique. I have time to build relationships and see how happy Associates provide better patient care. I am so impressed with this staff. This is by far the best group of people I've ever worked with. Throughout the hospitals, people have smiles on their faces and acknowledge each other.

As a nurse, I appreciate how hands-on caregivers are asked to contribute to process improvement at Centegra. They take part in shared governance, which calls on the expertise of the nurses to improve practices and quality of care. I feel accepted, secure and confident in my role at Centegra Health System because of Centegra's supportive work environment. I love coming to work each day. I always want to tell my team and the people I report to, "Thank you for allowing me to bring my joyful spirit to work." When I think about extending the exceptional level of Centegra care to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, I get so excited I get goose bumps! I whole-heartedly support Centegra's plan and am ready to welcome 1,100 new Associates to our culture of excellence.

Scott L. Padjen

2/16/2011

1713 South Street, Crystal Lake IL 60014

Reference: Project #10-090

### Centegra Hospital Support Letter

My name is Scott Padjen. I serve as the Pharmacy Director for Centegra Health System. I emphatically support Centegra's certificate of need to build a hospital in Huntley. I believe there is a clear need in this location to serve not only the growing demographics of southern McHenry County, but also the residents of Northern Kane County.

I am a 10-year Centegra associate. I believe this organization's dedicated caregivers are most qualified, best prepared and naturally suited to fulfill this need. It's what we have been doing in this community for generations. We are an integrated and proactive community partner, we are eager to answer the call...to expand our offerings of healing, nurturing and wellness.

A word about Pharmacy services at Centegra...we are progressive and dynamic...with an advanced clinical pharmacy practice and medication management practices that ensure safe and correct dispensing of live-saving medications. Clinical pharmacists collaborate with physicians and nurses to promote evidence-based medicine. Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the physicians who serve on that committee are active and engaged in implementing best practices for medication formulary management, physician order sets and pharmacist-managed protocols for high-alert medications. Pharmacy embraces a medication safety culture - openly reporting and monitoring both actual and potential errors to drive process improvement. Advanced information systems utilize medication bar code verification to improve safety and, with the exception of urgent need, pharmacists review and verify all orders for medications before they are administered to our patients.

Our pharmacists are active in the ambulatory clinic setting. They manage Centegra's anticoagulation clinics...serving over 1000 patients at 3 different sites including Huntley. The Centegra Anticoagulation Clinics have been recognized as the best in the nation for clinical quality and consistently rank above the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction. Our pharmacists are expanding into other direct patient care roles - on the frontier...Medication Therapy Management...consultant pharmacists working with the patient... conducting medication therapy reviews... identifying and resolving medication related problems...developing patient centric medication action plans... with the goal of achieving optimal medication outcomes through patient education and empowerment.

I am particularly proud that our Centegra pharmacies are teaching sites for 3 state Colleges of Pharmacy as well as local high schools. In this fiscal year, Clinical Coordinator Alan Mader will mentor 20 students from all levels of learning...from 4th year pharmacy students...to high school freshmen.

In closing...I am proud to represent Centegra...and proud to stand with our doctors, nurses, pharmacists, caregivers, and associates...to support Centegra Hospital Huntley. We are here to serve...we have always been here to serve...we are the caretakers of our community.

February 16, 2011

Daniel Byars, Director, Patient Support Services, Centegra Health System  
1111 Greenfield Circle  
Geneva, Illinois 60134

Re: Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090

I strongly support the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley; project number 10-090 because Centegra Health System is well-suited to meet the area need and able to provide the most effective integrated healthcare network for the residents of the greater McHenry County area.

Changes to the Medicare payment system and other healthcare reforms that become effective in July of 2011 will move all hospitals toward a more health facility – community integrated approach to providing health services. Examples of these reforms include: Medicare payment methods that reward preventative service such as providing pneumonia and flu shots to vulnerable populations and payment strategies that penalize poor outcomes such as patients being readmitted to a hospital within 30 days of being discharged.

Because of the need for greater effectiveness of health services, the future of Health Care in the McHenry County area, as well as, the entire country requires the effectiveness that is delivered by a highly integrated approach to health services. This integrated approach would be enhanced if a new full-service hospital were built upon the existing Centegra campus in Huntley.

Based on its 100+ years of providing care, Centegra has well established collaborative relationships with the network of health services providers that serve the residents of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. Because of Centegra's existing broad base of inpatient and outpatient services as well as its well established relationships with physicians, allied health professionals, nursing homes and other health service providers in the area, the Centegra Huntley- Hospital would ensure the most effective integrated healthcare network for the greater McHenry County area.

In conclusion, I enthusiastically support the proposed Centegra Huntley – Hospital because it will meet area need and provide health services to the greater McHenry County area in the most effective manner.

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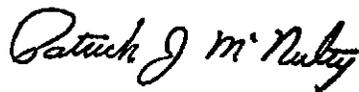
February 16, 2011

Letter of Support  
CENTEGRA HEALTH SYSTEM

The hallmark of a healthy community is how its public health system understands and reacts to the health needs of all of its residents. Centegra Health System has long shown its deep commitment to the public health system and this new endeavor is no exception. Building for future growth and providing increased access to health care is good news for a growing community and a much needed shot in the arm for a weak economy.

Centegra has been a valued public health partner and an avid supporter of community projects for many years. McHenry County Department of Health has been fortunate to work with Centegra on many of these projects but two in particular have far-reaching effects for the entire public health system – that being, the 2010 McHenry County Healthy Community Study, the results of which will be presented to the community at McHenry County College on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the other is the MAPP initiative (“mobilizing for action through planning and partnership”) which is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. MAPP is a systems approach to understanding the public health needs, devising a plan to address those needs and then implementing that plan. Centegra has been an integral partner in the MAPP process with an active participation on issues such as access to care, cardiovascular health and a central information and referral network. As a community leader, Centegra has also partnered with the Department of Health in the H1N1 outbreak, children’s vaccination campaign and smoking cessation programs.

Centegra has played a consistent role in the County’s assessment and implementation of priority health issues. Contributions to these projects have helped us build a strong public health infrastructure for the betterment of our communities. We wish Centegra’s leaders and its associates continued success in providing quality health care for McHenry County residents.



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February 4, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project#:10-090—Centegra Hospital Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

Centegra Health System has asked that I write in support of their project to bring a full-service hospital to southern McHenry County. I am most happy to do so since I believe the project is not only needed but would be an outstanding addition to an area that is fast-growing but without access to comprehensive healthcare for its residents.

Since the statistical support for this approval is known to you through the application process, I would only like to add that Centegra Health Systems serves residents in my legislative district and has an outstanding reputation. When I recently attended the announcement of Centegra's intent to seek approval for this project, I was extremely impressed with the state of the art fitness center that was filled with area residents who are enthusiastic about services currently available and the possibility of a full service hospital in that location. Such a project would bring jobs and tax revenue for McHenry County as well as comprehensive health care.

My experience with the Centegra system has also shown them to be an outstanding community partner. They and their staff participate in area charitable endeavors including the one very dear to me and my wife, Dee—Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois (HPNI). HPNI has partnered with Centegra in an inpatient hospice program located at Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock. That project could not have come to fruition without the dedication of Centegra to make it a reality. Centegra has also contributed to HPNI in other ways through their contribution to the new Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care in Barrington, Illinois and through sharing two of their top executives with HPNI as members of the Board of Directors. This represents a real commitment to partnership, and Centegra has everyone's utmost respect for their willingness to serve.

I am aware that there must be a limited amount of healthcare resources, and that not every project can become a reality. This project, however, is an important one for McHenry County residents and is one that I fully support. I would be grateful if your board could give Centegra's application every consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark H. Beaubien".

Mark H. Beaubien  
State Representative, District 52

Project #10-090

LYNN GRIESMAIER RN MS  
533 Bristol Way  
Cary, IL 60013

WE have a problem in McHenry County. Our county has women who are diagnosed at a later stage of breast cancer than almost all other counties in IL. We diagnose about 3-4 women a week. From age 26 to 93, rural to neighborhood, fit to not so fit women. The profile isn't set. It can happen to any woman. Centegra has recognized the severity of this situation and has implemented an action plan to address it. We have taken the lead on establishing the first Comprehensive Breast Health Program in McHenry County. Following National Standards for Breast Programs, we are providing access for all women to come forward to have state of the art digital mammography, breast ultrasound and MRI. We provide onsite radiologists who meet with every patient who comes to us with a breast issue. We then provide a multidisciplinary approach under the direction of our 2 medical directors, that allows a patient to benefit from the expertise of all our breast specialists to help manage through their very personal journey back to health.

Even my role as the only Breast Health Navigator in McHenry County, is an indication of how sensitive Centegra is to meeting the needs of very fearful women facing one of the biggest challenges of their lives, knowing they have a touchstone with my position, to be there every step of the way with them.

Outreach and education about breast cancer awareness is extremely important. Our commitment to take this out to the community is demonstrated in many ways such as the first Tuesday of the month when Family Health Partnership takes over the mammography department at our Woodstock Hospital and our technologist do mammograms while their nurse practitioner examines patients in our treatment rooms. If a positive diagnosis is made, we keep the patients in our system and continue to provide treatment whether it is surgery, chemotherapy or radiation therapy. In other words, we take care of patients and we love what we do.

Having a specialized women's center such as at what we plan for Huntley, will allow us to expand offering this great commitment to women, knocking down the barriers, so they know they can expect comprehensive breast treatment, with the most competent physicians, latest technology and high touch care that reflects the values that make us Centegra.

Thank you.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Leslie Phillips

**Address:** 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

**Company:** Centegra Health System

**Title:** Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

### **Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.

**Nancy Turngren, Manager of Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley**

My name is Nancy Turngren, and I manage The Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley, an active adult living community of more than 9,000 residents over the age of 55. Sun City is located in Kane County just north of I-90 just west of Route 47 in Huntley.

With the Sun City residents in mind, I strongly support the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090). The location to our facility is ideal, and in addition, Centegra is already a valued wellness partner within the Sun City community.

As an active adult residence community, many in Sun City are healthier and stronger than their peers. Clearly however, the medical needs of an aging population only increase as the years pass. Easy access to quality health care, particularly for a senior community is imperative.

The proposed location of the new hospital is only minutes from Sun City. Many residents in fact already visit doctors and the immediate care facility on the Centegra Huntley campus. An extension to a full-service acute care hospital within minutes of this community of senior citizens would be a blessing.

Sun City has had the pleasure of truly partnering with Centegra to provide residents with much of the wellness care they need. The Centegra name is one many know and trust. Through The Wellness Center in Sun City, Centegra provides health screenings, customized nutrition counseling, health assessments and a wide variety of community health lectures.

Since The Wellness Center opened in 1999, residents have responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback. In fact, this feedback and the demand for more quality wellness services led to the extension of the center's hours and the expansion of available services. Now our residents have access to more in-depth services such as blood testing, osteoporosis screenings and behavioral health services, among others.

The Sun City residents would certainly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley, and particularly, one that would be operated by such a community partner. I encourage this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley. I look forward to the access that a new hospital in Huntley would afford the Sun City community.

Thank you.

**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Sheila Senn

Address: 148 Glenbrook Trail McHenry IL 60050

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Behavioral Health Services

**Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as an Associate of the health system, as a resident of McHenry County and as an advocate for those who suffer from Mental and substance abuse illnesses. During my 15 years with Centegra, it has been my calling to care for those individuals who are marginalized and underserved and work toward the reduction of stigma associated with Mental Illness and substance abuse.

I am proud to be a part of Centegra Health System as this organization shares these same values. While other hospitals have chosen to reduce or entirely eliminate Behavioral Health Services, Centegra has maintained services for those in need in our community. The decisions to maintain such services have been made exclusively on the basis of what our community needs not on the impact to our financial bottom line which incidentally is negative. In the spirit of our mission to serve our community, we have partnered with other community agencies to coordinate services and meet the changing needs of McHenry County. A recent example is our involvement with the suicide taskforce in McHenry County. It saddens me to report to you today that the number of residents who have ended their lives by suicide in this past year has doubled since 2008. As the number of suicides mounted last year, we worked with many community agencies to offer free education to our residents related to suicide prevention. We educated our physicians and Associates regarding the group most at risk and common signs and symptoms.

I think most of us would agree that the past few years have been some of the most economically and emotionally challenging for our country and our community. Unemployment and foreclosures have taken a toll on our community at the same time that access and resources for Mental health and substance abuse services have been seriously diminished. Though there has been a complete elimination of support from the state for acute psychiatric services, we have maintained our acute care services. Acute psychiatric services are not optional services, they are essential and should not be

compromised. These services are a person's very last option. They are provided when nothing else will do to insure the safety of the individual or others. We continue to care for people because it is consistent with our mission and simply, the right thing to do.

The Huntley hospital will provide an additional access point for people to seek entry into the most appropriate level of mental health or substance abuse services. We provide truly integrated and informed services to our community. I am very proud to be a part of such a sophisticated approach to care. I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those we serve.

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January 24, 2011

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Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Centegra Health Systems' application for a new hospital to be located in Huntley, Illinois. Since 2000 the increase in the southeastern quadrant of McHenry County's population has been 24.8% while the state of Illinois' population has grown at only 0.48%. The need for a full service acute care medical facility is readily evident. Centegra not only provides excellent health care for all of McHenry County but has already established an Outpatient and Immediate Care campus in Huntley. The expansion of services with a new hospital is just the next logical step.

Centegra, as you are well aware, is the preferred choice provider for McHenry County and has consistently provided quality healthcare as the need arises. During the CON hearing for Mercy Health Systems back in 2004, the CON board noted and suggested a better location for any hospital in McHenry County would be further south and west of Crystal Lake, Illinois. Centegra took them at their word. This new hospital would then serve some of the largest communities in McHenry County including Huntley, Lake in the Hills and Algonquin.

And let's not forget, during these extraordinarily challenging fiscal times, the economic benefits this project will bring to the area; benefits like thousands of JOBS, increased tax revenue and direct spending. A project of this magnitude would be a tremendous boon for the area.

Centegra has proven itself to be an excellent community partner that truly cares about the people and families they serve. I have had numerous positive experiences with this health system, both personal and professional, and have absolute confidence in its ability to bring a top-notch hospital to southern McHenry County. I respectfully request the Board give Centegra's application strong consideration.

Regards,

*Pamela J. Althoff*  
Pamela J. Althoff  
State Senator, 32nd District

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## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Laura Walczak

Address:

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Emergency Department

Testimonial:

My name is Laura Walczak, Director of Centegra's Emergency Department. I am honored to be here today to explain why I am in full support of Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley.

The Emergency Departments at Centegra Health System bring state-of-the-art care to the people of greater McHenry County. We treat each patient with dignity and compassion, and help families cope with difficult and sometimes traumatic situations.

Centegra Health System's Emergency Departments at Centegra Hospital – McHenry and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock handle a spectrum of emergencies, from cuts and broken bones to life-threatening conditions. Last year, more than 63,000 patients sought emergency care for lacerations, fractures, heart attacks, respiratory problems, traumas (such as injuries resulting from car, boating or farm accidents) and a variety of other injuries and illnesses.

The highly skilled Associates, physicians and staff in our Emergency Departments work with one of the best Emergency Medical Services programs in the state to be sure residents are never far from outstanding emergency care.

Centegra is committed to providing comprehensive emergency services so that any type of emergency can be addressed. The Emergency Departments at Centegra Hospital – McHenry and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock are designated as Level II Trauma Centers, which means they meet strict criteria set by the State of Illinois for providing high-level emergency care. Both hospitals are staffed 24 hours a day by full-time physicians who are board certified in emergency medicine. The hospitals also have trauma surgeons available. The specially trained nursing staffs are certified in trauma nursing, advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support. Both medical centers have immediate or quick access to X-ray equipment, CAT scanners, surgical facilities and intensive care units.

I look forward to the opportunity to bring additional services such as these to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County with Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

I strongly urge you to approve Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Connie Secor

Address: 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director, Surgical Services

My name is Connie Secor. As the Director of Surgical Services for Centegra Health System and as a community member living in Marengo, I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley.

Centegra Health System's Surgical Services departments provide comprehensive services for both ambulatory and in-patient populations for the communities of McHenry County and beyond. Performing nearly 14,000 surgical procedures annually, our combined 15 operating rooms serve more than 110 surgeons, covering more than 15 different service line specialties. These service lines include our open heart program at the Centegra Hospital - McHenry campus and a weight loss surgery program at our Centegra Hospital – Woodstock campus. We are proud to say that our weight loss surgery program has been designated as a Bariatric Center of Excellence from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

In addition, our ancillary service areas provide combined visits of more than 16,000 annually in our Endoscopy and Ambulatory Treatment Departments. These service areas play a critical role in the provision of care to citizens throughout McHenry County and surrounding communities. We are very proud of the excellent care we provide and that our associates remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our patients.

As a community member, I am very excited that Centegra is building upon its excellence and continues to bring important medical services to the communities in need. Thank you for your time and consideration of this much needed hospital and the many services it can bring to the community.

**Richard Parsons  
11N208 Russinwood Court  
Elgin, IL 60124**

**Project #10-090**

**Testimonial – Richard Parsons**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the proposed Centegra Hospital Huntley. My name is Richard Parsons and I am the Director of Respiratory Care, Neurology, and Sleep Services. I have been with the Centegra Health System family for over six years as part of the leadership team.

As part of the leadership team, I am very pleased with the commitment our organization and the Associates continue to demonstrate on a daily basis to meet and exceed the community needs. This commitment extends from the Board of Directors in guiding senior leadership, to educating, preparing and developing the leaders with a servant leadership philosophy, to engaging the Associates to deliver the finest and most compassionate care to our patient population. The desire to excel in all aspects of a patient focused model of care is clearly illustrated in all we do.

In 1989 based on community assessments, Centegra Health System identified a need for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep related disorders. The Sleep Services department cared for its first patient on October 10, 1989. As the requirement for treating more patients grew, Centegra expanded to two beds in 1996 and then four beds in 2003. In 2008, in an effort to further meet the requests of the community, Centegra Health System expanded the operations to seven days per week. Due to the overwhelming support from the community of patients, the physician experts leading the way, and the quality of services delivered by outstanding clinicians, Centegra is in the process of expanding to add more beds in McHenry County.

This ongoing strategic planning and subsequent actions provides just one example of how Centegra Health System continues to meet the needs of the residents of our community closer to their homes. Historically and ongoing, Centegra Health System continues to have a long-term strategic plan in identifying the health and wellness needs of the community and providing these and other services to enrich the lives of those we serve.

Once again, thank you for your support of building care closer to the homes of our families in Huntley, Illinois.

**Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital**

**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

**Public Statement: Peter Lopatin**

Peter Lopatin  
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RE: Project #10-090

Good morning/afternoon,

My name is Peter Lopatin, and I am the Business Manager for Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Services for Centegra Health System. I have had the honor to live in McHenry County for 14 years and to work with Centegra since 2005. Today I am proud to express my strong support for the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Centegra has demonstrated a real commitment to the community's healthcare needs throughout its history. Just a few years ago I had the privilege to work on our CON application to the state for our Open Heart program, a program that was specifically designed to meet the needs of residents & their families who had to travel outside the County for treatment and care. Centegra did not propose this project until there was a demonstrated need locally, but when the need was clear, we acted quickly. The Open Heart program is successful, it serves a critical need and it is making a real difference in people's lives.

The new hospital in Huntley reflects Centegra's ongoing commitment to serving local needs; it also reflects the organization's strong sense of stewardship with an eye toward the growing demand for medical services in the fastest growing portion of the County. This is the right project, at the right time in the right location and I am hopeful that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board will approve this application.

Thank you.

Dr. Fernando Lamounier

In Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley Project #10-090

I joined the staff at Centegra Health System last January and have worked with Cardiac Surgery Associates to provide the latest techniques for cardiothoracic surgery. I completed my thoracic surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center in 2006 and specialize in valve surgery.

My expertise complements the already impressive procedures performed at Centegra to improve the overall health and wellness of the McHenry County community. The first ever open heart surgery in McHenry County was performed at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, formerly known as Northern Illinois Medical Center, on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2006, when cardiac surgeons from Centegra performed bypass surgery on a female patient from Woodstock. That procedure inaugurated Centegra Health System's open heart surgery program.

Centegra partnered with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, four years ago to be the cardiovascular surgical team performing all of Centegra's cardiovascular procedures. The physicians of CSA have provided our patients with the highest quality cardiac care in the state. We continue to focus on new ways to bring the most state-of-the-art cardiac care right here to McHenry County. The expansion of our cardiothoracic program demonstrates the commitment of the entire Centegra family as we continue to make a difference in the communities we serve.

With this important service, patients and their families are receiving the care they need closer to home. Centegra's cardiovascular program includes three cardiac catheterization labs for angioplasty procedures and electrophysiology to help correct heart electrical problems, as well as Centegra's Heart Failure Clinic that coordinates a patient's care and reaches out to other agencies when needed. I fully support Centegra's proposal to further develop our heart program by offering additional services to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

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Centegra Board of Governors  
Radiation Oncologist, Centegra Sage Cancer Center  
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February 16, 2011**

**Public Hearing on the Centegra Health System Application to build:  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL – HUNTLEY.**

My name is [xxx KAY PRESHLOCKxxx] and I am speaking on behalf of Dr. Terrence Bugno, member of the Centegra Board of Governors and Radiation Oncologist on staff at the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

I strongly support the Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project. It is the right answer to an unmet healthcare need, situated in the right place, being 'birthed' at the right time, and pursued for the right reasons by our System – anchored in McHenry County Illinois --- building on the Promise which Centegra Health System Made in 1995 --- that the PATIENT is the CENTER of what we do, who we are, how we work (from a BASIS OF INTEGRITY) – and providing modern technologic advances delivered through compassionate personalized care.

This IS CENTEGRA – it's history, it's mantra, it's charge.

My career path has brought me to McHenry County on two occasions – the first in the 1980's, the second as of 2000. What a difference a few decades makes! I have grown to be passionate about CENTEGRA – as physician, a cancer doctor, former medical director of Radiation Oncology Services, a Board Member and a resident of McHenry County. We continually contribute to the health and welfare of our own residents. I wish to speak to access, quality, technology, 'heart' and 'stewardship' in my remarks.

As an Oncologist specializing in radiation medicine arriving to McHenry County in the mid 1980's, state of the art services were fragmented, often inaccessible and requiring compromises by hard working families to 'go elsewhere' ... Wisconsin, downtown Chicago, collar county university and academic centers and yes, even Mayo Clinic.

Scared of the big "C" ... worried about limited options or choices... daily sacrifices were made --- because you did the 'right thing'. Priorities and values drove many out of the area for specialized care. It's just the way it HAD to be. Caring physicians aligned with NIMC and Woodstock Hospitals helped to bridge the gap and provided fundamental services --- closer to home, inspired by the "war on cancer" national directive on Community Cancer Programs.

Come 2000 and my return to this area --- new realities --population expansion, growing and aging families, rising prevalence of acute and chronic illnesses despite medical advances --- and with it ---a real need for comprehensive Cancer Care. Awareness of, and proper planning for, dedicated multidisciplinary cancer services 'right in our own county' ultimately birthed the Sage Cancer Center in McHenry-- with collaboration amongst physicians, diverse healthcare providers, consumers and generous support from all sectors of the business community. The result? Improved access and benefits for our residents.

In my area - Radiation Oncology - we acquired progressive high tech equipment and procedures -- linear accelerators, Tomotherapy, High dose rate radiation, sophisticated planning software systems -- and, we were able to attract many 'best and brightest' minds to our Center --- academically credentialed but choosing to live, work and give their talents to McHenry County residents.

We've met the needs in the diversity of Cancer Services offered across the continuum of care --- from screening & prevention, diagnosis, individualized cancer treatment programs, clinical trial access, aftercare support including survivorship, and when appropriate --- palliative and hospice care. Being there throughout that patient's cancer experience. High technology, progressive cancer care -- distinguished by professionals who believe in 'high touch' personalized approach with 'heart'.

Our success is measured beyond our excellent patient satisfaction surveys, through testimonials who tell us: "They treated us like their own family! We felt right at home!"

I can attest that Centegra Health System is 'well beyond expectation' in it's delivery of Cancer Care Services for McHenry County . We've answered with 'high tech' state of the art diagnostics, leading edge radiation oncology and infusion services -- and a solid nationally accredited program. Our 'team approach' interconnects our System, medical providers with our partnering community. Expansion to the Huntley area affords many more individuals access to 'what we do best' in cancer care.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors (who happens to be a physician)... I have watched this Healthcare System demonstrate keen understanding of, and leadership to acquire, deliver and steward appropriate Inpatient and Outpatient accessible facilities for McHenry County. It takes it's mission seriously and responsibly.

I have both observed and participated in our executive team's 'common sense' yet insightful steering through the maze of changing Healthcare with high moral and ethical

character, decision-making, and 'doing things for the right reasons'. Our Board's responsibility towards behavioral health for McHenry County, new initiatives in Cardiovascular, Cancer, Degenerative and Chronic Diseases as well as Women's Health, newborn and pediatric care and in community education, patient access and self empowerment are very evident.

The board, executive team and it's hundreds of associates embrace our mission, vision, values in the conduct of our activities. We do our best, and seek, retain and support our dedicated workforce. There is a healing culture, a 'team' born of local residents living, working, caring and involved ---- In realizing our charge as the leader for Healthcare for McHenry County. Ours is a culture of Servant Leadership .

We've recognized the changing scene for the growing population in our southern corridor ---- and have already established a presence including Health Bridge & Outpatient Center which has been well received and incorporated into the fabric of this area.

We do note that healthcare is NOT defined by a building, but a continuum of integrated services. It is imperative that we win our community's confidence that we are 'right around the corner' – ready, able, attentive – with quality healthcare initiatives... easy access.... experienced leadership... compassionate caring and genuine respect ... and ..... involved! ...

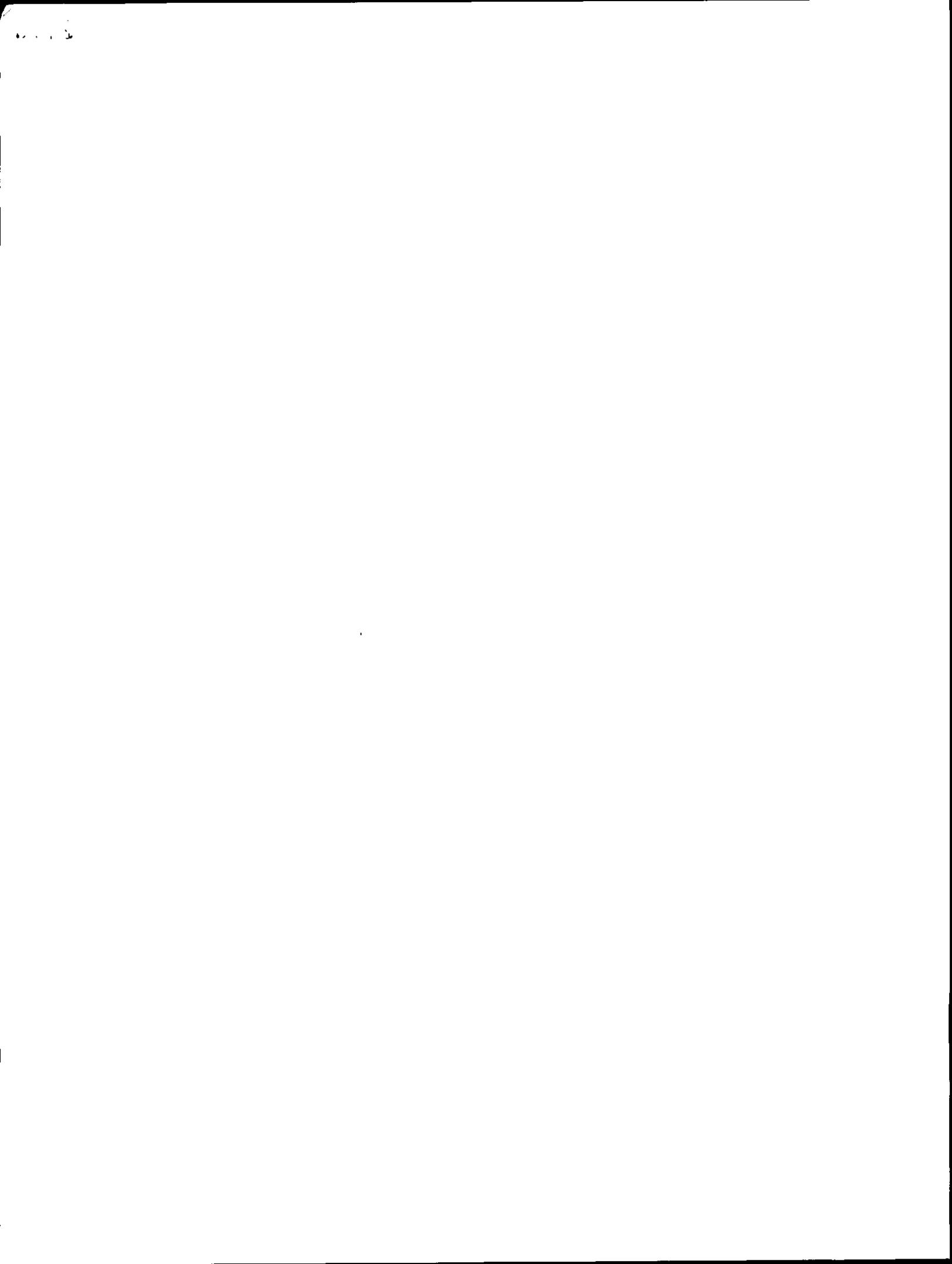
As an Oncologist, Centegra Board Member – and McHenry County Resident ---- I know that Centegra is THE dedicated service provider who's answering this call –for the present --- for the future. The next step in the satisfying that growing expectation for onsite healthcare is... Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

We have studied healthcare needs, done our due diligence and explored various options . Despite the imposing present economy, healthcare trends and life stressors living in McHenry County- Illinois, Centegra genuinely believes it's culture, it's 'roots' and demonstrated responsible stewardship during these trying times - can bring substantial benefit to those who live, work and play right here – and achieve the vision.

I believe that our mantra to be a destination system with Mayo's clinical and Ritz Carlton's service reputation is what this Huntley area relates to, and best aligns with in its Healthcare Needs for now and the future. This Centegra Hospital Huntley initiative is the 'best' answer and I urge it's approval.

Thank you.

*Joseph J. Ruggia MD*  
2/14/2011



Marianna Wolfmeyer  
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RE: Project #10-090

My name is Marianna Wolfmeyer and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and Chaplain for Centegra Health System providing care through the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

Centegra is committed to caring for people holistically - body, mind and spirit – a part of which is providing support services and opportunities to meet emotional and spiritual care needs. Counseling, care and support are offered in various forms throughout our system to associates, patients, families and groups at no cost. More often than not, I meet with people in difficult and challenging times which are filled with anxiety and distress. For example, after a cancer diagnosis or recurrence. When enduring difficult treatment and/or side effects. When facing end of life. At death and through bereavement. When I meet with people and they realize that they can receive support services at no cost, they are not only surprised (because as many often say, “Really, this just doesn’t happen in today’s world - nothing is free!”) but sometimes they just cry, expressing real gratitude for receiving services that they know they need, but can’t pay for. I am so proud to work for a health care system that not only talks about its interest in and responsibility for community health and wellness, but more importantly acts, by committing real resources and money despite challenging financial times, to employ me and others, including counselors, social workers and chaplains who in caring for people in very difficult emotional and spiritual times, profoundly impact community health and wellness for the better.

Centegra seeks to be flexible and adaptive in response to community needs. For example, recognizing that the needs of cancer survivors along the continuum of care could be further enhanced, an education and support program for men living with prostate cancer was recently begun in Huntley. Additionally the needs of cancer survivors post treatment are now being addressed through a program called Cancer Transitions, a six week research based program focusing on fitness, nutrition, and emotional and medical management. We are also excited about two grants from the City of Hope recently awarded to staff at Centegra Sage Cancer Center for training this spring, that will facilitate additional types of support services and programming for patients and caregivers. Centegra’s mission, vision and values exhibit a real commitment to health and wellness. We will continue meeting our community’s needs as we move toward future expansion.



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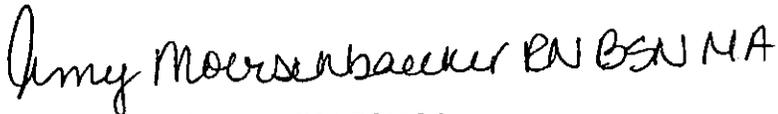
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Centegra Health System is committed to raising awareness about the importance of early cancer detection. As a community member who has had a spouse and a brother with early detection of two different types of cancer and who are now both cancer survivors, I truly understand the importance of what our "Get Checked" program can provide.

"Get Checked" provides information about guidelines for routine screenings that can make a big difference in one's life. Cancer has a measurably higher survival rate when caught in its earliest stages but that can occur only if you are vigilant about conducting self exams, having regular physician visits and following guidelines for testing and screenings

Self exams and screening should be part of your regular personal routine. Breast, cervical, colorectal, testicular, skin and prostate cancer are among those conditions most likely to be detected through self exams and routine screenings.

At Centegra Health System we educate the public and provide free screenings on a routine basis. We help community members find physicians and provide comprehensive care and support throughout the patient and caregiver experience. We look forward to extending that type of care and support in the southern portion of McHenry County and northern Kane County. I fully support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.



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February 16, 2011

Re: Project 10-090 Centegra Hospital- Huntley

I am writing as a resident of the west end of Crystal Lake - in full support of a new hospital at the proposed location for the following reasons:

1. Increased access to emergency care. For those of us who live on the west end of Crystal Lake and Lakewood .the time could be reduced to 8-10 minutes from home to ER as compared to 25 to 50 minutes, currently.
2. For Huntley residents, safety is a factor. On Route 47-- traffic from Huntley to Woodstock can be snarled and cause a delay of 45 minutes. In severe winter weather there are snowdrifts. When heading to McHenry Hospital, one can expect 45 minute to 60 minute travel time— and... For those heading to the Elgin Hospitals, we have experienced an increase in traffic and speeding along Randall Road, I-90, and Route 20.
3. 30 years ago I could drive from Crystal Lake to Dundee or Elgin in 20 minutes . In a brief span of time, with the rapid growth of new development, the Randall Road Corridor has become congested, filled with red light after red light and one can expect a 40-minute drive to Elgin hospitals.
4. In my role as Community Outreach Coordinator, I travel the county for Centegra's "Get Checked" program. I have the opportunity to visit companies, community groups, and area organizations. I hear firsthand of the need for more immediate access to healthcare services in the proposed area. A specific need was demonstrated last year during **one six hour event** at Huntley Health Bridge Fitness Center Campus. Centegra partnered with the Skin Cancer Foundation for the National Road To Healthy Skin Tour to provide free skin cancer screenings. Participants came from Crystal Lake, Huntley, Algonquin, Palatine, LITH, Woodstock, and Elgin. During the hours of 10am and 4pm, we saw 115 people—of whom, 36 needed follow up care.

I have witnessed the construction of new buildings —Huntley's library, new village hall, new fire stations. new grocery stores. Algonquin and LITH have done the same, and Lakewood added a Fire Station on Haligus Road. **Wouldn't a new hospital be just as important to this community?**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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**Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Public Hearing February 16, 2011**

My name is Judi Jefko, I serve as Director of Performance Improvement for Centegra Health System. I have had the pleasure of being a part of this great organization in serving our community for 32 years. As part of the Centegra Healthcare Team, the patient and their family are at the heart of all that we do each day. Over the years Centegra has shown an ongoing commitment to the community through expansion of services to ensure quality care can be received close to home. Several of the expanded services that offer the latest technology and procedures are cardiac, cancer, orthopedic and bariatric, along with a full continuum of outpatient services, home health, rehab, behavioral health and wound care.

The vision to expand an acute care hospital in Huntley again demonstrates Centegra's commitment to fulfill the community needs. In providing healthcare services, we have shown commitment to ensure safe, efficient, quality care. Centegra has always been a leader in participating in voluntary public reporting initiatives. Recently Centegra chose to take quality and safety to an even greater level by voluntarily reporting information to the Leapfrog Group. As the leading healthcare system in McHenry County, we are already committed to the quality and safety measures that we use to protect our patients and to improve the care we provide. We joined more than 1500 hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic that are volunteering patient outcome information. I am proud to join Centegra leaders in our shared belief that transparency provides information to the community and makes us a better healthcare system. Additionally Centegra has achieved certifications and accreditations in many areas to ensure gold standards of care are provided.

Not only have I had the honor of being part of the Centegra Healthcare Team for many years, I have also been a part of the community for 52 years and experienced the compassionate, quality care for myself and family. When my mother had a heart attack, the Centegra team saved her life following a cardiac arrest. She has received subsequent cardiac procedures and cardiac rehab that have maintained her active quality of life. Each of my family members have experienced a need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to provide the "very best", quality care by experienced, dedicated physicians, leaders and associates. I experienced a patient centered, collaborative team, showing compassionate care - a team I could trust.

I look forward to expanding this same quality of care for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Judi Jefko  
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Good Afternoon, My name is Trisha Musich and I am the Magnet coordinator for Centegra Health System. I am here in support of the Centegra project. I have been employed at Centegra as a nurse for the past 20 years and am very excited to see the opening of another location to serve our community. Twenty years ago, I started at Centegra as a new graduate. At that time, I had 6 job offers from area hospitals. I picked Centegra over other organizations for the genuine caring environment it showed during my interview process. Twenty years later at Centegra, I have witnessed the nursing care excel in many areas of patient care. Currently I am leading the health system on a journey of nursing excellence called Magnet. The journey has standards that are set by the American Nurses Associations. Hospitals that obtain this status are noted as exceeding in nursing care, Centegra hands down exceeds these standards. Centegra Administrators and staff from nursing to environmental services; work as a team in providing the quality of care the community needs and deserves.

I couldn't be more proud as a nurse in this community working at Centegra. My immediate and extended family use Centegra as their primary point of care. I have personally had my three children at Centegra. In the past year, I have had surgery and my children have had three surgeries. The care exceeded my already high expectations. My mother just had elective knee replacements at Centegra and additional therapy through our extended care unit. It speaks volumes when you know the care your family care is going to be given by the best nursing staff and greatest physicians in the county. Healthcare is personal and emotional. When you know the care you are getting is excellent by the Centegra nurse, it allows you to focus on your loved ones-where your heart should be.

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## **SUPPORT FOR PROJECT #10-090**

My name is Dr. Frances Glosson and I have been employed in the Centegra Health Care System for 35 years in a variety of roles. I have a background in critical care nursing and have a doctorate focused in leadership, learning, service and research. I have lived in McHenry County since 1973; however, the Glosson family has roots in this county dating back to 1852.

Centegra has been serving this county for a very long time and has had a positive impact on the overall health of the community as evidenced in recent healthy community studies. **Centegra is a perfect organization to open a new hospital in Huntley.** I can report to you that Centegra is a vision and values led organization. The governance of the organization, the physicians, leaders and all 3800 Associates are true servant leaders. As I said Centegra is values driven, committed to serving the community's healthcare and wellness needs with genuine respect, passionate caring, and a joyful spirit. Their emphasis on wellness and community outreach and most importantly, quality of healthcare makes them the obvious choice in expanding services **here in Huntley, Illinois with a new hospital.**

Centegra is positioned to serve this area in an integrated manner based on their ability to offer the full continuum of care. I look forward to the day my grandchildren, Matt and Maggie, who live less than a mile from the proposed Huntley hospital site can seek services from this well established and led organization. It is of great comfort to our family that Centegra would be so accessible for their health needs. My son was diagnosed with cancer two years ago and when he needs immediate care it will be ideal that a Centegra hospital is literally just around the corner **in his neighborhood.**

I have witnessed and can declare with certainty that **Centegra is the right choice** for this community. Healthcare is delivered in a **team approach** and Centegra excels in this area having created a nationally recognized learning organization. Leadership and learning are essential elements as we continue to operate and excel in the new healthcare reform arena. Centegra is also a leader in collective community leadership contributing to the overall health of every citizen through multiple diverse programming.

As I mentioned, Servant Leadership is the leadership style emphasized by Centegra leaders to enhance service to others and improve the engagement of the workforce. This style of leading provides a holistic approach to work; promoting a sense of community; and the sharing of power in decision making. The healthcare of the future will continue to require this type of leadership approach. Centegra has been a pacesetter with this leadership platform which will continue **at the new Huntley hospital.**

At Centegra the associates are characterized by performing meaningful work; clarity of the organization's direction, performance accountability, and having a safe, trusting, and collaborative environment. I can attest to this after 35 years and we will build on this strength **at the Huntley hospital.**

Please endorse the plans for the Centegra Huntley hospital. **Again, it is the perfect choice.**

I support **SUPPORT FOR PROJECT #10-090**

*- Frances Glosson*

Good Day. My name is Bonnie Saban and I am a long time resident of McHenry County. I am the Manager of Volunteer Services and Patient Express for Centegra Health System. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and am the coordinator of the State of Illinois-Senior Health Insurance Program sponsored and supported by Centegra. I also served for several years as the President of the McHenry County Task Force on Aging.

I would like to speak to you today on behalf of the aging community of McHenry County. A demographic study done by the Metro Chicago Information Center and Northwestern University forecasts that, of Chicago's five collar counties, McHenry County will experience the most dramatic growth in their senior population between the years of 2000 and 2020. Our county can expect to see a 66% increase in seniors with the next largest increase of 60%, taking place in Kane County.

Sun City Huntley, the largest 55+ community in the Midwest, straddles the McHenry and Kane county lines and is home to more than 9,000 seniors. That number includes my parents, Lloyd and Bette Miller. As they have aged it has become more and more important that health care services are easily accessible. In fact, the demographic study mentioned earlier, found that 84% of participants cited the availability of quality medical care as the most important aspect of their community.

Centegra Health System has consistently worked to identify the healthcare needs of the community and then provide for those needs. The purchase of property on Haligus Rd and the subsequent construction of the Immediate Care Center, Centegra Primary Care and HealthBridge Fitness Center is an example of that commitment. Construction of a hospital at the Haligus location clearly best meets the needs of the aging community of McHenry and Kane County.

I would like to encourage you to approve Centegra Health System's application for the construction of Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today.

Bonnie Saban

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**Hector Flores on behalf of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project #10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Hector Iyan Flores. I am the lead Interpreter/Ambassador at Centegra Hospital Woodstock. I have been working at Centegra for about six and a half years now. I have personally witnessed the strides that Centegra has taken in order to ensure that we are providing great service and overall excellent medical care to all the people that live in our community.

As interpreters, we offer the best language service in the area. We are pivotal in the assistance of communication between patients whose primary language is Spanish and the medical personnel in the hospitals and other Centegra satellite facilities. We have significantly increased our interpretation services to having twenty-four hour coverage at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock and 18-hour daytime coverage and nighttime call at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to meet patients' needs. We have set forth a great effort to ensure that we understand the cultural customs of our patients in order to provide healthcare services in a respectful manner. As a result, patients choose the Centegra hospitals for their care.

From my perspective as someone who is dedicated to serving the diverse population of our region, a new hospital in Huntley will be an extension of the already established programs to address the unique language and cultural needs of all area patients. In McHenry County, more than 11% of area residents are of Hispanic descent and those numbers continue to climb as the population increases.

By hiring the right personnel, implementing the proper training and following the Centegra Values, all area residents, regardless of their native language, are able to put the hassles of barriers behind them and focus on their care and recovery. At Centegra, we strive to improve the community as a whole, and this sentiment will be expressed fully if a new Huntley hospital is opened.

February 16, 2011

Kathy Young  
Client Executive for Centegra Health System  
Dell  
In support of Project #10-090

My name is Kathy Young. I am the Dell Client Executive responsible for the management of services under the Information Technology outsource agreement between Centegra Health System and Dell.

Over the course of Dell's tenure with Centegra, Centegra has invested significantly in the modernization of its IT environment with a vision of improving and streamlining the delivery of patient care and connecting the hospitals, physicians and community.

In addition to the sizable investment Centegra has made in years in the implementation of electronic medical record technology for Centegra's hospital and clinic operations, Centegra has recently made a commitment to extend its reach into the community of care providers. Through the implementation of a Health Information Exchange, Centegra will enable the electronic sharing of patient results among affiliated physicians and patients. This will aid in the seamless transition of patients from one care setting to another within Centegra Health System. More specifically, for patients who elect to seek services at the new Huntley facility, their clinicians will have access to their entire medical history. This will greatly enhance the continuum of care and patient safety.

Not only will it allow all health care professionals who elect to participate to meet the federal mandates for electronic data exchange, it will provide a foundation for a "Connected Physician Community" which benefits everyone, but, most importantly, the community. This Health Information Exchange (HIE) is the first of its type in Northern Illinois.

In this economic and healthcare reimbursement climate, many healthcare organizations are cutting back on investments in IT. Centegra is thinking toward the future and is planning for a patient-centric approach to care as opposed to a facility-centric approach. Centegra is continuing to make investments in the tools that will allow physicians, other care providers and patients to collaborate on treatment and outcomes.

Centegra Hospital Proposal  
Comments by Ralph Webster

As chief of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, I work in the health care system in Woodstock, a large rural area surrounding the city, and more recently, the Village of Lakewood. From this vantage point, I get the chance to see the delivery of emergency medical services on a first-hand basis. In addition to my duties as fire chief, I have always been very involved in my community and activities within the county. Some of these activities involve interaction with Centegra from a different perspective than my role in the fire service. As I have watched Centegra Health Care System from either perspective, over the past several years, I have been impressed with how they continue to improve the provision of health care within or county. Simply put, their efforts save lives. Whether it be through the cardiac care advancements or the Sage Cancer Center, or more recently, the Gavers Breast Cancer Center, Centegra is continuously improving access to services for McHenry County residents.

With regards to the current proposal, I have to believe that the expansion of services will create the same outcome...that is, additional services for McHenry County resident's that improves upon what is already present, and saves life's as a result. Either through the Women's Center, or the expanded care for infants, we will be better served by their efforts. Couple this with the increased number of beds that will be included with the main facility, this project will be of benefit to residents from McHenry County and northern Kane County. I also believe that it is situated, or located, in an area that builds upon the current health care system...a great strength of the Centegra proposal.

To close, I would ask that you approve the Cengtra plan and allow them to continue their practice of improving the health care system within our county. Thank you for your time.

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Kim Barker  
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Hello, my name is Kim Barker, and I am a McHenry County resident. I'm happy to be here today to express my opposition to Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley.

There are several hospitals around the northwest suburbs. But, I have a strong connection to one in particular, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. I have been a devoted Advocate Good Shepherd patient for many years now. I trust the hospital's physicians and staff with all of my health needs, and, in my experience there, Advocate Good Shepherd continues to exceed health care excellence. I can only imagine that there are many other people who share the same sentiment.

Advocate Good Shepherd provides a level of health care that residents in the area depend on. Its extensive range of services is not something that every hospital offers, and it's certainly not something Centegra's new hospital will be able to provide its patients. Whether it's a major surgical procedure or a round of physical therapy, Advocate Good Shepherd patients receive quality care for all of their various health needs.

As a woman, Advocate Good Shepherd's focus on women's health is something that is of great importance to me. The hospital has a renowned birthing center and Breast Cancer Center along with everyday health care services catered to women. No matter what my need might be, I take comfort in the fact that Advocate Good Shepherd will be able to provide me with the necessary care.

My greatest concern is that Centegra's proposed hospital will hurt Advocate Good Shepherd and all of the other nearby hospitals. The hospitals in our area are outstanding facilities. A new hospital would only take away from their ability to offer comprehensive care. If health care services were scarce in this region, I could understand the reasoning behind a new hospital. However, McHenry County residents receive adequate and high-quality care.

These regional hospitals are too important to the residents to be hurt by an unnecessary hospital entering the community. That is why I urge you to reject Centegra's proposal.

Thank you for your time.

*Kim Barker*

Don Calcagno  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Don Calcagno  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi. I'm Don Calcagno. I'm speaking to you today as a northern Kane County resident who is opposed to Centegra's plan to build a community hospital in Huntley and as a hospital executive at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

I've watched this area grow quite a bit over the years. At some point, we thought the growth would never stop, but it did. The Great Recession made sure of that. Now, I wonder if we'll ever see new houses built in those nearly empty subdivisions around southern McHenry and northern Kane counties.

That's why I was amazed by Centegra's plans to use future growth as the main reason for building a new hospital in the Huntley area. It just doesn't make sense.

At first I was puzzled about Centegra's plans ~~is that they're trying~~ to build in an area that's already well-served. As I became more aware of the Review Board's rules, however, the reason became apparent. The Board's rules state that an Applicant must document need through patient referrals. Centegra clearly cannot obtain sufficient letters from physicians to justify the need for this hospital. In addition to Advocate Good Shepherd, we have other regional medical centers nearby that offer comprehensive care. And a couple of them made major improvements in the last few years.

For example:

- Provena Saint Joseph Hospital recently added a new bed tower at its hospital in Elgin and has carved out a specialty in its heart and vascular institute.
- About a year ago, Sherman Hospital in Elgin replaced its facility with a \$325 million complex at Randall Road and Interstate 90 that will serve the region for many decades.

In both cases, Sherman and Provena sought the state board's approval for their projects. They promised the state that they would serve as comprehensive, regional hospitals for the area, which includes southern McHenry County. When the Review Board approved their projects, these hospitals indicated that they would serve significant numbers of McHenry County patients and sized their projects appropriately to serve these communities. The Centegra facility, if built, would simply be duplicative of facilities the Board has just recently approved.

I believe that adding Centegra's hospital to the mix would be detrimental to all hospitals in the region because the new facility would weaken current hospitals' ability to offer comprehensive care. It would dilute patient volumes and quality.

McHenry County residents already have a wide choice of convenient health care providers. I ask that you reject Centegra's proposal for a community hospital in Huntley.



Sabiha Uraizee, Community member testimony

My name is Sabiha Uraizee. I live in Lakewood, Illinois. I am here to oppose the construction of a hospital in Huntley.

While some might be excited about a new hospital, I am concerned. Yes, a new hospital will provide added proximity for a few people. Instead of driving 20 minutes to a nearby hospital, a resident might only have to drive 10 minutes. However, that is the only advantage that I see in this proposal. And actually, most of us travel 20 minutes or more on a regular basis to work and even to shop. So a twenty minute travel time is really not much of an inconvenience.

The cost of a new hospital, over \$200 million dollars is a huge price to pay for his added convenience. The new hospital does not offer any new services. All of the services proposed by the Centegra-Huntley hospital are already offered at other nearby hospitals. In fact the proposed hospital will not provide many services offered at nearby hospitals.

The construction of a new hospital also has the disadvantage of negatively impacting existing hospitals. Several area hospitals have recently invested money in their facilities. These hospitals are dependent on the patients from the Huntley area to generate the revenue to cover the costs of the new facilities. They need the Review Board to comply with their rules to ensure that there will be sufficient patients to affect the investments made in the existing facilities.

Weighing the single advantage of a shorter drive time against the disadvantages of the enormously high unnecessary costs, the answer is clear, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board should deny the application to construct a new hospital.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sabiha Uraizee".

**Renee Norberg  
920 Wildrose Drive  
Cary, IL 60013**

**February 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Renee Norberg, I'm a resident of Cary, and I'd like to express my strong opposition to the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

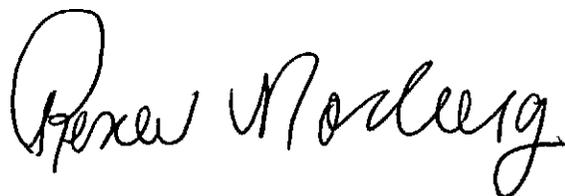
I'm concerned that this hospital is not needed and will just increase the health care costs for everyone at a time we can ill afford it. Our area is already served by several regional medical centers, which serve my immediate community quite well.

Half of McHenry County residents travel 30 minutes to work, and have no problem traveling short distances over the county border to receive quality care. From what I understand, Centegra is using an artificial border in its data, attempting to prove health care need in McHenry County.

I've also heard that Centegra is saying that the area is going to grow a lot in the next several years. I wonder why they think that – home building in this area has been at a virtual standstill for two years and shows no signs of picking up. While there certainly will be an increase in the number of senior citizens that hospitals will need to serve, because the existing community is aging, it would make more sense to expand existing facilities to meet that need, rather than start from scratch. That's why I can't understand Centegra's decision to abandon its women's pavilion in favor of this plan.

So, to sum it up, I believe we have plenty of hospitals here to serve the current population and we're attracting very few new residents who are going to need a new hospital.

I urge you to consider the fact that we don't need a new hospital and reject Centegra's proposal.

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I am Rev. Dr. Fred Rajan, and since 2006 I have served as the vice president of Mission and Spiritual Care at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. I live in McHenry County. I also work at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. The Joint Commission is visiting Condell this week and I'm unable to get away. I thank the Board for allowing my testimony to be read into the record.

Although a new hospital may appear on the surface to improve access to health services, I am opposed to the Centegra Health proposal for a new facility in Huntley.

Given my position in spiritual care, I know all too well what families face when a loved one is hospitalized. Hospital chaplains are also familiar with the challenge a patient faces if the services he or she needs aren't available at their hospital.

The proposed Centegra facility would be a "community hospital," and would not offer specialized services such as open heart surgery or advanced cancer care. So a patient who is assessed at a community facility may have to be transferred to a regional medical center for advanced care. This is a stressful process for the patient and his caregivers and can result in delays in treatment.

It's far more compassionate to utilize the existing regional medical centers in the Kane and McHenry county region than to move a person who is ill.

For example, ambulances are already bringing residents from Huntley to Sherman Hospital in Elgin because it is nearby and offers a state-of-the-art emergency department, which just opened in December 2010.

And today studies are showing that even in life-threatening situations, the distance to a hospital is not as important as the time it takes for paramedics to arrive and begin stabilizing and treating a patient. That research supports a regional, rather than provincial, approach to even emergency medicine.

The needs of patients must come first in a discussion about new health facilities. The advanced care available in northern Kane and western Lake counties already is meeting patient needs, which makes another hospital unnecessary.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Dr. Fred Rajan

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Lisa Fawkes  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Lisa Fawkes. I am here today as a McHenry County resident to voice my opposition to Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley.

When I heard that Centegra had plans to build a hospital at Haligus and Reed Road, I was shocked. A new hospital seems highly unnecessary because there are so many hospitals right next to southern McHenry County, including Advocate Good Shepherd, Sherman and Provena, all of which are really close to McHenry County. Availability of health care facilities has simply not been an issue for people who live near me. Needless to say, I was surprised to hear Centegra describe the area as "medically underserved."

Though these six hospitals are outside of McHenry County, they all remain only a short distance away for McHenry County residents. In fact, Advocate Good Shepherd is only half a mile away from the McHenry County border and Sherman is less than 5 miles away.

Centegra is treating McHenry County as a completely separate entity, and it's ridiculous. The reality is many residents in this region travel through different counties each day. It is not unusual for me and my neighbors to travel through Kane, Cook or Lake counties for work, entertainment or health care.

In fact, even if Centegra's hospital is approved, many patients will end up traveling that distance anyway since Centegra's proposes to build a community hospital. The facility will only be equipped to provide people with basic care. Any patients with major medical conditions will be sent to one of the nearby hospitals for further medical attention. Therefore, for many patients, Centegra's hospital will only be an extra step in the medical process. We can't forget that delays in medical treatment are not good for patients or their families.

Contrary to Centegra's statements, McHenry County is well-served by several nearby hospitals. I ask that you consider the area's current access to health care facilities before the approval process for Centegra's proposed hospital continues.

Thank you.

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Ryder, Doug

Vice President, Clinical Operations and Service Lines

My name is Doug Ryder and I am the Vice President of Clinical Operations and Service Lines at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, located less one mile from McHenry County and less than 35 minutes from the proposed hospital. I'm opposing this hospital because it will bring no new services to the residents of McHenry County, and all of the current medical needs of McHenry County are being met by existing hospitals.

Good Shepherd Hospital is a comprehensive health center offering a broad range of health care services, including open heart surgery, complex oncology care, robotic surgery and stroke certified services.

The hospital proposed by Centegra is a smaller hospital and would not offer specialized services such as open heart surgery or a comprehensive approach to cancer care. Centegra's application suggests that they will not even offer cardiac catheterization services. This means that patients would still have to maintain their current driving patterns in order to receive these specialized services. Or, if a patient ended up in the emergency department, they would need to be transferred to a regional facility such as Good Shepherd.

Centegra is not introducing any unique services to the community that are not already being provided by a number of existing hospitals within 30 minutes of the proposed site. This is a further point demonstrating unnecessary duplication of services, even among Centegra's own existing hospitals in the service area.

Also, hospitals owned by the applicant, Centegra-McHenry and Centegra-Woodstock, have documented capacity to accommodate inpatients.

Additional hospitals within 30 minutes of the proposed site including Sherman in Elgin, Provena St. Joe's in Elgin and St. Alexius in Hoffman Estates all have capacity and already serve these patients.

Finally, evidence exists to support that it is less expensive to add on to existing facilities rather than build brand new facilities. Centegra has two hospitals in McHenry County and even had approval to build capacity on to their existing Woodstock hospital but chose to abandon the project in favor of costly new construction.

I urge the board to deny the project on the basis that it provides McHenry residents no new services and that the applicants have not demonstrated the need for additional new hospitals when their existing hospitals could have capacity. Thank you.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Roseanne C. Niese**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. I'm Roseanne C. Niese, Director of Emergency Services at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. I'm also a registered nurse and reside in McHenry.

Although I live in this area, I am opposing Centegra's attempt to build a new hospital. I believe that hospitals in the region have more than adequate capacity to serve the northern Fox Valley area.

The demand for inpatient services in southeastern McHenry County has been stable the last four years, according to state statistics. And in northern Kane County, demand has actually declined in this time period.

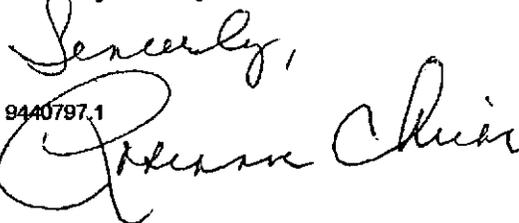
Some people might support this hospital – even though it's a basic, community hospital – because it's a minute or two closer than the regional medical centers in the area. In life-threatening medical emergencies, however, your distance to the hospital is not the most important factor in survival. It's the amount of time it takes for paramedics to arrive and stabilize a patient. The mobile advanced life support equipment in use today and the ability to communicate with the receiving emergency department save lives every day.

In addition, if paramedics assess the patient and determine, for instance, that that person needs to go to a specialized heart center, the paramedics won't necessarily go to the closest hospital. They will likely pass up a community hospital to take the patient to a regional medical center such as Sherman or Advocate Good Shepherd. However, if the paramedic can't make that determination in the field, the patient will go to the closest hospital. This means that if Centegra Huntley is built, a patient needing specialized care could go to the Huntley hospital first and then need to be transferred. This could lead to a significant delay in care for patients who are critically ill.

Currently, ambulances serving Huntley residents bring the vast majority of their patients to Sherman Hospital in Elgin, because it is close and offers an extensive emergency department. Bringing more emergency rooms into the mix would only duplicate services, and mean higher health care costs for all of us.

Therefore, a new community hospital does not make business sense nor medical sense because it would weaken a strong, vital health care system that serves the far northwest suburbs. I hope the review board takes these points into consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
  
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Kari Downey  
298 New Haven Drive  
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McHenry County

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Kari Downey  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Kari Downey, I live in McHenry County and I want to let you know why I oppose the Centegra hospital project in Huntley.

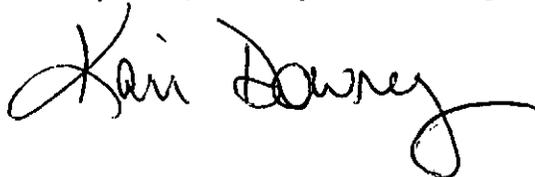
I felt strongly about this because I believe we simply don't need another hospital in our area.

The biggest reason is from personal experience: my family and friends already leave McHenry County for services that would not be provided by the new Centegra Hospital. Thus, we'd still be leaving the county regardless of whether this hospital is built.

And the Centegra Hospital duplicates services we already have, such as those provided at Advocate Good Shepherd. While once robust, growth in our area has stalled, and shows little sign of increasing, more duplicated services just don't make sense. A new hospital will dilute our resources without adding benefits.

I'd recommend that we all save the money. Any time a new facility is built, it will draw on government funding to help pay the bills. Given the state of government budgets these days, it makes more sense to be prudent, and to focus on what we need, not something that we might need in a couple decades.

I ask you to please reject the Centegra proposal.

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# **VILLAGE OF LAKE BARRINGTON**

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**RE: LETTER IN OPPOSITION: CENTEGRA/MERCY HOSPITAL - MCHENRY COUNTY**

**VILLAGE ACCOUNTANT**  
Deborah E. Vernon

Dear Ms. Avery:

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Loretta Peterson

This is to communicate the opposition of the Village of Lake Barrington to the proposed new hospital facility being proposed by Centegra and Mercy Health Systems.

**TREASURER**  
James E. Purcell

While we respect and share the desire of the Village of Huntley and McHenry County to assure that their residents have access to world-class health care, we respectfully disagree with the view that this requires the establishment of an additional area hospital. As the home to Good Shepherd Hospital and as a neighbor to Sherman Health in Elgin, Provena St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates, Centegra's existing hospitals in Woodstock and McHenry, and Mercy's existing hospital in Harvard, we believe our region's residents already have access to multiple state-of-the-art hospitals and first-class emergency care.

**PERMIT COORDINATOR**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
**DEPUTY CLERK**  
Erica A. Rezula

Indeed, as elected officials charged with protecting the public health and welfare, we note with pride that our region's existing hospitals offer dependable, high-quality access to health care for emergency patients. In 2010, for example, Good Shepherd Hospital was able to serve emergency patients 99.999% of the time and operated on bypass – that is, unable to accept new emergency patients – for only 5 hours of the year. Moreover, three area hospitals were not on bypass at all during 2010 and three other area hospitals averaged only 10 hours on bypass for the entire year. Similarly, existing hospitals also provide urgent care at their five immediate care centers and various ambulatory centers located throughout McHenry County. Additionally, Good Shepherd Hospital has, in recent years, unveiled a new emergency department, a comprehensive cancer center, and an award winning cardiac surgery program – all of which exist to serve residents from across the northern Kane, southeastern McHenry, northwestern Cook and southwestern Lake Counties.

The extant level of high quality care underscores an equally compelling point - namely, the unnecessary expenditures associated with the creation of unneeded hospitals will further

burden already overextended state and federal healthcare budgets. If the proposed hospital is allowed to be built, then either Mercy or Centegra will have to charge high rates to private and public insurance companies to cover their increased costs. Taxpayers, who already pay for over half of the hospital care in the U.S., will have to pick up the tab for needless facilities at a time when everyone is feeling the pinch of a strained economy.

Such costs become even more unjustifiable when one considers that the proposed hospital is only planning to provide a basic level of service – meaning that no new services will be added to the benefit of our region. While Good Shepherd Hospital is a comprehensive regional health center offering broad range of health care services, the hospital being proposed by Mercy and Centegra would only offer limited services. For example, it would not offer open heart surgery or advanced cancer care. Mercy's proposed hospital would not offer endoscopy care and Centegra's proposed hospital would not offer cardiac cath. For that level of care, patients in either instance would have to transfer to a more comprehensive regional facility, such as Good Shepherd.

Since these hospital proposals will not introduce any unique services to the region, it is clear that they will serve only to unnecessarily duplicate of services - again, at a time when federal and state health care budgets are strained. This stands in contrast to existing regional hospitals like Good Shepherd, which has made major investments in its facilities in recent years. A new, but unnecessary, hospital will simply operate to make all the region's existing hospitals weaker by diverting patients from high-level care at regional medical centers.

For all these reasons, the Village of Lake Barrington believes that the proposed new facility fails to meet the requisite tests for community need and we therefore request that you deny the Certificate of Need request for the proposed facility on the basis that the facts and record show it as unwarranted.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our views. Please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have any questions or wish further information as to our views.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely,



Kevin C. Richardson  
Village President

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*Robert and Karen Scott  
362 Merion Drive  
Cary, IL 60013*

**My name is Bob Scott, and I'm addressing the review board as a concerned resident of the community of Cary in McHenry County.**

**I believe the Centegra Health proposal to build a new hospital in Huntley should be denied. Regardless of the sector of the economy, employees today are being asked to use their resources wisely. This includes resources related to providing health care. It's wasteful on so many levels to build a community hospital in such close proximity to new regional medical centers that offer comprehensive care.**

**Currently the six hospitals near southern McHenry County—including Centegra's two existing hospitals—have plenty of capacity and have the ability to add more beds in the future. The homebuilding boom has considerably slowed and while the need for healthcare services will increase, I can't imagine that it's going to increase by nearly 50% in the next 10 years.**

**Specialization has made so many industries more efficient, and health care is no exception to that trend. Provena St. Joseph and Sherman hospitals in Elgin have carved out some specialties; for example Sherman now has a comprehensive cancer center that partners with physicians from the University of Chicago Medical Center. That level of focus cannot be offered at a community hospital such as the proposed Centegra facility.**

**Certainly a large development such as a hospital would be expected to be an economic plum for McHenry County. But the economic and employment benefits of this proposal likely would come at the expense of other established hospitals that already serve the area. These so-called "new" employees would be coming from local hospitals that would face underutilization and possible layoffs.**

**Health care services must be examined as a regional planning issue, regardless of where the county lines fall.**

**I encourage the review board to carefully assess the need for a new community hospital in light of the need for controlling health care costs. More building would not be a good use of scarce economic resources when so many health entities already serve McHenry County.**

February 16, 2011

Louise H. Fox, M.D.  
15 W. Penny Road  
South Barrington, IL 60010

Huntley Village Hall  
10897 E. Main Street  
Huntley, IL 60142  
Centegra Public Hearing

Good morning. My name is Dr. Louise Fox, and I am a board-certified anesthesiologist who lives in the area. Our area currently has exceptional access to state-of-the-art facilities in the region and an additional facility is not necessary. This proposed hospital will significantly increase the number of beds in the area, and negatively alter the healthcare landscape in the region. My understanding is that this hospital would provide no unique services that the community cannot otherwise access from a number of hospitals within a 30 minute drive.

I also don't understand why Centegra is abandoning their promise to the Woodstock community for a major expansion and Women's Pavilion at their Woodstock facility in favor of building a brand new hospital in Huntley. Intuition would tell us that it's much less expensive to build on to an existing facility, where the entire expensive health care infrastructure is in place, rather than constructing a brand new facility. Recently passed health care reform legislation also should be considered prior to undertaking a project that will increase the number of beds in McHenry County. Reform is set at curbing the excesses of the health care system and rewarding efficiencies. This seems an insufficient use of health care dollars. For these reasons I would like to voice my opposition to the project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Louise Fox, M.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise H. Fox, M.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Jeff Ziegler

374 Evergreen Circle • Gilberts, IL 60136

February 16, 2010

Hello. I'm Jeff Ziegler and I'd like to let you know why I don't support Centegra's plan for a new hospital in Huntley. I'm a resident of Gilberts, which is in northern Kane County just south of Huntley.

It's clear to me and my neighbors that we already have sufficient health care services in our area.

Centegra wants to say we're "underserved," but we actually have six hospitals very close by, including two Centegra hospitals. Those six hospitals offer urgent care, open heart surgery, advanced cancer care and many other services. It strikes me as odd that anyone would consider ANY new hospitals in an area like ours.

I'd also like to say that I don't like it when the government and businesses waste money, especially when it's my money. Well, that's another reason I'm against Centegra's plan - I think it's a bad way for a health system that depends so much on government money to use those funds.

If this hospital is built, Centegra's going to need to get enough patient revenue to keep it going. And, at the same time, they'll hurt other hospitals that rely on patients to keep their hospitals open for business.

Many of the area hospitals recently invested in their facilities and took on a lot of debt to cover these costs. I am sure that these area hospitals are dependent on the population and growth in Huntley to repay their debt. I am concerned that if the new hospital takes the patients in Huntley there will not be enough patients and revenue for the existing area hospitals to repay their debt.

Some folks believe that the project is a good idea because it will bring permanent jobs to the area. I do not see how there will be a net increase in jobs; the same patients will be served. Jobs will only be reallocated from one hospital to another.

It's time we devote our energy and effort to streamlining services. Right now we have an adequate number of hospitals, and we do not need another hospital.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Ziegler

Joan Grossman  
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**Joan Grossman testimony at Public Hearing  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Joan Grossman, and I am a resident of Lake in the Hills. I am here to testify today because I am opposed to the construction of a new hospital in Huntley.

I can't understand the reasoning behind building another hospital in the area. Sherman Hospital is right down Randall Road, Advocate Good Shepherd is just to the west, and there are also Centegra hospitals in Woodstock and McHenry. Not only that, but St. Alexis is building a new children's hospital at its campus on I-90 and Barrington Road.

If people had to travel a long way to get adequate medical care, it would be a different story. But everyone I know feels lucky that we have so many great regional medical centers nearby. I enjoy going to Advocate Good Shepherd, for example, because it's convenient for me and my family.

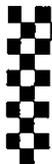
I realize Centegra has a lot of money to pay for this new hospital. But who will pay for all those empty hospital beds, either at Centegra or the other area hospitals? I hope the state takes into account that Sherman built a beautiful facility near I-90 and Provena made some recent additions to its hospital as well. While growth is projected for the area, I don't think we will have enough people to support another new facility around here. Perhaps Centegra should direct their concerns in making sure their current hospitals are being utilized to the fullest before building a brand new hospital in McHenry County.

If the recession has taught us one thing, it's that we have to look before we leap. As individuals, as businesses and as communities, we have to work to make the responsible decisions today, so we don't end up paying tomorrow.

I ask the board to do the responsible thing today and deny Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital.

Thank you.

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February 14, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator Illinois Health Care Facilities & Services Review Board

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to address the proposed building of new hospitals in McHenry County.

I find myself opposed to these new additions for the following reasons.

First, let me present some background on my qualifications for the views that I support. I was on the board of directors of a large hospital corporation for twenty years, was the vice president of a Fortune 500 company, president of a medical software company and currently the Village President of Fox River Grove.

The cost of our nations health care is a great concern and a detriment to business and civil budgets. Actions must now be taken to control and reduce the growing costs by coordinating all new activity in light of this goal.

First, medical treatment continues to use more and more electronic and radiation based methods. These CAT scans, proton generators, X rays, etc create a giant overhead at every hospital which must necessarily be absorbed by all users of the facility. Maintaining a few centers containing these expensive systems separated by about 30 minute drive time will get maximum cost effectiveness from the investments.

Second, the whole payment and treatment system is in desperate need of electronic medical records. Big cost savings attend this change, but the systems work and code writing necessary is great. A few large hospitals make this change attainable.

Third, clinics and immediate care centers staffed with family doctors and nurses is a more desirable and cost effective method of achieving affordable near by care.

Thank you for your service on this project and your attention to my views.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Nunamaker  
Village President

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Julie Mayer**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Julie Mayer; I am Director of Community and Government Relations at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. In my position I am responsible for the development of a community health plan based on the health needs of the communities we serve which includes McHenry County. One of the ways Good Shepherd approaches this is by partnering with the McHenry County Health Coalition which is lead by the McHenry County Health Department. Good Shepherd has been part of this initiative for the past seven years and has made significant contributions both monetary and in-kind which are used for the assessment process as well as for projects which address the health needs in McHenry County. Our hospital is consistently seeking ways to partner and collaborate to ensure the people in our communities know how to stay healthy, manage chronic disease, have adequate access to health care and most importantly prevent illness. These are essential elements to reducing health care costs and are part of the health reform law.

This brings me to why I'm against the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley; the idea is inconsistent with appropriate planning and the prudent use of resources. The effect will be increased cost and jeopardize the quality of care.

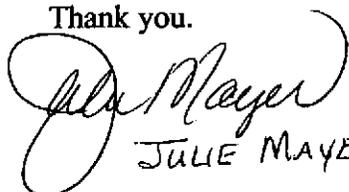
I'd like to point out that:

- Duplication of resources mean higher costs for everyone since none of the facilities can reach maximum capacity. This results in services being phased out and patients not getting the care they need.
- Governments pay for *more than half* of hospital care in the U.S. and any new facility is going to increase the burden on the taxpayers.
- This new hospital would duplicate resources without providing new services. The cash-strapped governments will end up paying for infrastructure that we do not need, and later for health care services that can be provided elsewhere.
- I am also concerned that Centegra is abandoning the Women's Pavilion project in Woodstock in order to build a new hospital in Huntley.

In addition, demand for services are growing but not to the extent that we need a costly brand new hospital.

I ask you, as stewards of our health care dollars, to be prudent and deny this proposal.

Thank you.

  
JULIE MAYER

February 16, 2011

Dale Galassie, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Household Growth in Southern McHenry & Northern Kane Counties

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Metrostudy has evaluated the amount of household growth that has occurred in a pre-defined trade area, and evaluated the potential for future growth through 2015. The following statements reflect our knowledge of the market area and pertain to the charts and tables that follow this summary.

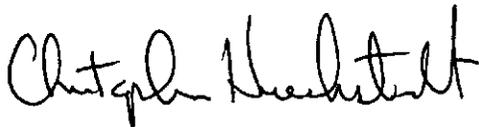
- Ⓜ Metrostudy is uniquely qualified to gauge household growth in the Chicagoland region as it conducts a quarterly census of the housing market. Each quarter Metrostudy tabulates new home construction, sales, occupancy, and inventory for the Chicagoland market. Metrostudy has been compiling new home data since 1990, tracking the growth of communities throughout the region since that time.
- Ⓜ In order to conduct a meaningful comparison, Metrostudy compiled data for both the "Primary Service Area" and "Secondary Service Area" as defined in the study compiled for Centegra Hospital by Deloitte Financial Advisory Services. The PSA consists of ten zip codes while the SSA consists of 6 zip codes.
- Ⓜ Within the PSA, there were just over 22,000 new households added from 2000 to 2010. Metrostudy new home closings report a nearly identical number of new home closings over that same time frame. However, it should be noted that 81% of the overall growth during the decade happened from the end of 2000 to 2006. From 2000 to 2006, the PSA averaged 2,673 new home closings per year (this during possibly the biggest housing boom since World War II). From 2007 through 2010, the PSA averaged just 896 new home closings per year. More recently, in 2009 and 2010, there were just 533 and 345 total new home closings respectively.
- Ⓜ This would indicate a rapid slowing in the rate of household growth within the PSA. Any forecast that would project population and household growth must take current market conditions into consideration. The demographic forecast put forth by Claritas projects the addition of over 22,000 persons and over 7,200 new households by 2015. This equates to an average of 4,400 persons and nearly 1,500 households per year. (By point of comparison, Metrostudy is forecasting the completion and sale of from 2,500 to 3,000 new homes in 2011 and 2012 for the entire Chicagoland area.)
- Ⓜ Based on current trends in the Chicagoland economy (most notably the lack of job growth), and in the local housing market, it is likely that the PSA will average from 500 to 800 new households per year through 2015, well below the forecast levels provided by Claritas. Any undertaking dependent upon household growth in the trade area needs to consider that the growth experienced in the market from 2000 to 2006 is not necessarily indicative of growth from 2007 to 2010, nor for the forecast period from 2010 to 2015.

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- Within the Secondary Service Area, or SSA, household growth has been much more modest, averaging a little over 500 new households per year from 2000 to 2010. Much like the overall Chicagoland market and the PSA referenced above, the majority of growth occurred during the first half of the previous decade. In 2009 and 2010 the SSA saw 159 and 117 new home closings respectively, well below the average annual growth rate for the decade. In the near term, it is expected that these much more modest growth rates will be indicative of growth in the SSA through 2015.

This letter represents Metrostudy's opinion regarding the housing market in the trade area as defined above and is based on the information provided in the attachment to this letter. Please let me know if you have questions or comments, or if there is any other information that I can provide.

Sincerely,



Christopher Huecksteadt  
Director, Chicago Market  
Metrostudy

Appendix attached.

## Quarterly Inventory Summary

### *McHenry County*

Quarter/ Year	Quarter Starts	Annual Starts	Vacant Lots	VDL Supply	Quarter Closings	Annual Closings	Under Const	Fin Vacant	Total Inventory	Inv Supply	Completed Units	Future Inventory	Qtr Lot Deliveries
3Q01	971	2,996	5,007	20.1	867	2,810	1,421	148	1,743	7.4	851	3,460	608
4Q01	783	3,243	4,977	18.4	954	2,941	1,209	189	1,572	6.4	995	3,211	753
1Q02	486	3,019	4,929	19.6	436	2,845	1,257	184	1,622	6.8	438	3,155	438
2Q02	746	2,986	4,306	17.3	755	3,012	1,206	223	1,613	6.4	797	3,791	123
3Q02	747	2,762	4,208	18.3	808	2,953	1,177	210	1,552	6.3	776	3,287	649
4Q02	654	2,633	4,637	21.1	775	2,774	1,049	239	1,431	6.2	782	6,627	1,083
1Q03	405	2,552	4,404	20.7	484	2,822	1,032	186	1,352	5.7	422	10,601	172
2Q03	824	2,630	4,142	18.9	749	2,816	1,068	225	1,427	6.1	788	12,131	562
3Q03	700	2,583	3,885	18.0	628	2,636	1,100	268	1,499	6.8	668	15,612	443
4Q03	631	2,560	3,661	17.2	773	2,634	995	245	1,357	6.2	736	16,156	407
1Q04	468	2,623	3,818	17.5	463	2,613	1,042	341	1,499	6.9	558	17,459	625
2Q04	707	2,506	3,959	19.0	651	2,515	1,112	333	1,555	7.4	637	17,395	848
3Q04	706	2,512	3,624	17.3	696	2,583	1,133	323	1,565	7.3	685	18,647	371
4Q04	545	2,426	4,258	21.1	673	2,483	946	377	1,437	6.9	732	18,300	1,179
1Q05	394	2,352	4,621	23.6	373	2,393	990	349	1,458	7.3	350	19,894	757
2Q05	854	2,499	4,464	21.4	501	2,243	1,271	409	1,811	9.7	573	18,443	697
3Q05	821	2,614	4,316	19.8	798	2,345	1,260	440	1,834	9.4	832	18,685	673
4Q05	533	2,602	4,172	19.2	749	2,421	1,005	473	1,618	8.0	788	22,127	389
1Q06	704	2,912	4,991	20.6	521	2,569	988	672	1,801	8.4	721	23,866	1,523
2Q06	466	2,524	5,142	24.4	859	2,927	862	389	1,408	5.8	592	24,593	617
3Q06	482	2,185	5,729	31.5	435	2,564	803	505	1,455	6.8	541	29,748	1,069
4Q06	403	2,055	6,055	35.4	539	2,354	656	498	1,319	6.7	550	29,018	729
1Q07	246	1,597	6,496	48.8	330	2,163	626	430	1,235	6.9	276	28,482	687
2Q07	485	1,616	6,862	51.0	326	1,630	755	457	1,394	10.3	356	27,744	851
3Q07	269	1,403	6,831	58.4	352	1,547	639	497	1,311	10.2	385	28,121	238
4Q07	197	1,197	7,043	70.6	386	1,394	452	473	1,122	9.7	384	29,715	409
1Q08	128	1,079	7,010	78.0	223	1,287	435	394	1,027	9.6	145	30,620	95
2Q08	210	804	6,998	104.4	278	1,239	372	416	980	9.5	294	31,000	198
3Q08	116	651	6,964	128.4	203	1,090	344	360	893	9.8	144	30,929	82
4Q08	79	533	6,940	156.2	146	850	287	369	826	11.7	136	31,801	55
1Q09	40	445	6,865	185.1	152	779	251	321	714	11.0	76	31,696	-35
2Q09	45	280	6,821	292.3	158	659	197	277	601	10.9	99	31,950	1
3Q09	46	210	6,774	387.1	66	522	197	262	581	13.4	46	32,130	-1
4Q09	42	173	6,835	474.1	107	483	141	258	516	12.8	98	32,027	103
1Q10	28	161	6,677	497.7	72	403	149	220	472	14.1	20	31,918	-130
2Q10	38	154	6,639	517.3	87	332	134	194	423	15.3	53	31,918	0
3Q10	46	154	6,593	513.7	80	346	128	174	389	13.5	52	31,918	0
4Q10	27	139	6,566	566.8	69	308	97	171	347	13.5	58	31,918	0

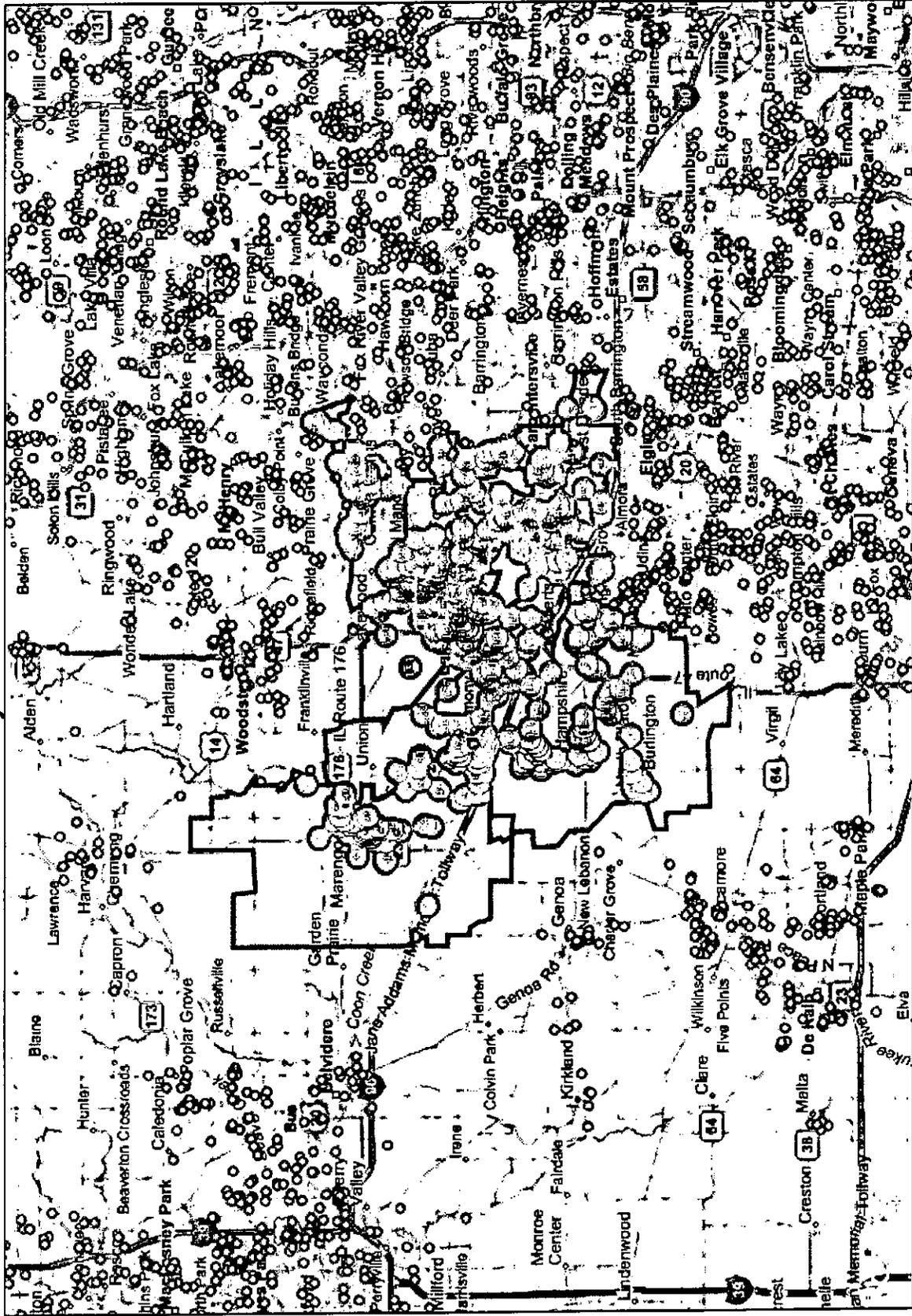
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## Quarterly Inventory Summary

### *"Primary Service Area"*

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3Q01	843	2,750	3,003	13.1	829	2,736	1,149	162	1,467	6.4	793	5,178	455
4Q01	641	2,735	3,140	13.8	813	2,804	950	188	1,295	5.5	840	4,526	778
1Q02	358	2,433	2,994	14.8	383	2,630	929	191	1,270	5.8	379	5,268	212
2Q02	705	2,547	2,362	11.1	621	2,646	1,032	169	1,354	6.1	602	5,649	73
3Q02	707	2,411	2,258	11.2	704	2,521	1,025	197	1,357	6.5	714	5,186	603
4Q02	677	2,447	3,142	15.4	754	2,462	994	169	1,280	6.2	708	9,031	1,561
1Q03	319	2,408	3,029	15.1	524	2,603	784	187	1,075	5.0	529	10,076	206
2Q03	869	2,572	2,929	13.7	708	2,690	974	176	1,236	5.5	679	12,904	769
3Q03	820	2,685	2,893	12.9	668	2,654	1,100	206	1,388	6.3	694	13,250	784
4Q03	806	2,814	2,558	10.9	780	2,680	1,137	185	1,414	6.3	769	13,092	471
1Q04	427	2,922	2,826	11.6	534	2,690	996	247	1,339	6.0	600	14,662	695
2Q04	646	2,699	3,314	14.7	643	2,625	1,005	240	1,342	6.1	637	16,094	1,134
3Q04	1,196	3,075	2,517	9.8	687	2,644	1,458	295	1,851	8.4	743	19,133	399
4Q04	489	2,758	2,577	11.2	966	2,830	886	390	1,374	5.8	1,061	18,225	549
1Q05	324	2,655	3,114	14.1	452	2,748	822	325	1,246	5.4	388	19,242	861
2Q05	747	2,756	2,788	12.1	558	2,663	1,063	271	1,435	6.5	506	18,863	421
3Q05	865	2,425	3,160	15.6	650	2,626	1,210	342	1,650	7.5	718	18,310	1,237
4Q05	671	2,607	3,097	14.3	741	2,401	1,128	343	1,580	7.9	753	22,583	608
1Q06	720	3,003	3,871	15.5	578	2,527	1,035	579	1,722	8.2	813	21,530	1,494
2Q06	757	3,013	3,735	14.9	886	2,855	1,051	409	1,593	6.7	741	21,693	621
3Q06	616	2,764	3,972	17.2	647	2,852	944	501	1,562	6.6	723	25,168	853
4Q06	425	2,518	4,133	19.7	752	2,863	668	442	1,235	5.2	701	26,618	586
1Q07	295	2,093	4,718	27.1	380	2,665	660	346	1,150	5.2	303	28,259	880
2Q07	562	1,898	4,822	30.5	363	2,142	815	378	1,349	7.6	407	28,092	666
3Q07	464	1,746	4,827	33.2	485	1,980	746	426	1,328	8.0	533	28,299	469
4Q07	292	1,613	4,787	35.6	501	1,729	545	411	1,119	7.8	493	28,983	252
1Q08	82	1,400	4,760	40.8	231	1,580	457	350	970	7.4	170	29,384	55
2Q08	264	1,102	4,782	52.1	282	1,499	453	332	952	7.6	268	31,871	286
3Q08	165	803	5,108	76.3	267	1,281	424	286	850	8.0	194	31,467	491
4Q08	88	599	5,263	105.4	198	978	320	271	740	9.1	192	31,189	243
1Q09	48	565	5,131	109.0	126	873	299	230	662	9.1	69	31,281	-84
2Q09	94	395	5,173	157.2	150	741	290	189	606	9.8	103	31,083	136
3Q09	58	288	5,088	212.0	103	577	240	208	561	11.7	108	31,263	-27
4Q09	116	316	5,203	197.6	154	533	217	205	523	11.8	139	31,058	231
1Q10	40	308	5,095	198.5	76	483	239	149	487	12.1	18	30,859	-68
2Q10	58	272	5,011	221.1	79	412	213	158	466	13.6	84	30,859	-26
3Q10	97	311	5,044	194.6	92	401	239	145	471	14.1	71	30,729	130
4Q10	55	250	4,989	239.5	98	345	175	170	428	14.9	119	30,729	0

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# Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

## Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Population by Age</b>	170,114		237,016		259,406	
Age 0 - 4	15,578	9.16%	19,182	8.09%	20,897	8.06%
Age 5 - 9	15,693	9.22%	18,517	7.81%	19,748	7.61%
Age 10 - 14	14,064	8.27%	18,268	7.71%	18,845	7.26%
Age 15 - 17	7,658	4.50%	11,322	4.78%	12,269	4.73%
Age 18 - 20	5,545	3.26%	8,615	3.63%	9,659	3.72%
Age 21 - 24	6,600	3.88%	11,686	4.93%	14,003	5.40%
Age 25 - 34	26,502	15.58%	31,841	13.43%	31,666	12.21%
Age 35 - 44	32,179	18.92%	36,201	15.27%	36,002	13.88%
Age 45 - 54	21,880	12.86%	35,690	15.06%	37,845	14.59%
Age 55 - 64	12,102	7.11%	23,865	10.07%	30,813	11.88%
Age 65 - 74	7,320	4.30%	13,201	5.57%	17,305	6.67%
Age 75 - 84	3,941	2.32%	6,598	2.78%	7,722	2.98%
Age 85 and over	1,052	0.62%	2,030	0.86%	2,632	1.01%
Age 16 and over	122,169	71.82%	177,108	74.72%	195,645	75.42%
Age 18 and over	117,121	68.85%	169,727	71.61%	187,647	72.34%
Age 21 and over	111,576	65.59%	161,112	67.98%	177,988	68.61%
Age 65 and over	12,313	7.24%	21,829	9.21%	27,659	10.66%
<b>Median Age</b>	32.52		34.71		35.73	
<b>Average Age</b>	32.50		34.90		36.00	
<b>Population by Sex</b>	170,114		237,016		259,406	
Male	85,144	50.05%	118,765	50.11%	129,822	50.05%
Female	84,970	49.95%	118,251	49.89%	129,584	49.95%
Male/Female Ratio	1.00		1.00		1.00	

## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Projection	%
<b>Pop. by Single Race Class. and Hispanic or Latino</b>						
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	20,342		36,079		44,150	
White Alone	9,889	48.61%	17,666	48.96%	21,614	48.96%
Black or African American Alone	116	0.57%	194	0.54%	243	0.55%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	164	0.81%	253	0.70%	301	0.68%
Asian Alone	71	0.35%	102	0.28%	152	0.34%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	31	0.15%	33	0.09%	35	0.08%
Some Other Race Alone	8,930	43.90%	15,794	43.78%	19,319	43.76%
Two or More Races	1,141	5.61%	2,037	5.65%	2,486	5.63%
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	149,772		200,937		215,256	
White Alone	141,827	94.70%	183,553	91.35%	192,649	89.50%
Black or African American Alone	2,711	1.81%	85,100	2.54%	6,337	2.94%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	261	0.17%	358	0.18%	405	0.19%
Asian Alone	3,241	2.16%	8,652	4.31%	11,780	5.47%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	20	0.01%	21	0.01%	32	0.01%
Some Other Race Alone	134	0.09%	162	0.08%	176	0.08%
Two or More Races	1,578	1.05%	3,091	1.54%	3,877	1.80%
<b>Households by Age of Householder</b>						
Householder Under 25 Years	1,569	2.76%	2,098	2.66%	2,427	2.81%
Householder 25 to 34 Years	11,646	20.49%	12,857	16.28%	12,484	14.48%
Householder 35 to 44 Years	16,875	29.69%	18,471	23.39%	18,105	20.99%
Householder 45 to 54 Years	12,179	21.43%	19,304	24.44%	20,271	23.51%
Householder 55 to 64 Years	6,929	12.19%	13,286	16.82%	16,887	19.58%
Householder 65 to 74 Years	4,447	7.82%	7,745	9.81%	9,979	11.57%
Householder 75 to 84 Years	2,583	4.54%	4,142	5.24%	4,738	5.49%
Householder 85 Years and over	610	1.07%	1,083	1.37%	1,344	1.56%
<b>Median Age of Householder</b>						
	44.01		48.14		49.98	

## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographics), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Households by Household Income</b>	56,772		78,986		86,235	
Income Less than \$15,000	2,739	4.82%	2,917	3.69%	2,962	3.43%
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	3,304	5.82%	3,460	4.38%	3,453	4.00%
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	4,475	7.88%	4,687	5.93%	4,614	5.35%
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	7,755	13.66%	8,429	10.67%	8,521	9.88%
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	14,237	25.08%	16,143	20.44%	16,438	19.06%
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	10,819	19.06%	15,060	19.07%	15,744	18.26%
Income \$100,000 - \$124,999			11,463	14.51%	12,737	14.77%
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	9,257	16.31%				
Income \$125,000 - \$149,999			7,128	9.02%	8,680	10.07%
Income \$150,000 - \$199,999			5,020	6.36%	6,778	7.86%
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	3,285	5.79%				
Income \$200,000 - \$499,999			4,001	5.07%	5,297	6.14%
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	673	1.19%				
Income \$500,000 or more	228	0.40%	678	0.86%	1,011	1.17%
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$79,291		\$96,573		\$103,631	
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$67,758		\$81,403		\$86,321	
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$26,026		\$32,213		\$34,473	
<b>2010 Median HH Inc. by Single Race Class</b>						
White Alone	68,548		82,692		87,666	
Black or African American Alone	44,122		64,297		69,671	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	44,688		47,562		57,500	
Asian Alone	80,718		93,851		100,623	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	62,500		62,500		61,111	
Some Other Race Alone	50,677		63,090		66,602	
Two or More Races	57,583		71,132		74,595	
Hispanic or Latino	52,818		60,306		63,621	
Not Hispanic or Latino	68,921		83,964		89,411	

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## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Appendix: Area Listing

Area Name:

Type: List - Area ZIP Codes

Reporting Detail: Aggregate

Reporting Level: Area ZIP Codes

<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>	<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>
60014	Crystal Lake	60102	Algonquin
60110	Carpentersville	60118	Dundee
60136	Gilberts	60140	Hampshire
60142	Huntley	60152	Marengo
60156	Lake in the Hills	60180	Union

#### Project Information:

Site: 1

Order Number: 969500145





## Quarterly Inventory Summary

### *"Secondary Service Area"*

Quarter/ Year	Quarter Starts	Annual Starts	Vacant Lots	VDL Supply	Quarter Closings	Annual Closings	Under Const	Fin Vacant	Total Inventory	Inv Supply	Completed Units	Future Inventory	Qtr Lot Deliveries
3Q01	218	690	1,666	29.0	209	581	426	44	501	10.3	194	1,296	130
4Q01	329	937	1,660	21.3	302	712	440	56	528	8.9	315	1,315	323
1Q02	124	910	1,579	20.8	103	728	455	62	549	9.0	109	1,286	43
2Q02	189	860	1,401	19.5	258	872	365	81	480	6.6	279	1,443	11
3Q02	202	844	1,458	20.7	203	866	362	87	479	6.6	205	1,310	259
4Q02	172	687	1,507	26.3	188	752	332	107	463	7.4	202	1,937	221
1Q03	84	647	1,558	28.9	141	790	300	80	406	6.2	116	4,073	135
2Q03	205	663	1,512	27.4	175	707	331	75	436	7.4	174	3,958	159
3Q03	122	583	1,545	31.8	145	649	281	98	413	7.6	172	6,332	155
4Q03	186	597	1,383	27.8	177	638	295	95	422	7.9	172	6,325	24
1Q04	93	606	1,348	26.7	101	598	287	96	414	8.3	101	6,607	58
2Q04	136	537	1,245	27.8	161	584	284	78	389	8.0	139	7,142	33
3Q04	140	555	1,197	25.9	153	592	283	66	376	7.6	141	7,057	92
4Q04	177	546	1,380	30.3	169	584	276	81	384	7.9	184	6,694	360
1Q05	97	550	1,442	31.5	89	572	290	76	392	8.2	83	7,454	159
2Q05	200	614	1,321	25.8	139	550	324	103	453	9.9	166	6,779	79
3Q05	157	631	1,357	25.8	173	570	304	107	437	9.2	177	6,346	193
4Q05	130	584	1,363	28.0	165	566	274	103	402	8.5	160	6,638	136
1Q06	210	697	1,867	32.1	119	596	376	87	493	9.9	108	6,392	714
2Q06	152	649	1,843	34.1	144	601	381	84	501	10.0	147	6,270	128
3Q06	212	704	1,797	30.6	115	543	445	114	598	13.2	148	6,483	166
4Q06	201	775	1,930	29.9	175	553	384	195	624	13.5	262	6,157	334
1Q07	130	695	1,877	32.4	138	572	385	178	616	12.9	129	6,240	77
2Q07	170	713	1,848	31.1	157	585	381	190	629	12.9	174	6,106	141
3Q07	128	629	1,935	36.9	178	648	298	230	579	10.7	211	6,209	215
4Q07	62	490	1,892	46.3	185	658	189	211	456	8.3	171	7,475	19
1Q08	47	407	1,869	55.1	111	631	162	180	392	7.5	74	7,428	24
2Q08	44	281	1,757	75.0	86	560	97	204	350	7.5	109	7,501	-68
3Q08	55	208	1,735	100.1	100	482	83	170	305	7.6	69	7,497	33
4Q08	14	160	1,721	129.1	55	352	50	166	264	9.0	47	8,397	0
1Q09	22	135	1,675	148.9	48	289	56	145	238	9.9	16	8,418	-24
2Q09	20	111	1,663	179.8	45	248	49	130	213	10.3	27	8,386	8
3Q09	21	77	1,642	255.9	21	169	51	129	213	15.1	19	8,386	0
4Q09	11	74	1,631	264.5	45	159	43	106	179	13.5	19	8,386	0
1Q10	11	63	1,588	302.5	30	141	45	86	160	13.6	9	8,416	-32
2Q10	13	56	1,575	337.5	29	125	44	73	144	13.8	14	8,416	0
3Q10	12	47	1,563	399.1	33	137	22	75	123	10.8	34	8,416	0
4Q10	9	45	1,555	414.7	25	117	18	64	107	11.0	13	8,416	1

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## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Projection	%
<b>Population by Age</b>	109,047		125,368		133,125	
Age 0 - 4	7,624	6.99%	7,849	6.26%	8,599	6.46%
Age 5 - 9	9,431	8.65%	8,444	6.74%	8,439	6.34%
Age 10 - 14	9,688	8.88%	9,333	7.44%	9,081	6.82%
Age 15 - 17	5,397	4.95%	6,566	5.24%	6,311	4.74%
Age 18 - 20	3,376	3.10%	4,702	3.75%	5,009	3.76%
Age 21 - 24	3,627	3.33%	6,591	5.26%	7,657	5.75%
Age 25 - 34	11,260	10.33%	15,395	12.28%	17,364	13.04%
Age 35 - 44	20,315	18.63%	14,159	11.29%	13,139	9.87%
Age 45 - 54	18,061	16.56%	21,574	17.21%	20,046	15.06%
Age 55 - 64	10,174	9.33%	16,180	12.91%	19,660	14.77%
Age 65 - 74	5,506	5.05%	8,556	6.82%	10,846	8.15%
Age 75 - 84	3,393	3.11%	4,265	3.40%	4,980	3.74%
Age 85 and over	1,195	1.10%	1,754	1.40%	1,994	1.50%
Age 16 and over	80,525	73.84%	97,576	77.83%	104,923	78.82%
Age 18 and over	76,907	70.53%	93,176	74.32%	100,695	75.64%
Age 21 and over	73,531	67.43%	88,474	70.57%	95,686	71.88%
Age 65 and over	10,094	9.26%	14,575	11.63%	17,820	13.39%
<b>Median Age</b>	37.03		37.69		38.12	
<b>Average Age</b>	35.50		37.60		38.60	
<b>Population by Sex</b>	109,047		125,368		133,125	
Male	54,401	49.89%	62,565	49.91%	66,321	49.82%
Female	54,646	50.11%	62,803	50.09%	66,804	50.18%
Male/Female Ratio	1.00		1.00		0.99	

## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Pop. by Single Race Class. and Hispanic or Latino</b>						
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	7,146		13,420		17,053	
White Alone	4,339	60.72%	8,164	60.83%	10,392	60.94%
Black or African American Alone	36	0.50%	65	0.48%	89	0.52%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	40	0.56%	67	0.50%	87	0.51%
Asian Alone	14	0.20%	17	0.13%	25	0.15%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	1	0.01%	1	0.01%	4	0.02%
Some Other Race Alone	2,420	33.87%	4,553	33.93%	5,768	33.82%
Two or More Races	296	4.14%	553	4.12%	688	4.03%
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	101,901		111,948		116,072	
White Alone	97,536	95.72%	105,235	94.00%	108,084	93.12%
Black or African American Alone	609	0.60%	1,087	0.97%	1,354	1.17%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	117	0.11%	131	0.12%	140	0.12%
Asian Alone	2,765	2.71%	4,233	3.78%	5,012	4.32%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	25	0.02%	20	0.02%	22	0.02%
Some Other Race Alone	81	0.08%	79	0.07%	88	0.08%
Two or More Races	768	0.75%	1,163	1.04%	1,372	1.18%
<b>Households by Age of Householder</b>						
<b>Householder Under 25 Years</b>	746	1.99%	796	1.86%	910	2.01%
Householder 25 to 34 Years	4,609	12.30%	5,844	13.64%	6,367	14.03%
Householder 35 to 44 Years	10,264	27.38%	7,000	16.34%	6,369	14.04%
Householder 45 to 54 Years	9,861	26.31%	11,473	26.79%	10,502	23.14%
Householder 55 to 64 Years	5,855	15.62%	9,101	21.25%	10,879	23.98%
Householder 65 to 74 Years	3,403	9.08%	5,128	11.97%	6,396	14.10%
Householder 75 to 84 Years	2,115	5.64%	2,547	5.95%	2,905	6.40%
Householder 85 Years and over	631	1.68%	940	2.19%	1,048	2.31%
<b>Median Age of Householder</b>	48.17		51.78		53.61	

# Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

## Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographics), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Households by Household Income</b>	37,495		42,829		45,376	
Income Less than \$15,000	2,178	5.81%	2,042	4.77%	2,042	4.50%
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	2,202	5.87%	2,220	5.18%	2,237	4.93%
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	2,555	6.81%	2,216	5.17%	2,263	4.99%
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	4,279	11.41%	4,415	10.31%	4,404	9.71%
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	7,129	19.01%	7,312	17.07%	7,447	16.41%
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	5,500	14.67%	6,210	14.50%	6,545	14.42%
Income \$100,000 - \$124,999			5,003	11.68%	5,314	11.71%
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	6,411	17.10%				
Income \$125,000 - \$149,999			3,704	8.65%	4,041	8.91%
Income \$150,000 - \$199,999			3,237	7.56%	3,831	8.44%
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	4,317	11.51%				
Income \$200,000 - \$499,999			4,922	11.49%	5,446	12.00%
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	1,690	4.51%				
Income \$500,000 or more	1,234	3.29%	1,548	3.61%	1,806	3.98%
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$110,494		\$122,446		\$126,977	
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$76,841		\$87,921		\$91,405	
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$38,728		\$42,061		\$43,493	
<b>2010 Median HH Inc. by Single Race Class</b>						
White Alone	77,498		89,636		93,519	
Black or African American Alone	67,548		59,000		63,859	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	34,318		45,000		47,750	
Asian Alone	103,846		108,028		108,813	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	0		108,333		112,500	
Some Other Race Alone	45,173		49,428		52,710	
Two or More Races	70,608		67,268		75,275	
Hispanic or Latino	48,490		55,019		59,200	
Not Hispanic or Latino	79,011		91,517		95,731	

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## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Appendix: Area Listing

**Area Name:**

Type: List - Area ZIP Codes

Reporting Detail: Aggregate

Reporting Level: Area ZIP Codes

<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>	<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>
60010	Barrington	60012	Crystal Lake
60013	Cary	60021	Fox River Grove
60098	Woodstock		

**Project Information:**

Site: 1

Order Number: 969500165

**Barbara Johnson**  
**Centegra Hospital - Huntley – Project #10-090**  
**Public Hearing Speech**  
**February 16, 2011**

My name is Barb Johnson. I have been the Senior Vice President of Human Resources Development for Centegra Health System for nine years. I am currently on the Workforce Investment Board and was Chair of the Board of Trustees for Leadership Greater McHenry County for two years.

One of the factors critical to a new hospital is its staffing. It is also an area where Centegra is extremely well positioned for success. Our reputation in the professional sector, our recruiting processes, and our retention of current staff ensure that we can support a new hospital with a talented workforce and a strong culture of clinical and service excellence.

Centegra Health System is the largest employer in McHenry County, and maintains a reputation as a great place to work—both within our community and beyond. We have been nationally recognized by Modern Healthcare for the past two years as a great place to work in healthcare and by AARP for five consecutive years as an employer of choice. On our last Associate Opinion Survey conducted by Great Place To Work Institute, 9 out of 10 Associates strongly agreed Centegra is a great place to work. We also rank high in Associate satisfaction when compared to national benchmarks. This reputation, based on trust, camaraderie and pride, makes Centegra a destination of choice.

Proof of our reputation can be seen in our success in attracting candidates. During the past 12 months, we received 7,506 applications for 365 available positions. The pride and support of our current Associates, who will play a critical role in assimilating the new workforce, extends beyond their jobs—39% of all new hires in the last year were referred by current Associates.

Centegra's recruiting strategies and processes further bolster our ability to staff a new facility. We collaborate with over 40 colleges to host clinical rotations and shadowing experiences for nursing students. As a result we have a waiting list for new graduates. These students have already experienced what it is to work at Centegra and have already demonstrated the clinical and personal talents that lead to exceptional patient care—and they are poised to become part of our staff.

We also offer shadowing experiences and partner with McHenry County College to conduct a Healthcare Careers Exploration class each semester. All of these recruiting strategies enhance our ability to enlist top talent—even as shortages threaten nationally.

As I mentioned earlier, our existing Associates play a critical role in recruiting top talent. They also provide an extremely stable workforce. Centegra takes pride in a 95.8% retention rate for fiscal year 2010 and an overall vacancy rate of 2.4% in comparison to the Chicagoland market of 4%. The nursing vacancy rate is even more impressive at 1.1% in comparison to the Chicagoland market of 4%. The stability of our current staff will allow us to focus on obtaining the staff needed for the future.

To summarize, Centegra both attracts healthcare talent and retains it. Our Associates feel like they make a difference. They consider Centegra Health System a great place to work, and spread our culture of service throughout our community. Our reputation, recruiting processes and retention of talented and giving professionals create a strong plan for success to not only staff the proposed Huntley facility—but to staff it with professionals who deliver service and clinical excellence.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Ploszek

Vice President, Ambulatory Services and Community Strategy

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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My name is Mike Ploszek and I am the Vice President of Ambulatory Services and Community Strategy at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. Our hospital is located a mere 4,200 feet to the east of the McHenry County line. Good Shepherd has a proud tradition of serving the residents of McHenry county through both inpatient and outpatient services. Nearly half of Good Shepherd's patients live in McHenry County and choose to cross the County border to receive services at our hospital.

Good Shepherd also does extensive outreach efforts <sup>and community collaboration</sup> in McHenry County as does SHERMAN, PROVENA, & ST. ALEXANDER.

We connect through outpatient facilities, free screenings and community involvement.

Specifically:

- We have representation on 13 McHenry County organization boards with employees serving in 19 seats on those committees.
- Over the last three years, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital has provided 18,197 screenings AT NO COST to McHenry residents.
- In the most recent three year period of 2008 through 2010, 76,528 County residents attended Good Shepherd community outreach

programs and activities that were delivered within the boundaries of

McHenry County.

o Good Shepherd continues to partner with numerous community organizations to meet the health needs of the county, notably the McHenry County Health Coalition, whom we have supported for the past 7 years...

We are also one of the largest employers in the area and half of our employees are McHenry County residents. We're proud that they have chosen to make Good Shepherd their employer. A lot of attention has been paid to all of the new jobs that will be created by the approval of this hospital. It is true that a lot of construction jobs will be created through the building of the proposed hospital. However, it's incorrect to assume that a lot of permanent jobs will be created by the opening of a brand new hospital. Should it be allowed to open, this hospital would increase the number of inpatient beds in McHenry County by 50%. That means Centegra will have to find 50% more nurses, surgical techs, and other skilled positions. It is widely reported that a nursing shortage is looming ahead for the healthcare industry in the not-so-distant future. Where is Centegra going to find all of these positions? My fear is that they will have to shuffle positions from their own hospitals and poach employees at nearby hospitals. This will only hurt the quality of health care in the area at all hospitals.

the health community  
recently making a 5-figure contribution to help fund the County Health Needs survey.

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In reviewing Centegra's request, while they are seeking approval from the Board at the May hearing they state in their application they will not start

construction until fall of 2012. If the demand is so great, why are they waiting so long to start construction?

I urge the Board to deny this application for a new hospital in Huntley because these residents already have access to the very best quality health care. We thank the countless McHenry County residents who make Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital their hospital of choice for healthcare or employment.

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P. Boszek

## **Robert M. Rosenberger in support of Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

Good morning. My name is Robert Rosenberger and I am the Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer at Centegra Health System. I am here today to show my support for Centegra's application for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

As you can imagine, Centegra devoted a substantial amount of time to planning the Centegra Hospital – Huntley project. From the beginning, we identified a significant need for additional healthcare services serving the southern portion of the county. As you've already heard, the state's own health planning data identifies McHenry County as having:

- the highest bed need of any Planning Area in the state,
- the highest rate of residents leaving the county for healthcare and
- the second highest utilization rates at its existing hospitals.

The combination of those factors made it clear that the time is right for the Centegra proposal.

As part of our due diligence, we considered a range of options. One possibility we discussed was adding more beds to our current campuses in McHenry and Woodstock. But it is clear that this option does nothing to address the access to care issues for residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. The best answer to the problem of healthcare access would be to build a full-service hospital on our current Huntley campus.

By building the new hospital, we will create efficiencies that will benefit the people we serve as well as Centegra for years to come. Centegra's success comes from the way our organization is centralized. By operating as a unified system with leadership that oversees all of its entities, Centegra spreads fixed costs over a large patient population. Adding another hospital to the system will allow us to share costs even more, which will again increase efficiency.

In order to create these same efficiencies, many other Illinois hospital systems are combining to share costs. Centegra already understands the importance of this process and we know that Centegra Hospital – Huntley would do more than meet the healthcare needs of our patients. It would also help our other hospitals carry the financial burden of providing care to the people of the region. Where many Illinois healthcare systems are merging to improve efficiencies, Centegra has to examine its own market. There are still people living in our region who are underserved, and that is why Huntley is the right location for a new hospital.

One of the main reasons Centegra wants to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley is because of the projected population growth in that region. As we look to the future, we must also consider the effects of healthcare reform in our area. If an estimated 30 million people in the United States will now have access to healthcare because of new health insurance and exchanges, surely that will affect the people of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. We must put healthcare services where they belong and focus on creating efficient, cost-effective systems.

As a CFO, I am also proud that our project will be a boon to the region during these difficult economic times. We anticipate that the construction of Centegra Hospital – Huntley will have a total economic impact of \$152 million on area communities. We expect to employ an additional 1,100 new Associates for the new hospital.

And finally, as we look to the future, we must also consider the effects of healthcare reform in our area. If an estimated 30 million people in the United States will now have access to healthcare because of new health insurance and exchanges, surely that will affect the people of McHenry County. We must put healthcare services where they belong and focus on creating efficient, cost-effective systems. We will do just that with respect to our plans for Centegra Hospital-Huntley. I ask you to approve this project. Thank you.

2/16/11

Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board

Comments Opposing Centegra Hospital-Huntley Project

Congratulations to Centegra for finally realizing that new hospital beds are needed in McHenry County. The problem is they are proposing it for an area with insufficient population to support it now in hopes for optimum growth down the road. Unfortunately the "build it and they will come" philosophy is foolish and does not make good business sense.

I oppose Centegra and any other health system wanting to build in the same county creating a monopoly and taking choice away from patients. A monopoly such as Centegra is proposing will reduce the quality of health care service, create an environment for price and wage setting and not support competition. Competition drives quality.

My husband and father-in-law were recent patients at Centegra Hospital-Woodstock. Because their experiences were less than ideal I recommend Centegra use their 233 million to fix their current facilities, such as providing private rooms and improving the quality of care before building a new facility.

I cannot support Centegra's project; it is the wrong health system building the wrong project in the wrong location at the wrong time.

Valerie Johns  
Woodstock, Illinois

Wrong project in the wrong location and wrong timing

I do not understand why Centegra would build a hospital in Huntley when the population does not support it. Their idea is to "wait a few years so the population can grow enough" to support the project.

The Crystal Lake area has the greatest need for a hospital in McHenry County. There are at least 160,000 residents in the Southeast part of McHenry County that would benefit from a hospital in Crystal Lake. The need for a Crystal Lake Hospital is NOW; Mercy does not need to wait for the population to grow to support ~~the~~ <sup>their</sup> project.

Jennifer Whitwell  
McHenry Resident

*I oppose Centegra's project.*

**Angela McAuley**  
**Centegra Hospital-Huntley – Support**  
**Project # 10-090**

My name is Angela McAuley, and I am here to share my support for Centegra's plans for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. There is no doubt that this application meets the state's rules for approval. And what I can best speak to are the impressive elements of this project and the character of the health system that is proposing it.

As a current Centegra Board member and a former employee for more than three decades, I have a deep understanding of healthcare and how it has changed over the years. Women's health, in particular, has always been of interest to me. This proposal includes plans for a dedicated Women's Center with a separate entrance. I cannot think of a better resource for women of all ages in these communities.

A space devoted to women will help patients feel as comfortable as possible while undergoing tests and treatments that are rather uncomfortable in nature. Women want and embrace privacy when it comes to their care. Perhaps more importantly, it's a great way to advance collaboration among the medical practitioners who work with women. This is a terrific aspect of the project, and it shows that Centegra truly is a forward-thinking health system. Currently there are no Dedicated Women's Centers in our area. Centegra recognizes their value.

Through my positions with Centegra, I also understand the organization's unrelenting loyalty to the people it serves. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding communities deserve this level of commitment from a healthcare provider. I began my career at Centegra as a part-time nurse. In that role, I learned the "contagious" dedication that those who work for this organization have. The system's staff and leaders are involved in our community on a number of levels, and they carry a genuine respect and joyful spirit in whatever they do.

I support this project wholeheartedly and based on my understanding of the state rules, I believe that this proposal meets those rules for approval.

Thank you.



**ALEXIAN**  
**BROTHERS**  
Neurosciences Institute

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Clayton Ciha**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi. I am Clayton Ciha. I have worked for Alexian Brothers for 12 years. I currently serve as the Administrative Director of the Alexian Brothers Neurosciences Institute.

I would like to talk to you today about the type of specialized care we offer at Alexian Brothers and why that care is endangered if there is redundancy of health care in this region.

I direct all brain-related services at the two hospitals in the Alexian Brothers Hospital Network. These programs include acute stroke care, pediatric neurosurgery, magnetoencephalography, epilepsy, interventional neuroradiology and Stereotactic neurosurgery, also known as Gamma Knife.

We also have two outpatient offices. One is at the St. Alexius campus in Hoffman Estates, near the intersection of I-90 and Barrington Road. Because of that location, we are able to serve the far northwest suburbs, including McHenry County. We offer outpatient services for stroke, memory disorders, movement disorders, neuropsychology and epilepsy. And our clinical research trials department tests medications for illnesses such as Alzheimer's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

Alexian Brothers devotes a tremendous amount of resources – in personnel and technology – to the Institute. Our technology must keep up with the ever-changing world of neurological research and treatment. And, we go head-to-head with medical centers across the nation to recruit the small number of doctors who excel in the neurological field.

Because of the nature of these very specialized types of care, we have to rely upon – and serve – a large geographic area. In order to build a strong practice and invest in the best physicians and technology, we need to draw patients from the entire far northwest suburban region.

The Alexian Brothers system also depends on attracting patients from the entire region for care at our hospital system. That's why Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in McHenry County would undermine not only St. Alexius but also our Neurosciences Institute. It would bring an unnecessary duplication of services to the region.

Centegra's desire to build a basic, limited-service hospital is a real threat to St. Alexius and our specialty Neurosciences Institute services. More than 10 percent of St. Alexius

patients come from southeastern McHenry County. These patients are a short drive away from us, and rely on us to provide comprehensive medical care, including advanced neurosciences. St. Alexius is just one of the regional medical centers that serves this area and would be hurt by this new hospital.

I ask that the Board consider the major negative ramifications that this new Centegra hospital would cause and deny the certificate of need. We have a great regional medical system right now – let's not make it weaker and more costly to everyone.

Thank you.

# Support for Project #10 - 090

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My husband, infant daughter & I moved to Algonquin in 1965 and bought a home on N. Main Street....also known as Route 31. It was a nice, lazy highway without very much traffic. The population was near 2000 then, but now has grown to over 30,000. The lazy Main Street is no longer quiet. We have moved to another area of town. That's growth in McHenry County.

- In 1966 our son was born and the only real choice I had for a hospital was to go to Elgin, IL. I chose Sherman Hospital which was almost 14 miles away.
- There were no ambulance services back then...one had to drive for medical care or 'take care of things' by ones' self. The only ambulance was a private one coming out of West Dundee and the wait time was anywhere from ½ hour on upward if they were 'busy'.
- Around 1973 the Jaycees in Algonquin were seeking to start an Emergency Ambulance Service and were looking for volunteers. The local Fire Department was not interested in assisting in this endeavor, so the Jaycees started looking for volunteers. Since I was a Registered Nurse, I became one of those volunteers and a Charter Member of the Algonquin Area Ambulance Service. The name was later changed to the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Emergency Ambulance Service and now is under the auspices of the Fire Protection District.
- **July of 1974** marked the beginning of ambulance service to the two communities. In preparation we had marked the mileage from the intersections of Route 31 and Route 62 to each of the existing hospitals where we were able to transport. Sherman and St Joseph in Elgin were about 13 miles each and the 'old' Woodstock Memorial was 17 miles. There were no other hospitals.
- **1977 marked** the year when the first Paramedics went into training at Sherman Hospital from our town, including me. Twelve of us 'graduated' and became certified as Paramedics. I served as a volunteer paramedic for 25 years so I know my communities well.

- **In subsequent years, new hospitals were added to the area. Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington, Northern Illinois Medical Center(Centegra)on Route 31 in McHenry, Humana (now Alexian Brothers) in Hoffman Estates, and the new Centegra Woodstock Campus on Route 14. There still was no hospital for the Southern part of McHenry County or the Northern portion of Kane County.**
- **From 1986-2001 I worked as a Corporate/Occupational Health Nurse for Arnold Engineering in Marengo. The closest hospital for anyone to seek care was in Belvidere, 12 miles to the West or St. Anthony in Rockford (approximately 24 miles). The hospital in Belvidere has since closed its doors, leaving St. Anthony as the only choice in many cases.**
- **With the positioning of the new Centegra-Woodstock location on Route 14 we now had another option, even though the mileage was still over 14 miles to get there.**
- **A new hospital located near the Route 47 corridor, in my *experienced* opinion, would make obvious good sense. It would give access to hospital medical care to an entire geographical area not being served at the present time.**
- **My children and grandchildren live in Union, IL, just a few miles east of Marengo. For their sake and for all the residents of the Southern part of McHenry County or Northern portion Kane County, I am **supporting the location of a new Hospital in Huntley.****
- **In 2003 I began working part-time as a Registry Nurse with the 'Wellness Group' of Centegra Health System and continue at the present time to do so. I have examined my own feelings since I am employed by Centegra to see if my support might be prejudiced in their favor. I have determined that it would not make a difference whether I worked for them or not.....I **TRULY BELIEVE THE LOCATION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IN McHENRY COUNTY MUST BE IN HUNTLEY DUE TO ITS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION & THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS NOT CURRENTLY BEING SERVED.****



Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association

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Brian Shahinian  
Executive Director  
Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA)  
285 Memorial Drive  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
RE: Project #10-090

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to share my 100% support of Centegra Health System's proposed hospital in Huntley, project number 10-090.

My name is Brian Shahinian and I have been the Executive Director of the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) for nearly 24 years. As an extension of 13 local park districts and municipal recreation departments, NISRA provides 750 year-round community therapeutic recreation programs to over 1,600 different children and adults with disabilities. As an agency that provides healthy and therapeutic recreation services to individuals with various physical, cognitive, emotional and medical disabilities, NISRA maintains a working relationship with the healthcare system in McHenry and Kane Counties.

Centegra's commitment to the quality of health care extends beyond the physical boundaries of its facilities and into the community through its collaborative values and partnerships with other organizations. In my tenure at NISRA and participating in various health and wellness initiatives, I've personally witnessed the caring, trustworthy and professional relationships that Centegra has developed with local businesses, not for profits, community health care agencies and residents in the County. Centegra has supported public health and wellness services by supporting NISRA and many other service organizations by sponsoring fundraising events, referring patients to community services and sharing its facility and manpower. Centegra provides exceptional care for patients while in the hospital and connects them with exceptional care in the community upon discharge.



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IN THE FIELD OF  
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1987 and 1993

*Providing recreation programs for people with disabilities residing in the Barrington Park District, Cary Park District, Crystal Lake Park District, Dundee Township Park District, City of Elgin, Hampshire Township Park District, City of Harvard, Huntley Park District, Village of Lake in the Hills, Marengo Park District, City of McHenry, Wauconda Park District and the City of Woodstock.*

Centegra has actively demonstrated its effectiveness and involvement in this community for nearly 100 years. It's administrators; medical professionals and support staff are active members in this community as service club members, community leaders, volunteers and good neighbors. They are personally committed to the overall quality of life in McHenry County and surrounding areas. The health and wellness of a community relies on much more than simply the existence of a local hospital, but rather, a healthcare system that is an integral part of the community through outreach, participation and collaboration. That is exactly what Centegra Health System has demonstrated in McHenry County consistently over the years.

All of us at NISRA are please to have earned the support of the Centegra Health System. We look forward to working with Centegra in the future to meet the growing medical, health and wellness needs of southern McHenry and northern Kane County. Again, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association is in 100% support of Centegra Health System's proposal.

Thank you.

RESOLUTION NO.021611

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of the McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

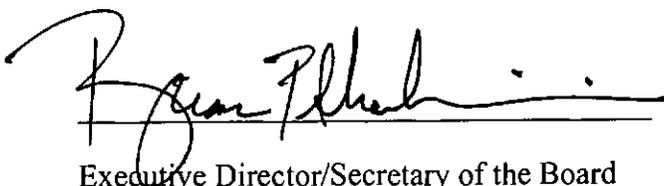
PASSED and APPROVED this 11 day of February, 2011.

AYE: 10

NAY: 3

ABSENT: 0

ATTEST:



Executive Director/Secretary of the Board

Gordon, Trent

Director, Business Development and Strategic Planning

My name is Trent Gordon and I am the Director of Business Development and Strategic Planning at Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington, one mile from McHenry County. I oppose this project because there are more cost effective means of providing additional access to health care than building brand new expensive inpatient facilities. Many health care services continue to shift to the outpatient arena, where they can be provided at lower cost to patients. More complex services, such as open heart surgery and neurosurgery, will continue to be inpatient services but the applicant is not proposing such services.

It is simply incorrect to state that hospitals create more access to area residents through building new inpatient facilities. Numerous organizations have recognized this in McHenry County, including Centegra. In the last five years, Advocate Good Shepherd has opened two ambulatory centers in McHenry County. Our Algonquin outpatient center offers primary care physician services, specialty care physician services and imaging services. This center is located less than five miles from Huntley and many Huntley residents receive their health care at this facility. Good Shepherd also has

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an outpatient center in Crystal Lake, less than 20 minutes from the proposed Huntley facility. At our Crystal Lake outpatient center we offer primary care physician services, specialty care physician services, imaging services and immediate care that is staffed by Good Shepherd board-certified emergency medicine physicians. We believe that these outpatient centers are a less costly, more efficient way to bring high quality health care services to the residents of McHenry County. We also offer sub-specialized services. We offer Maternal-Fetal Medicine consultations and pediatric cardiology consultations at these facilities.

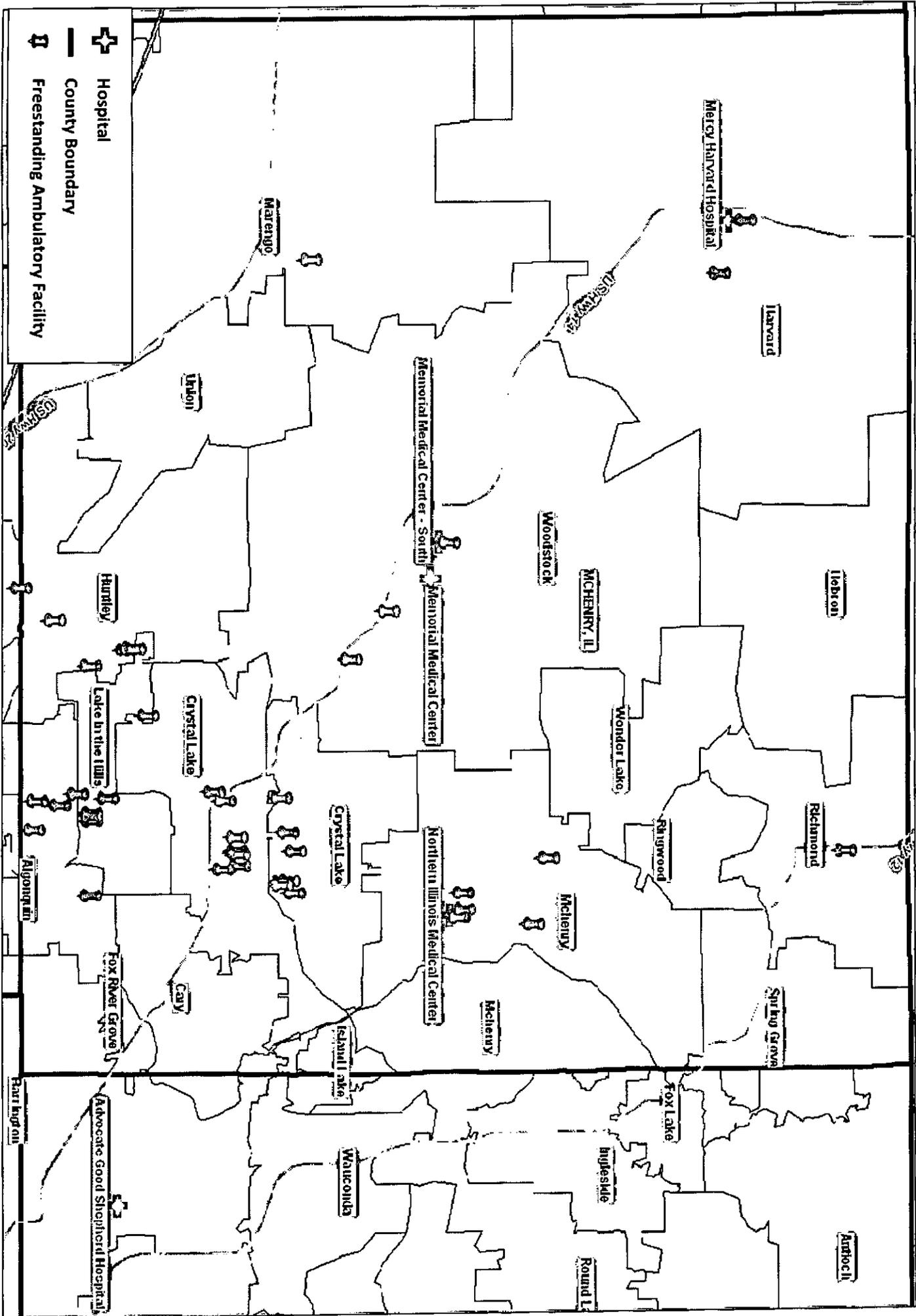
Even Centegra has recognized the shift to outpatient services and has responded by providing residents access to care through new immediate care and imaging services in Huntley and Crystal Lake. The applicant does not reference the negative impact that will surely occur to these facilities if this new hospital is built. It is quite possible that the emergency department of the proposed hospital will reduce volumes at the Centegra immediate care in Crystal Lake due to the close proximity. Other area hospitals such as Sherman and Provena St. Joseph offer immediate care centers that also serve the residents of McHenry County.

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In summary, I urge the Board to deny this application because there are better ways to serve the residents of McHenry County than building a brand new hospital. Thank you.

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Trent Gordon

Freestanding Ambulatory Facilities in McHenry County



Trent Gordon  
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**Project # 10-090**

Good Afternoon. My name is Mary Anne Weltch. I am the Development Director of Turning Point, the comprehensive domestic violence agency and shelter for McHenry County.

I am here this afternoon to express Turning Point's support of the proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Turning Point has partnered with Centegra for many years to provide life-saving services to residents in our County experiencing domestic violence crisis. The team of crisis workers at Centegra work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, just as our advocates do to connect victims to us so we can intervene and appropriately respond to the crisis. Domestic violence always carries with it the risk of lethality. Thirty-six percent women who go to the emergency room do so because of domestic violence. It is the leading reason why women need emergency care. It is more prevalent than car accidents, muggings or rapes by a stranger combined. Centegra's dedicated staff understands these facts just as we do, so they call us to come to the emergency room or to the hospital when patients come in following domestic violence injury. In short, we depend on the staff at Centegra to help us serve victims.

There is a pressing need to expand hospital services to the southern part of our county. Our past experience with Centegra offers the promise of excellent service with confidential, compassionate care.

Turning Point is very pleased with the location of the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley. We look forward to Centegra's expansion helping us to reach even more women and children in domestic violence crisis.



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Beth Tze**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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Hello. I am Beth Tze, the Chief Executive Officer of the Alexian Brothers Medical Group. I am opposed to Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in Huntley because current hospitals and their ancillary facilities already provide excellent care to the envisioned service area.

Our medical group employs or contracts with more than 170 health care providers. Because of its size and the depth of its specialties, the physician group is able to operate at a high level of efficiency.

One of the main reasons we oppose this hospital is because it would make health care less efficient in this area.

St. Alexius and other nearby, regional medical centers – including Advocate Good Shepherd and Sherman Hospital – are meeting the needs of the population of southeastern McHenry County. And as the building boom in the county has come to a near standstill, the region has more than enough bed capacity. Adding to that capacity would be a serious financial misstep as empty beds – and the fixed costs associated with them – restrict hospitals' ability to address more urgent health care needs.

Today, health care is focused on comprehensive care and advanced care. A new community hospital cannot provide the specialized equipment or expertise that regional medical centers offer only a short distance from Huntley. Patients who require services such as interventional cardiac care would have to be transferred to an existing facility for such life-saving treatment. This would not only mean a more stressful experience for patients, but also would unnecessarily drive up healthcare costs for area taxpayers.

I hope the board also considers that the goal of federal health care reform is to make sure people visit the hospital less often and for shorter durations. That means even more hospital beds will be open in the coming years. So in 2018, when Centegra proposes to open its hospital, it's likely that demand for hospital beds will be even lower than it is today.

I strongly urge the health facilities board to reject Centegra's proposal.

Thank you.

## **George Teufel Testimony at the Centegra- Huntley Certificate of Need Hearing**

My name is George Teufel. I am the Vice President of Finance at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, which is located less than a mile from McHenry County. I have been in health care finance for 35 years.

I urge the Review Board to deny this application, because adding new hospitals to the community will dilute existing hospitals' resources, volumes and financial capacity. This will reduce our ability to meet the community need for high quality care in a cost efficient manner. Huntley already has access to a hospital within a twenty minute drive.

In an ideal world, it might be nice to have a hospital in every community. However, in the world we live in today, where health care costs are way too high, proliferation of hospitals to provide immediate access must be balanced with limiting expenditures which drive up health care costs to tax payers, individual premium payers and employers.

To fund the project, Centegra will borrow an additional \$183 million, which will more than double its current debt load to \$385 million. This is a large increase in debt for a system the size of Centegra. Centegra may face challenges in obtaining financing and meeting the high debt obligation. Less than two months ago Centegra formally "abandoned" the \$50 million major modernization of its Woodstock hospital, citing, in part, "that the hospital community as a whole was finding construction loans difficult to obtain." This doubling of Centegra debt may place Centegra's other hospitals at risk at a time when uncertain financial conditions and declining reimbursement rates will place greater economic pressure on all hospitals.

As you likely know, there is a proposal for a second new hospital in the area. Should both CONs be approved, the demand forecasts for each would be invalid, their ability to obtain financing would be questionable, and the financial performance of both hospitals and the financial stability of other area hospitals would be in jeopardy.

Construction of a new hospital in a community with access to a full range of outpatient services and nearby inpatient facilities flies in the face of health care reform, prudent use of resources, and health care trends. This unnecessary duplication of resources will needlessly increase health care costs for the community and adversely affect the financial stability of the existing area hospitals.

## **Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **In support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project # 10-090**

Name: Spiridon Gerolimatos, MD  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Medical Director, Medical Imaging

Testimonial: My name is Dr. Spiridon Gerolimatos and I am an independent radiologist and the medical director for Medical Imaging at Centegra Health System. I proudly offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Centegra Health System is currently the leader in providing state-of-the-art medical imaging equipment and services to the people of northern Illinois. As we planned five years ago to extend Centegra's high quality services to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, we invested in several equipment acquisitions, including a 128-slice CT scanner. This financial commitment ensured people of our region would have access to the best-available technology near their homes. We also installed a 3.0 Tesla MRI in Huntley to round out our complete continuum of medical imaging. Now, as we look to the future, Centegra Health System needs to fulfill a promise it made to the people of the region to continue to provide improved healthcare access for all medical services. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will provide our patients the outstanding services and quality they deserve near their homes.

One of the main reasons I support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley is because I know that Centegra will remain committed to delivering the newest technology to the people of our region. A beautiful new facility will be constructed; however Centegra understands the importance of putting the newest resources into the hands of the skilled physicians and Associates who deliver care to patients. That commitment to excellence is essential to the provision of high-quality healthcare, and Centegra embodies this dedication.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve project 10-090. Thank you.

Ellen Beier

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**I feel very strongly that building a Hospital in Huntley  
is an unfair project.**

My husband and I are living in Cary close to the Crystal Lake south-east corner. Seven years ago, we were looking forward to a hospital that is closer to us, but were told there was no need. That was very confusing to us, since every time we went to Centegra's Emergency Room, we had to wait a very long time to be seen. I heard that complaint from several people, even saying that they had to spend the night and most of the following day in the Emergency Room as there were no beds available on the floor. I am happy to hear that Centegra realizes that they can not keep up with the demands. I am just not sure how a hospital in Huntley will help with the wait time at the McHenry campus, besides this will be an even longer drive for us. The 10 mile trip to McHenry can take anywhere from 30 - 45 minutes due to the traffic congestion. Let me tell you having a sick child or husband with you those minutes might as well be hours.

We have been living in Cary for 27 years and have seen the growth, not only in our town, but also the surrounding areas. I realize that there has been an increase in population in the Huntley area as well, with many young families making their home there, but it is the growing geriatric population you can find in the Crystal Lake and the established Cary area that are in greater need of additional services. I hate to put myself in that group, but it is what it is. The corner of Three Oaks Road and Route 31 seems to make a lot of sense to me, as it will not only serve Crystal

Lake, but also Cary, parts of Algonquin and Lake in the Hills. It is very accessible, yet far enough away from subdivisions reducing the noise of ambulances, which I do not think will be the case in Huntley. I have some friends living in this area and they were not thrilled with the building of Health Bridge Fitness Center and are even less happy with the increased traffic from a hospital.

My husband will be retiring at the end of this year and we will be on a fixed income. With the rising cost of health care and more and more out of pocket expenses, we are concerned that with the lack of healthy competition, our healthcare costs could rise even more. I am not an economist, but it does not sound right to me that you have three hospitals owned by the same company in one county. I am a healthcare professional and still have a few more years to work, as possible employee; I also have to wonder about respect and compensation you might receive under such a monopoly. It would be nice to have more options available.

As far as I understand Centegra will not start building the new hospital for another 2 years and then it will not open until at least 2016. We could have had a running hospital by now serving our needs had Mercy been allowed to built seven years ago. Crystal Lake is one of the largest towns in the county, does it not make sense to build a hospital there, with the highest population. Most importantly so, I feel we deserve to have a hospital in Crystal Lake, which will truly help with the over flowing demand that Centegra McHenry experiences.



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**Centegra Health System – Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Project No. 10-090**

Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce  
Sandy Oslance  
President  
2114 W. Algonquin Road  
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

My name is Sandy Oslance of Lake in the Hills and I am here in support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley as the president of the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce.

In my role as President of the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber, I represent 380 businesses employing 14,000 in the community that would be positively impacted by the proposed hospital in Huntley. I had the pleasure to attend their groundbreaking ceremony four years ago when Centegra described their long-term plan for responsible development of the land they purchased. The additional jobs and patients the new hospital will bring to the area will have a positive impact on the local businesses in the community including restaurants, retail stores and the many other services our area offers.

Centegra has always been there to support the community, through participation and sponsoring community venues and events. Through their community efforts, they have displayed that they are interested in the communities that they serve going well beyond the healthcare they provide.

Thank you for your consideration of Centegra's proposed Hospital in Huntley.

After moving from Wheaton IL to Sun City Huntley, we slowly and carefully transferred our physician health care from Central DuPage Hospital to Centegra Hospital physicians. We are very pleased with our current health care at Centegra. Our physicians' offices are located right next to the location of the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley. We have needed to use their excellent immediate care facilities and what a relief it is that they are so close. In the future, if anyone in our community will need emergency ambulatory care, it will be wonderful and vital that Centegra would be so close for us.

Like many in Sun City Huntley we are in favor of the proposed Centegra Hospital and encourage you to vote approval.

Centegra has been an excellent Health Care neighbor by sponsoring many local wellness fairs and seminars to help us manage our good health. The Centegra Wellness Center at Sun City under the direction of Nancy Turngren has been very pro-active providing services and education to our neighborhoods. Also, they have co-sponsored our resident-led Visually Impaired Support and Assistance Group that has helped many with low vision or blindness improve their daily lifestyles.

I am especially pleased that private investment bonds and funding mainly will finance the local construction. Added local jobs for our Huntley citizens will also be a benefit. There does not appear to be any additional tax burden or financing that I know of – which is a relief to our local taxpayers as well.

Centegra has been a good corporate citizen to our area, and I hope you will allow them to build this facility needed by our current community of 7,000 and the thousands who will be moving to the area once construction resumes in the many other housing and business developments planned for this area.

God bless you in your deliberations.

Kenneth R. Kozy and Mary C. Kozy (MSW)  
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KEN KOZY (PROJECT MANAGER, MBA, SIX SIGMA)

**Congress Internal Medicine**

360 Station Drive

Crystal Lake, IL. 60014

**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
February 16, 2011  
Dr. Lorenc, Vice President, Medical Staff Affairs**

My name is Dr. Ted Lorenc. I'm an internal medicine physician with Centegra Health System and also Vice President of Medical Staff Affairs. On behalf of myself and members of our medical staff, I give my full support to Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

I wanted to touch very briefly on an important factor to why a new hospital in Huntley is important to meeting the medical needs of the community.

Statistics from both the federal and state governments demonstrate the need for a full-service hospital in this area.

- The proposed service area for Centegra Hospital – Huntley includes census tracts that have been designated by the US Department of Health and Human Services as **Medically Underserved Areas** and **Health Manpower Shortage Areas**.
- It also includes census tracts that have been designated by the State of Illinois as having **Medically Underserved Populations**.

To some in this room, those designations don't mean anything. But to those of us providing care each and every day; to hospitals throughout the region; and to healthcare advocates those are critically important factors in determining where healthcare needs are not being met.

Regardless of what other hospitals may say for competitive reasons, it is clear that the residents and communities we propose to serve with Centegra Hospital Huntley are in need of increased access to care. This is especially noteworthy when considering the region's strong population growth and concentration of senior citizens.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to heed the designations of the federal and state government and to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Thank you.



Honorary Board Members

Senator  
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Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

Board Members

Mark Martin, President  
Interior Tropical Gardens  
David Kielpinski, VP  
Lar-Cyn Design & Co.  
Jeanne Rivera, Treasurer  
American Community Bank  
Tami Robison, Secretary  
Walmart

I am writing to express our support for the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. Hospital services are needed in the Huntley area and Centegra is the health system best suited to provide these services.

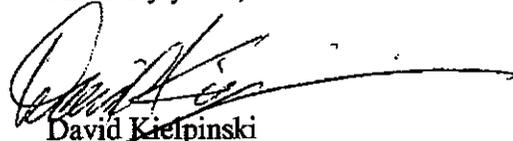
Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care and outreach it provides. It's All About Kids is a local 501(C)3 that financially helps local families that have a child with cancer. Over the years Centegra has, not only, helped us financially but they have referred families to us that we have then been able to help.

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Because of the community's need for hospital services, the improved access to healthcare and the responsibility that Centegra Health System exhibits throughout McHenry County we urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely yours,



David Kielpinski  
Vice President



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**Of Dan Isacksen**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi. My name is Dan Isacksen, and I am the Chief Financial Officer of the Alexian Brothers Medical Group. Our medical group is affiliated with the Saint Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. We know residents in the northern Fox Valley are served well by several hospitals in the area and we oppose Centegra's plan for a new hospital in Huntley because it would duplicate health care services.

Our physician group has more than 30 primary care physicians who treat patients at 11 offices. One of our locations is in Elgin, only a few miles from the McHenry County border. In addition, our physicians staff seven immediate care facilities and occupational health facilities and are involved in specialty services. The specialists affiliated with our practice address the neurosciences, breast health, cardiovascular and geriatric issues, to name a few.

St. Alexius is just one of several regional medical centers in the far northwest suburban area. For example, Advocate Good Shepherd, Sherman and Provena St. Joseph also offer comprehensive care. Hospitals that have had projects approved in the last several years – namely St. Alexius, Sherman and Provena St. Joseph – all promised the board that they would serve a regional population that includes southern McHenry County. In fact, all the hospitals depend on that population to support the kind of high-quality specialty care that residents have come to expect.

If the Centegra project is approved, however, the new hospital would weaken all of the current regional medical centers. In effect, the Centegra hospital – which would offer basic, limited care – would make it tougher for all the other facilities to provide specialized services such as open heart surgery and advanced pediatric care.

As we all know, the financial resources that can be devoted to health care, whether they come from government or private insurers and patients' pockets, are finite. Spending these scarce resources on a duplicative facility would only weaken the financial support for the established, excellent network of health resources available today. I am confident the board will take these points into serious consideration and reject Centegra's certificate of need.

Thank you for your time.

Project #10-090

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her physical, mental,  
emotional and social self.

My name is Laurie Dayon and I am the Executive Director of Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois (GOTRNWIL). Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping girls climb out of the "girl box" using a 20-lesson curriculum designed to promote good choices for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. The curriculum, designed specifically to address "girl box" issues, uses warm-up, and workouts which encourage emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical well-being.

Young girls are empowered  
with a greater self-awareness,  
a sense of achievement,  
and a foundation in team  
building to help them  
become strong, contented  
and self-confident women.

Centegra Health Systems is committed to the community in which they serve. They have been a partner of GOTRNWIL's for three years, providing not only financial but volunteer support. Centegra's commitment to the community is unparalleled. For example, last spring Centegra reached out to local organizations to include them in their team building day, which included working together to build new bicycles. Centegra sought out children from the community who were in need and presented the kids with brand new bikes at the conclusion of the team building day. Not only were the kids absolutely thrilled, but it was a complete surprise to the employees as well – and they had a chance to talk one on one with the recipient of the bikes they made. It truly made a difference in the lives of those children

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I have personally been a member of Centegra's Healthbridge Fitness Center for over five years after choosing to leave another large, local health club, for what is an overall wellness and family focused fitness facility. I could not be more pleased with the services that Centegra offers me and my family.

A Centegra Hospital located in Huntley would be an amazing addition to the growth that our communities have experienced. Currently, if I need to get my child to the hospital, at my current address, it will take at least 25 minutes. With this new proposal – I can have my child under a doctor's care within minutes. As a parent, this is crucial as we all know minutes matter when it comes to health issues. Additionally, my mom lives in Huntley and having a hospital so close would mean immediate care for all of my family.

I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley, IL. I could not be more excited about the prospect of Centegra leading the way and adding another hospital to our community.

Regards,

Laurie Dayon  
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**Opposition to Centegra Huntley Hospital Testimony**  
**Mary Martini**  
**Vice President of Business Development**  
**Sherman Health and Sherman Hospital**

I am Mary Martini. As a member Sherman Hospital's Executive Team, I am here to discuss why Sherman opposes Centegra's hospital proposal. We recently opened our brand new, state-of-the-art hospital in close proximity to the areas that this proposal plans to serve. The proposed Centegra hospital threatens the delivery of health care services in the region including the viability of all nearby hospitals. It will significantly impede Sherman's ability to provide cutting edge health care to the residents of the upper Fox Valley. This proposal is premised on significant population growth in McHenry County, which is simply not there. The projected utilization and financial viability of the proposed hospital will come at drastic cost to Sherman, which stands to lose a significant part of its patient base. In establishing its service area, Centegra has cherry picked areas with few low-income residents and high levels of reimbursement, such as Algonquin, Lake in the Hills and Huntley, areas where we are the market leader and nearest hospital. Further, Centegra's proposal has been put forth in the eye of the storm of health care reimbursement reform initiatives, which are quickly transforming the health care delivery system. This is simply the wrong time to think about another hospital in the region.

As a leading provider of health care to residents of the region, Sherman continually strives to offer innovative, state-of-the-art health care to area residents at both its inpatient and outpatient facilities. At our new replacement facility, in affiliation with some of the best academic medical centers in the state, we have been able expand our specialized services which now include coordinated stroke care, heart and vascular care, cancer care, pediatric services, and women's health. We are also planning a Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. We are proud to be the only hospital in the region offering this array of innovative, state-of-the-art programs to the community. With all of



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this activity, last year, 130 physicians joined the medical staff. These new practitioners enhance the scope of services that our patients can receive at Sherman.

We also believe the proposal is inconsistent with the direction that health care is quickly moving. Health care delivery is moving away from the traditional hospital-based fee-for-service care to more quality and outcomes based payment models with a focus on ambulatory care delivery systems. The focus will be on keeping patients out of the hospital. In a pay for performance system, quality and outcomes will be rewarded not volume. Further there is plenty of capacity in this market. Sherman and others could significantly increase their occupancy without further capital expenditures. We built our hospital for the long term needs of this region and Centegra's proposal would be a duplication of what we've just accomplished. A hospital in Huntley would be wrong. Centegra should refocus its efforts on initiatives that will promote the health and wellness of the community, keep people out of the hospital, and support the safety net.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our concerns about the proposed hospital in Huntley and respectfully request the CON Board deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.



## **Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Keith Golden, Administrative Director of Project and Property Management**

My name is Keith Golden. I am the Director of Project and Property Management for Sherman Health and I have worked for the hospital for over 23 years. In this time, I have seen dramatic changes in the delivery of health care from an inpatient, hospital based care model to an outpatient ambulatory care model. Others speaking today will discuss the dynamics of the inpatient care network of providers but this audience and the CON Board needs to recognize that inpatient care is just one small component of the health care delivery system. Good outpatient care is essential and needs to be the focus of the health care delivery system. Appropriate outpatient care and early intervention are keys to preventing complications and more severe conditions, requiring costly hospitalization. In most instances, outpatient care is more efficient and a better use of scarce health care resources and it is where patients want to receive their care.

In addition to ensuring access to primary and specialty care to the region as a whole, Sherman has been an integral provider of safety net services to this area's residents for all of the years that I have been a part of the organization. In fact, in collaboration with Saint Joseph Hospital, Sherman Hospital was central to bringing medical homes to less fortunate individuals who are uninsured or receiving government assistance. In this area, this includes members of the Hispanic, African-American and Asian communities, which communities experience health disparities and often lack access to essential physician services. Based on our efforts, in 1996, the Greater Elgin Family Care Center became a reality. Since that time, Greater Elgin has grown from a small clinic with four physicians to a federally qualified health center providing comprehensive health care to residents of the area. These FQHC sites provide routine, wellness and urgent primary and pediatric care including immunizations, prenatal care, WIC services, family case management, child, adolescent & adult behavioral health services, core services in the safety net. Due, in large part, to the financial support and other contributions of the Elgin hospitals, Greater Elgin has been an unqualified success. This has led to the organization's development of a new health center in McHenry County which is soon to open.

Successful primary care programs means less hospitalizations. I don't know if the decreased utilization of hospital services in the area overall is directly related to the good care that these medical homes provide but I would like to think it is. Medical homes are designed, in part, to reduce hospitalizations for conditions like hypertension, diabetes complications, bacterial pneumonia, COPD, and congestive heart failure, which disproportionately affect the Hispanic and African-American communities. Timely and effective outpatient care is integral to reducing hospitalizations associated with what we call ambulatory care sensitive conditions. Medical homes are integral in cost-effective treatment of these conditions as they take the underserved out of emergency departments, which are inefficient and costly, and ameliorate these conditions before they become life threatening and require hospitalization.

Health care delivery is moving away from inpatient based care to outpatient based care. Due to the ongoing efforts of existing providers, such as Sherman, residents in this area have adequate access to outpatient services close to home. A new hospital in Huntley is unwarranted and not a prudent use of health care resources. We respectfully request the CON Board deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.

*Keith Boden*



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I'm Eric Krueger, Chief Financial Officer of Sherman Hospital. I cannot support a hospital in Huntley.

Centegra has campaigned hard for its hospital proposal -among other things, hosting meals at the Sun City lodges and soliciting support during doctors visits. These efforts and what might seem like the obvious benefits of another hospital have caused the community to rally around these plans. The sound bytes have appeal. Centegra claims that the proposal will bring jobs, private investment to the community and growth. People want to hear the recession is over and that we can get back to business as usual. The financial climate might feel like it has improved but our economic reality has changed drastically and we must face the facts. As for claims that the recession is over, the pace of growth in the nation's output has been anemic and the unemployment rate is expected to stay high. The federal budget deficits are surging,<sup>1</sup> Medicare costs are growing at an astounding <sup>RATE</sup> and some say our federal budget is on life support.

So that is the national backdrop. Next this community must consider what their priority should be as it relates to each individual's access to health care. If you are retired, your concern should be the solvency of Medicare and its scope of benefits and co-pays. And for those still working, its similar. How much are your health insurance premiums? What are your out-of-pocket costs for health care services? And do you have job security?

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<sup>1</sup> Douglas Elmendorf, Chief of the Congressional Budget Office, February 10, 2011 Testimony before the Committee on the Budget of the U.S. House of Representatives.

As for the impact of health care spending on seniors. The future is bleak for senior coverage under government insurance as well as pension programs. The increased costs that these benefits programs are facing is unsustainable especially because of health care reform's broader coverage mandates. That means that as the boomers enter retirement, benefits will be reduced and even eliminated.

As for people covered under employer-based health plans, employers are struggling to find ways to stay profitable while offering quality health coverage to their work force. One way employers are reducing the cost of health care premiums is to increase premium sharing, co-pays and deductibles and increase the number of out-of-pocket expenses for which employees are responsible. As the CFO of a hospital, I see how this cost shifting is affecting the average health care consumer. They are more judicious about the services they receive because most employees have a bigger contribution to their medical expenses than they had just five years ago.

The cost of health care insurance is such a significant expense to employers these days that employers are looking to have fewer full-time employees on the payroll to keep their health care benefits costs down. In some cases, employers are combating increases in health premiums by reducing full-time employees to part-time, taking on independent contractors rather than full-time employees or outsourcing desk jobs overseas where labor costs are a fraction of what they are here and health insurance is not offered.

Ensuring affordable health insurance coverage into the future is what the community needs to focus on not having a backyard hospital when other hospitals are easily and safely accessible.

Thank you.



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Public Hearing: Project #10-090.  
Centegra Hospital Huntley  
February 16, 2011

My name is Marcy Piekos. I am the Executive Director for Leadership Greater McHenry County. Today, as the representative for LGMC, I proudly support Centegra in its effort to address a critical need of an effective community; expanding quality healthcare.

LGMC was founded in 2004 by Centegra CEO Michael Eesley. Centegra continues to be a primary sustainable force for this leadership organization demonstrating their proclaimed servant leadership to our community. It is important to note Centegra has held a prominent presence in the ongoing LGMC program since 2004. Additionally, Centegra alumni continue to engage as volunteers on one of seven LGMC committees. Currently there are 200 alumni. To date there are 29 Centegra alumni who graduated from the ten month LGMC program. Ten of whom are members of our Board of Trustees or actively participating on a committee.

LGMC's mission is to educate and inspire professionals to engage in community leadership, addressing another critical need of every effective community; leaders who are focused and concerned for all public processes.

No other countywide Community Leadership Program exists with the same mission and focus. ....**Centegra saw the need eight years ago and made the commitment.** Community Leadership Development must be fostered through focused programs. This in turn creates a leadership resource for the entire Greater McHenry County area. "Leadership must be developed, it does not just happen."...**Centegra has shown sustained support for this collective leadership imperative.** Just as Mike Eesley served as the catalyst to launch LGMC, under his visionary leadership Centegra is striving to integrate the Huntley Hospital into its healthcare system thereby broadening the continuum of excellent care for McHenry County. Strong and effective community leadership is the foundation of every thriving, healthy community.

I am excited at the prospect of Centegra incorporating the Huntley Hospital into its healthcare system. It will offer much more than broadening healthcare and job opportunities. It will lead McHenry County into the future with a state of the art facility serving more people in more advanced ways.

LGMC, through its founding organizations, like Centegra, developed a Leadership Model and Program, providing the perfect starting point for those who truly want to serve and provide leadership while enhancing personal and professional development. **Centegra inspired a shared vision.**



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This parallels what Centegra seeks today. Inspiring that shared vision to extend quality healthcare to this southern part of McHenry County. The benefits are obvious, the leadership is solid, as the broader community will be served by allowing Centegra to move forward with this action.

Thank you for this opportunity to endorse Centegra's dynamic initiative.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Piekos".

Marcy Piekos  
Executive Director



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**Project # 10-090**

**Public Hearing; Huntley Village Hall**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

Good morning (afternoon), my name is Chip Bartel, Finance Director of the Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. I stand before you today, not as a patient, loved one of a patient, resident of Huntley, nor as an Executive with the Boy Scouts of America. But rather I stand before you as an advocate for the four-thousand plus families and youngsters served in McHenry County, by the Boy Scouts of America.

As an executive of a major non profit here in McHenry County, I want to share with you a different vantage point than your typical proponent. I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Centegra and its advocates throughout several different facets of community based service. Centegra has proven to be a strong advocate of our Annual Disguised Citizens event in shining a light on fellow citizens that have strong community minded character attributes. Our relationship with Centegra has elevated our awareness and re-oriented our strategic planning as well as aided us in the technical and marketing roles we as non profits play in McHenry County. This partnership has had a direct impact on the character & citizenship building of the youth right here in Huntley. Their dedication and unwavered support of the human services and social organizations throughout McHenry County is a blessing. Because of their dedication, thousands of families and youth have had been impacted; whether that's through the Boy Scouts of America or one of the several other groups they support. They are truly a compassionate and committed team, investing not only in the technological advances of medicine, but in the families and communities we call home.

Centegra can play a vital role in this community, from unmatched health care to new job development to unprecedented community service. This is clearly an organization that can offer more than just great health care. It is an organization that becomes part of the community it resides in, collectively creating a culture that gives back to others through servant leadership and steadfast community service. They are an organization that cares, and an organization that we all can trust. I am honored today to be able to stand in front of you and support Centegra hospital and its wish to call Huntley, "home". Thank you.

Chip Bartel

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Kelley Clancy**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

I am Kelley Clancy, Vice President of External Affairs for Alexian Brothers Health System and I'd like to tell you why I'm against Centegra's Certificate of Need to build a hospital in Huntley.

I have worked in the health care field for much of my career, and have focused on community health for the last two decades. I've admired the philosophy and intent of the state board to keep balance and integrity in the Certificate of Need process. The board traditionally will not approve a project unless there is actual need for it in the community, out of concern that a project might needlessly duplicate services.

From the point of view of Alexian Brothers Health System, which runs St. Alexius Medical Center and Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Centegra has not proven that there is an actual need for this project. Further, this new hospital would duplicate services in an area that already is served by several regional medical centers that have an overabundance of hospital beds.

When Centegra asked the state to expand its hospital in Woodstock, Alexian Brothers Health System publicly supported it. We're willing to support projects when there is a need for more health care services in the region. But this proposal for a hospital in Huntley does not meet that standard.

In just the last few years, Provena St. Joseph Hospital, Sherman Hospital and St. Alexius have all finished or received approval for major investments in their facilities. In all cases, the pledge made by these hospitals to serve residents in the entire northern Fox Valley area was instrumental in receiving state approval.

In the case of St. Alexius, we're breaking ground next month for our new children's hospital. It will provide services that few hospitals offer outside of the city of Chicago, such as several pediatric sub-specialties. Expensive – yet necessary – health care projects like this are not sustainable on their own – they rely on the support from serving patients from throughout the region.

We know that hospital bed demand is down and will continue to drop because of the requirements of federal health care reform. And, it's obvious that the home building boom of several years ago has come and gone. Just because Centegra wants to add more hospital beds to the area, they can't create, on their own, the people to fill them.

If Centegra's hospital were to be built, it would be needlessly expensive for everyone, including taxpayers.

Every hospital has fixed costs, such as keeping the required number of professional staff on site 24-7, keeping up the building, paying energy bills. These costs are the same whether a hospital is operating at capacity or has very few patients. These costs get passed through to public and private insurance companies, and we all end up picking up the tab for underutilized facilities.

I urge the state board members take all of this into account when they make their decision and deny Centegra's application.

Thank you.



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Testimony of: Major John Price  
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Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen, I am Major John Price, Director of The Salvation Army of McHenry County. My organization serves here in Huntley at Grafton Township Office.

I speak today in favor of the proposed Centegra Hospital. Centegra Health System is a state of the art Health Care System and they consistently rank among the nation's best hospitals for quality care, excellent service delivery, patient satisfaction.

My family and I have sought medical care with Centegra, care which has been among the best received anywhere in the world. I know, I've lived in several states and overseas while in the military. Centegra's care is professional, compassionate and provided by skilled personnel, among the best in their field.

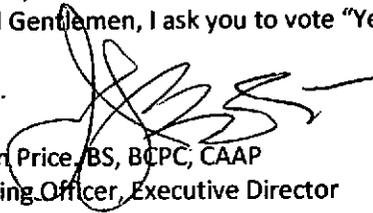
Centegra is uniquely positioned to fill an ever-increasing void in available care for the Southeastern corner of McHenry County. This care includes full-service emergency care, a Level II Nursery, advanced imaging and specialty care.

Huntley is one of the fastest growing communities in McHenry County. From 1990-Present the population of Huntley has grown by nearly 500%. Nearly 200% of that growth in population has been since the Year 2000. The need for a full-service hospital here has never been greater. It only makes sense that Centegra Health System would build its newest hospital here in Huntley because Centegra is already providing outpatient and immediate care in Huntley. A new hospital allows residents to stay in the community for care.

That brings me to my final point: Centegra Health System brings community: community service and involvement, giving back to the community, providing hundreds of jobs for skilled medical personnel who live in the community, pay taxes, support our parks and schools, roads and raising their families.

Centegra is a great place to work, a great neighbor for the entire community. Centegra leadership is dedicated to its staff, patients and community, giving back, making a difference in the communities where Centegra serves. This concern is evidenced by over 260 community events in 2010 alone. This top down corporate commitment permeates the organization. Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to vote "Yes" when asked to approve the Centegra Huntley Hospital Project.

Thank you.



Major John Price, BS, BCPC, CAAP  
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## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Marietta Abraham, MD  
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**Company:** Centegra Health System  
**Title:** Medical Director of CPC Immediate Care

### **Testimonial:**

My name is Marietta Abraham. As the medical director for the Centegra Immediate Care, it is an honor for me to give this testimony in favor of a Centegra Hospital-Huntley Campus, project #10-090.

It is clear from my work each day in Huntley that a new hospital is needed to provide advanced care and treatment to residents of southern McHenry and northern Kane counties. Eighty-eight percent of the patients that we currently treat at the Immediate Care Center in Huntley come from our proposed primary service area for the new hospital.

I believe that Centegra will work collaboratively with the Village of Huntley to meet the needs of a growing population in Huntley, LITH, Algonquin, and other neighboring communities because we have done that through our existing facilities on the Huntley campus. The people of McHenry County know and trust, not only the Centegra name, but all it has come to represent, which is quality patient care, provided with integrity and excellence as our foundation.

New State data shows there is an inpatient bed need in southern McHenry County and Northern Kane County due to population growth. With Centegra's tradition of meeting the needs of the community, who better to answer this need than a trusted health system?

Centegra Health system has continued to support growth in healthcare services by providing an answer where there is need. Some of the answers include Health Bridge Fitness Centers and the Immediate Care centers. As a result, the community has benefited from the advanced technologies of onsite X-ray, CT and MRI that have allowed my colleagues and me to treat the acute needs of patients in the community.

I would like to believe that in the immediate care, we are an extension of Centegra's commitment to the community in southern McHenry County and look forward to what a full service emergency department, level II nursery, non-invasive cardiology services, a dedicated women's center and a helipad for transport of critical patients can offer our patients & our community. It makes me proud to start and end my day knowing that we at Centegra practice a compassionate approach to healthcare to serve the patients that walk in our door.

Marietta Abraham, MD-2/16/2011



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Ed Schock, Mayor of the City of Elgin  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Ed Schock, Mayor of the City of Elgin. I'm here today because two of the main providers serving Huntley and other area communities are located in nearby Elgin. These hospitals are very accessible to the McHenry residents that they serve with each facility located just six or eight miles from the county line. As I am sure you will learn from a closer look at this proposal, the vast majority of residents of McHenry County live less than 20 minutes from Provena and Sherman.

These hospitals have just completed significant capital investments in their facilities to provide state-of-the-art health care to patients in Northern Kane County and McHenry County. A little more than a year ago Sherman Hospital opened its brand-new regional medical center just off Interstate 90 on Randall Road. The new hospital offers advanced care in several areas, such as a cutting-edge cardiology program that includes open heart surgery, a comprehensive cancer care center, a Joint Commission accredited primary stroke center and the new Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. Provena built a new bed tower that includes 99 private patient rooms and a Heart and Vascular Institute that has the region's only hybrid cath lab. Provena also provides comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation and inpatient mental health services. These improvements anticipated serving the long-term needs of their entire service areas, which spread well into McHenry County.

I am proud to see these accomplishments in the local delivery of health care. And, I know that each hospital's mission is to serve the whole region by providing high-quality specialized health care with access for all regardless of their ability to pay. These hospitals have sufficient capacity to serve Northern Kane and McHenry counties for years to come. This includes residents who live in communities such as Huntley, Algonquin and Lake in the Hills. This is why I don't think it makes sense to spend money to build a new hospital especially given all the significant strain that the cost of health care is placing on our state, federal and even county governments, as well as on our regional employers and their health plan beneficiaries.

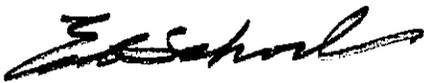
The recession has placed additional strains on economic development and has really changed the real estate development landscape. While many might consider any development as positive development, we have to think about development differently when it involves duplicating health care services.

We are here today because of the CON process. It is a Certificate of Need, not a certificate of want. And to be honest, the seniors in our communities need to think about how to make sure Medicare benefits are comprehensive and that they are here to stay. Access to services is excellent in Huntley and I hope that people can appreciate that.

Health care is a regional planning issue. Kane County and McHenry County are neighbors and it makes for stronger communities and a better use of scarce dollars when we work together.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject the CON permit application of Centegra Health System to build a hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ed Schock, Mayor  
City of Elgin

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## **PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY of Eugene R. "Gene" Dawson PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY) FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Eugene R "Gene" Dawson, Project #10-090 (Centegra Hospital-Huntley)

Good morning. I'm Gene Dawson, Barrington Township Supervisor. Thank you for the opportunity to let me speak about why I am in opposition to the hospital project that Centegra has planned for Huntley.

I'd like to point out two main reasons why I think Centegra's plan is not a good idea.

The first reason is proximity: There are many health care providers very close to this proposed hospital.

For example, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital is located less than a mile from the McHenry County line, so it obviously serves many people in McHenry. In fact, many of the county's residents are closer to Good Shepherd than they are the proposed Centegra hospital.

Good Shepherd isn't the only regional medical center that serves southern McHenry County. Residents also can choose between Sherman Hospital, St. Alexius and Provena St. Joseph, all of which provide comprehensive care far beyond what Centegra proposes to offer at its basic hospital.

The second reason why investing in a new hospital simply does not make sense for this area is health care costs.

The proposed Centegra hospital is an example of a needless expense that would further exacerbate the budget problems that our federal and state governments face. Hospital systems depend on a large amount of government – and taxpayer – money paid through public insurance. They should be wise stewards of these government funds and not propose health care facilities in areas that are already well served.

For those reasons – and more – I oppose this project and ask that the board deny Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need.

Thank you.

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My name is Tina Hill and I am the McHenry County Board member from District 5 which encompasses the proposed location of the new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. I support Project #10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. The economic impact will be immediate and widespread with 400 construction jobs and 140 full and part-time positions.

Even in these economic times, Huntley is still one of the fastest growing communities in the County and in the whole State of Illinois. These communities in southern and southeast McHenry County are greatly medically underserved, letting to increased travel times for health care needs.

The McHenry County Board, last night, approved a resolution supporting this endeavor which I also voted yes with my colleagues.

Economic development has been a high priority of the County Board and this is a perfect fit for the needs of our constituencies. *I urge the Illinois Health Facilities Planning and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project #10-090.*

*I can make myself available for any further clarification or information.*

*Tina R. Hill*

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**Fw: Hearing 2/16 - Huntley**

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**February 8, 2011**

**To: Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board**

My wife and I have been residents of Sun City Huntley for more than six years. We moved from the City of McHenry where we had lived for thirteen years. We most definitely support Centegra's plans to build a new hospital and medical offices in Huntley - adjoining their already active Immediate Care Center (which we have been visiting frequently), Medical Offices and the Health Bridge Fitness Center. We have been patients and volunteer within the Centegra Health System for twenty years and are most grateful for the high quality care and

services received over the years.

Expansion of the site on Haligus Road is a perfect fit at a desirable location serving a growing Huntley community and environs. Consider the nearby rezoned land parcels in Huntley and contiguous towns for residential and commercial development - ready to kick off again as the economy improves.

Also consider nearby infrastructure improvements such as the widening of Illinois Route 47 and complete interchange at Route 47 and Interstate 90. The Route 47 corridor north of Interstate 90 continues to develop as the population expands. Furthermore, revitalization of the downtown Huntley area and new Metra service likely at Coyne Station Road receive the support of an involved community.

We have observed very proactive leadership within the Village of Huntley and commend them for their fiscal responsibility and overall planning within the Village to support future growth. They recognize a need for the Centegra expansion which fits well within their Master Development Plan. Right now the nearest hospitals serving Huntley are Centegra Hospital - Woodstock and Sherman Hospital, Elgin.

Finally, consideration should be given especially to a relatively permanent population base of nearly 8,000 people at age-restricted Sun City Huntley, with most

residents over the age of 60 requiring more frequent and often immediate medical care.

Time is of the essence. Centegra signifies once again its dedication and foresight to provide medical services within reach of an expanded population - a testimony to their Community Mission and Outreach - **'Well beyond expectation'**.

Sincerely,

MELVIN H. LONG

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with you how we plan to meet and exceed the needs of the community. Open Forums begin Monday, Jan. 31 and continue through Friday, Feb. 4. A schedule of the times and locations is listed below. I look forward to seeing you there!

*Dr. Nathan Kulersch*

Date	Site	Time	Location
Monday, January 31	Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center-Huntley	Noon	Conference Rooms
	Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center-Crystal Lake	3pm	Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3
Tuesday, February 1	Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock, SS	8am	Atrium
		10am 3pm	
Wednesday, February 2	Centegra Hospital-McHenry	8am	Classrooms
		10am 12:30pm 2pm 6:30pm	
	Centegra Hospital-Woodstock	8pm	Complimentary Meal
Thursday, February 3	Centegra Hospital-Woodstock	8am	Conference Rooms
		10am 2pm	
Friday, February 4	Centegra Hospital-Woodstock	1am	Conference Rooms Complimentary Meal
	Centegra Hospital-McHenry	2:30am	Classrooms Complimentary Meal

## Community

### Mercy Physicians

On December 29<sup>th</sup> an application for a Hospital in Crystal Lake was submitted again to the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board by Mercy. The last time Mercy submitted a CON application to build a hospital at this location, people affiliated with the project were sent to prison because it was later determined that the approval of the Mercy project was obtained through a bribe being paid to one of the board members. As a Health System we have provided services to our community through the support of independent physicians, employed physicians and Mercy physicians each of which has been provided privileges within our health system. Although for years we have treated our competing health system physicians as though they were part of the Centegra family, we have learned that the following Mercy physicians signed notarized statements in which they promise to take **ALL** of their patients to the proposed Crystal Lake Hospital in the event that it is ever constructed. It is interesting that less than 15% of these patients live in Crystal Lake and most of the patients come from communities surrounding our hospitals.

K. Albright, MD  
 J. Asbury, MD  
 G. Bistriceanu, MD  
 S. Campau, MD  
 M. Chatterji, MD  
 R. Chitwood, MD  
 R. Cook, MD  
 T. Crawley, MD  
 J. Cundiff, MD  
 P. DeHaan, MD  
 J. Favia, MD  
 J. Fojtik, MD

M. Gavran, MD  
 D. Goodman, MD  
 R. Gulati, MD  
 D. Henning, DO  
 Y. Hussain, MD  
 N. Kakish, MD  
 S. Karna, MD  
 M. Karney, MD(half of pts)  
 M. Krpan, DO  
 G. Livingston, MD  
 M. Loqman, MD  
 R. MacDonald, DO

A. Mirza, MD  
 D. Mitra, MD  
 R. Persino, MD  
 P. Phelan, MD  
 M. Riggs, DO (half of pts)  
 B. Ronquillo, MD  
 E. Shen, MD  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Marcy Traxler  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Marcy Traxler, and I serve as Director of Pediatric Services at St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. St. Alexius has a special interest in the care of children, one of the most vulnerable populations in our region. I am here to oppose Centegra's hospital plans because if the project is approved, it would imperil the work we do at St. Alexius.

This spring, the Alexian Brothers Health Network is poised to break ground on a \$117 million project to add a children's hospital to our Hoffman Estates campus. This will be a regional center providing care from pediatric and obstetric specialists.

As more children are being diagnosed with chronic illnesses, including asthma and diabetes, our network has responded by bringing coordinated care for these patients together under one roof.

Likewise, the rate of premature births has increased and these children require highly specialized intensive care services known as Level III Neonatal Intensive Care or NICU. Level III is the highest level of care as designated by the State of Illinois. It is designed to care for the smallest, sickest babies and is staffed 24/7 with highly trained pediatric subspecialists known as neonatologists and specially trained nurses.

Less than a year ago, the health facilities planning board approved this expansion based on extensive population and needs assessments. If the board approves a community hospital in southern McHenry County, that hospital would draw patients away from St. Alexius. It would make it much more difficult for us to serve this growing need for local specialists for children and their mothers.

The nonprofit Alexian Brothers Health Network is committed to providing care to all residents, whether they have insurance coverage or not. We have seen a surge in children who are uninsured or are receiving care through Medicaid. Nearly 60 percent of pediatric patients seeking specialist care through Alexian Brothers Health Network are on Medicaid. The addition of a Centegra facility focusing on patients with private insurance would certainly undermine Alexian Brothers' mission to serve the most needy among us.

I strongly urge the board to support the strength of the excellent healthcare networks that already serve our region and reject Centegra's proposal.

Thank you.



JOHN R. PERKINS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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### Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board Public Hearing Testimony

As Chief of the Huntley Police Department, it is very exciting to consider the proposal for a full service hospital in our Village. In my opinion, northern Kane County and Southern McHenry County are in urgent need of a hospital. Presently, local residents must travel to either Elgin or Woodstock to find a full service hospital.

Similar to The Joint Commission accreditation that hospitals must achieve, the Huntley Police Department is a nationally accredited organization. Our agency met the required standards and was awarded full accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2010. Huntley is one of only two agencies in McHenry County and three from Kane County that are accredited.

We accept our obligation to continue the quest for professional excellence but one area that is lacking is a partnership with a local hospital. With no local facility, crime victims and traffic crash victims must be transported out of town for trauma treatment. As a result, police officers must travel to conduct follow up investigation work. The extra down time often leaves the department short on street officers.

A local hospital will improve the quality of service we can provide in many ways. Children that are physically or sexually abused can meet with an advocate and begin their forensic interview sooner and closer to home. Individuals that are being held in our jail can be treated less than a mile away thus greatly reducing the opportunity for an incident of escape. Blood draws for fatal crashes or DUI arrests can be completed in a timely manner without the lengthy drive. Domestic abuse victims can receive treatment and return home sooner to stabilize an upset household. Finally, when my officers are injured medical help is close.

Centegra Health Systems is a highly respected organization. I look forward to partnering with them in the future to improve the overall quality of life in the community.



John R. Perkins  
Chief of Police

**Scott Powder**  
**Sr. Vice President, Strategic Planning, Advocate Health Care**  
**Centegra-Huntley Testimony**

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~~Scott Powder~~

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to address the board. I am Scott Powder, Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning for Advocate Health Care. Advocate is Illinois' largest healthcare system and we have been named one of the Top Ten Health Systems in the United States for Quality by Thomson-Reuters.

We strongly oppose this project based on the duplication of services and the unnecessary additional health care costs that it will impose on the communities in this region. At the heart of the issue is that every community hospital represents an investment of the community's resources – its time, its talent and its financial resources.

The communities we serve also invest their trust in us as not-for-profit institutions. For that reason, we must be good stewards of our limited health care resources. Those that work in the health care system every day know that we are moving away from a hospital-based acute care model to one that is much more cost-effective

We see it today in the explosive growth of outpatient procedures and the expansion of capabilities aimed at shortening the inpatient hospital stay, or eliminating the hospital stay altogether. Surgical services are an example of this trend. According to SDI, a healthcare industry analytics firm, from 2006 through 2009, the number of acute care hospitals in the United States by grew less than 1 percent, while the number of outpatient surgery centers

grew by 17 percent. The growth of outpatient surgical centers is due in large part to advanced technologies that make it possible to provide surgeries that are less invasive, speeding recovery times and lowering the risk of infection. Outpatient care also has the benefit of being less costly, while improving outcomes, and that's something everyone can support. The applicant themselves are partners in ambulatory surgery centers in this same geographic area.

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In our experience, as the largest provider of health care in the state, we have also found that the most cost-effective way to serve the growing needs of a community is to reconfigure or expand on an existing hospital campus. This allows us to spread the very high fixed costs of running a hospital over a greater base of patients, thereby lowering costs per patient served overall. By taking this approach, in combination with a community-based ambulatory service model, providers create an acute-care hub, with outpatient services acting as spokes that reach into communities with the greatest need.

Advocate Health Care's approach to meeting the needs of the communities we serve is a reflection of these realities. Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital serves as our hub in this region, while the spokes of outpatient services reach into Lake Zurich, Wauconda, Crystal Lake and Algonquin.

The lessons we've learned over the course of the past decade can be instructive to other care providers with similar missions as ours.

In 2007, we recognized that the population growth in Lake County was outstripping the availability of health care services.

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Conventional wisdom at the time led us to initially propose the construction of an entirely new acute care hospital in Round Lake at about the same cost as this project. In the end, our strategic analysis concluded that it would be a far better use of resources and better for the community if we sought to invest in then-Condell Medical Center. Through that merger, Advocate was able to deliver the first Level I trauma center to Lake County, an expanded emergency department, Advocate Condell's new inpatient expansion is set to open on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and we are planning for new outpatient services as we speak.

The applicant's proposal clearly does NOT represent the industry's strategic best practices. Its quarter-billion dollar bricks-and-mortar price tag isn't part of the solution to today's healthcare challenges, but part of the problem.

We respectfully oppose this new community hospital construction project because of the costs it represents to the very communities it seeks to serve. There exist today solutions in and for our industry that demonstrate a better, more cost-effective way forward than saturating the geography with additional acute-care hospitals. Thank you.

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February 15, 2011

My name is Dr. Solomon Secemsky, I am a cardiologist at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. I am also a member of the Sherman Health board of directors. I am here today, to express my opposition to the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

As a doctor, at a nearby hospital, I can truthfully say, adding another hospital to the area is, not only a waste of funds, it is simply irresponsible. Centegra's proposal calls for a small limited service hospital; which does not offer the same range of services, as the established providers in the community, such as Sherman hospital and Provena Saint Joseph hospital.

I have been a practicing cardiologist for the past 30 years. Cardiology is a field of medicine, that necessitates urgent and specialized care. Limited service hospitals, such as the one proposed, cannot even offer patients, a basic angioplasty, one of the most common cardiac procedures. In this case, Centegra proposes to build a hospital at the west periphery of the more populated area of McHenry County. This would draw heart patients further away from the critical care that they would need, if experiencing a heart attack, or other acute coronary incident, requiring immediate intervention.

If patients with immediate coronary care needs seek out treatment at Centegra's proposed hospital, their emergency care will be delayed, as they will, undoubtedly, have to be transferred for definitive treatment, to a nearby hospital, which can handle cardiac procedures. In fact, ambulances with EMS personnel, trained to triage patients, will bypass this type of hospital, when treating an acute coronary problem, in favor of a facility, such as Sherman Hospital. Time is not something heart patients have to waste, and delay in treatment, could mean life or death. As we know, when a patient is having a heart attack, time is muscle. The more wasted time before treatment, the more heart muscle is destroyed. This is why emergency departments have protocols with strict time limits, for patients who come in complaining of chest pain.

As a cardiologist, I feel strongly that Centegra is not looking out for patient's best interests, when trying to draw patients away from nearby, established and capable hospitals, which offer high quality critical care. Sherman hospital is staffed, with nearly 50 cardiologist and cardiovascular surgeons, who pride themselves on offering the best cardiovascular care to patients, including McHenry County residents, who are as close to an existing hospital, as they are to Huntley.

As a physician, I urge you to consider what is best for the health and well-being of area residents, and reject Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.

Eileen K. Breitzke  
Testimony in support of IHFPB # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley

I have seen the plans for where Centegra wants to build their new hospital and for all intent and purposes it is in my back yard. I am very pleased by this. Centegra takes care of the community, and I am so happy they want to bring more services to this area. When my first husband passed away, my old college friend Bill helped me to navigate through all of the paperwork, and he helped me to move forward. We reconnected, fell in love and were married. A true love story.

A few months after we were married, Bill was diagnosed with brain cancer. He was treated at the Centegra Sage Cancer Center in McHenry with radiation and chemotherapy. The people at Centegra took such great care of Bill. They were all very personable, sharing stories and smiles. While this was a devastating time for us, the care and concern shown by all members of the cancer center helped ease our pain.

We were also greatly relieved to find that Centegra had vans that could take Bill to his daily appointments at the hospital. It would have been overwhelming to try and make all his appointments while the world collapsed around us. It was such a relief to not make that 45 minute drive in the dead of winter. Centegra provided much needed transportation during this difficult time.

Since Centegra took care of us during that time, Bill wanted to show how thankful he was. He saw that there are so many other people going through this grief and heartache. We wanted to help them, and we knew Centegra would assist us in doing just that. We donated the funds necessary to purchase a new patient express van. Bill would be so proud and even overwhelmed to see the van he provided helping those in crisis. We also donated the funds to provide massage therapy for other cancer patients, so that they could be just a little more comfortable.

Centegra is a wonderful organization that works very hard to provide the best care possible to its patients. As a patient of Centegra, I have experienced their passion first hand. I would be so happy to see this project become a reality. I live near the location for the new hospital, I am relieved to know that the services I might need are so much closer.

The families in this community are of all ages. As a parent and a grandparent, I know how important it is to have a hospital close by. This project is what the region needs, and Centegra is the organization to do it.



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My name is Audrey Reed. I am a member of the Sherman Hospital Board of Directors. Throughout my career, I have been involved with a number of Elgin-based social service agencies and am familiar with the dynamics, challenges and advances of the Hispanic community of Elgin. I am concerned that the proposed hospital in Huntley will not only hurt Sherman, but it will also adversely affect access to safety net health services to vulnerable populations in the area. It's important to note that the areas with the largest Hispanic population are not in Huntley, Algonquin or Lake in the Hills—those areas from which Centegra's proposed hospital will draw the majority of its patients. Rather, over 40% of Elgin's population is Hispanic, and almost half (47.3%) of the residents of Carpentersville are Hispanic.

I am proud of Sherman's strong presence in the Hispanic community, and its commitment to closing the gap in health care disparities among minority populations. A new hospital in Huntley will negatively affect the great strides Sherman has made in providing vital safety net services to this population.

As it currently exists, the U.S. health care system leaves millions without insurance and ranks poorly on health system performance and equal access to health care. However, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health has sought to eliminate these disparities by improving access to care and expanding health care professionals' linguistic and cultural competence, especially among those working with Limited-English-Proficient (LEP) minority communities.

I'm also proud that Sherman Hospital is years ahead in terms of providing exceptional services and care to the Hispanic populations of Elgin and Carpentersville. Because of our large Hispanic patient base, our physicians and staff are continually exposed to and educated on cultural competence in treating the Hispanic population. Additionally, we offer services designed to eliminate health disparities by increasing access to health care and addressing the unique needs of the Hispanic population. By understanding, valuing, and incorporating the cultural differences of our sub-cultures, our clinical staff supports health care delivery that responds appropriately to and directly serves the needs of the Hispanic community in our area.

In fiscal year 2010, we provided nearly \$3 million in charity care and over \$41 million in unreimbursed Medicare and Medicaid care. In addition, we provided over a half million dollars in subsidized health services. Some of these safety net services include:

- Colonoscopy and other cancer screening,
- Smoking cessation programs,
- Health education classes,
- Breast health services,
- Diabetes clinic,



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I hope that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board understands that the commitment that Sherman has made to the diverse communities it serves will be greatly undermined if Centegra's proposal is approved. I urge you to please reject their proposal.  
Thank you.

VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 05

Resolution in Support of Approval of Centegra Hospital - Huntley

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of the McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth and to enhance service to communities in the region including the Village of Lake in the Hills, the third largest municipality in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County;

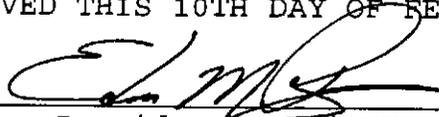
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Village of Lake in the Hills commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011 by roll call vote as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Stephen Harlfinger	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Trustee Ray Bogdanowski	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Trustee Paul Mulcahy	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Trustee Bob Huckins	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Trustee Denise Barreto	<u>  ✓  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
President Edwin M. Plaza	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011

  
 Village President, Edwin M. Plaza

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
 Village Clerk, Denise L. Wasserman

Published: February 11, 2011

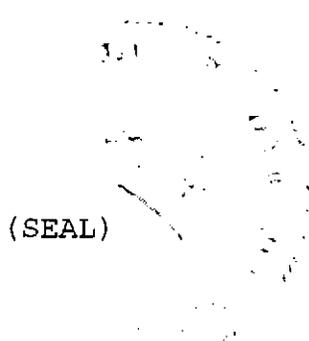
## CERTIFICATION

I, DENISE L. WASSERMAN, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Village Clerk of the Village of Lake in the Hills, McHenry County Illinois, and that as such Village Clerk, I am the keeper of the Resolutions, Ordinances, records, Corporate seal and proceedings of the President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Lake in the Hills.

I do hereby further certify that the attached Resolution No. 2011-05 entitled "Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency" was passed by the Board of Trustees at the February 10, 2011 meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake in the Hills is a true and correct copy of said meeting.

I do further certify that the original, of which the attached is a true and correct copy, is entrusted to me as the Clerk of said Village for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful custodian and keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my name as Clerk and caused the seal of said Village to be affixed hereto this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

  
Denise L. Wasserman  
Denise L. Wasserman, Village Clerk  
By Nancy Sujet, Deputy Village Clerk  
Village of Lake in the Hills  
McHenry County, Illinois

(SEAL)

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR ROWENA WERMES  
In Support of CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY #10-090  
February 16, 2011

Good morning, my name is Rowena Wermes. I am a Project Manager with Centegra Health System.

I'd like to discuss several issues that relate to the perceived impact of Centegra Hospital – Huntley upon other hospitals.

As you have heard, this project is important because it addresses this historic and projected rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This rapid population growth is one of the key reasons why the Health Facilities and Services Review Board's bed need determinations show a need for additional beds in the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric, Intensive Care and Obstetric categories of service.

According to population figures and projections from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, also known as DCEO, McHenry County has experienced significant recent population growth, and this population growth is expected to continue. Population statistics from DCEO are utilized by the Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health in developing their population projections for determining bed need. DCEO estimated that the population in McHenry County increased by 10% from 2005 to 2010 and that it will increase by an additional 12% from 2010 to 2015.

In projecting bed need and utilization of all services at Centegra Hospital – Huntley, we considered population projections through mid-2018, which is the end of the hospital's first two complete fiscal years of operation. DCEO projects that the population in McHenry County will increase by more than 8% from 2015 to 2020, which is an annual population increase of 1.6%, thus increasing the bed need figures for mid-2018 beyond the figures shown in the "Bed Need Determinations" for 2015.

I also want to provide several reasons why the establishment of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not impact the current utilization of existing providers.

First, there is a current identified bed need for McHenry County which will continue to increase as the population grows.

Second, population growth and the aging of the population projected to occur by mid-2018 for both the Planning Area, which is McHenry County, and for the identified Market Area will increase existing utilization among all hospitals in the area currently providing

Medical-Surgical/Pediatric, Intensive Care, and Obstetric Categories of Service as well as provide utilization for Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

In summary, based on the DCEO population growth projections and the aging of the population, the establishment of Centegra Hospital-Huntley will not significantly impact current utilization in existing area hospitals)

Our CON application includes a Market Assessment and Impact Study prepared by Deloitte Financial Services. That study includes a discussion of the lack of impact of the establishment of Centegra Hospital - Huntley on current utilization of existing area hospitals, concluding that "all existing hospitals within the A-10 Planning Area which have Medical-Surgical/Pediatric, Intensive Care, or Obstetric Services will maintain or exceed their existing patient volume between now and FY18."

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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### **Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090 Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Chuck Wm. Ruth  
Member of the Board of Governors

I am proud to support Centegra's proposal for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

My family has strong roots in the Huntley community. In fact, my sons and daughter are the fifth generation of our family to call the Village of Huntley home. I can remember the 1950's, when a group of farmers and Huntley businessmen pooled their money to build a small medical building in the hopes of luring doctors to town. Now, in 2011, a full-service hospital is a feasible reality.

I am an ardent supporter of bringing more healthcare to our village. I wish I could be here today to talk further about the current travel times to other facilities and our need for healthcare close to home. Centegra has been a strong supporter of the Huntley community all along, and this most recent proposal shows that the health system truly understands our needs.

It only seems logical to me that one would support a hospital system that is being welcomed with open arms by a town that is home to the largest senior living community in the state. A Huntley facility would be governed by local community members and managed by an executive team that lives in the general area as well. Those are distinct advantages of this project.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to give Centegra Hospital – Huntley a stamp of approval.

Thank you.



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Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

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Member of the Board of Governors

I am proud to support Centegra's proposal for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

My family has strong roots in the Huntley community. In fact, my sons and daughter are the fifth generation of our family to call the Village of Huntley home. I can remember the 1950's, when a group of farmers and Huntley businessmen pooled their money to build a small medical building in the hopes of luring doctors to town. Now, in 2011, a full-service hospital is a feasible reality.

I am an ardent supporter of bringing more healthcare to our village. I wish I could be here today to talk further about the current travel times to other facilities and our need for healthcare close to home. Centegra has been a strong supporter of the Huntley community all along, and this most recent proposal shows that the health system truly understands our needs.

It only seems logical to me that one would support a hospital system that is being welcomed with open arms by a town that is home to the largest senior living community in the state. A Huntley facility would be governed by local community members and managed by an executive team that lives in the general area as well. Those are distinct advantages of this project.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to give Centegra Hospital – Huntley a stamp of approval.

Thank you.



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Tom Nitz, Vice President, Ancillary Services, Sherman Health**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Tom Nitz and I am here today on behalf of Sherman Hospital to oppose Centegra's proposal for a hospital in Huntley. I think many in this audience will find my topic quite interesting as I am here to talk about what Centegra has said in recent years about the prospect of new hospitals in the area.

Centegra opposed a proposal by Mercy Health System to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake when that proposal came forward ... and again, in 2007, Centegra opposed a plan by Vista Health System to build a new hospital in Lindenhurst. Here's what I find really troubling:

Many of the core arguments that Centegra presented in opposing those two hospital proposals are the same as the testimony that you are hearing today in opposition to Centegra's current plan to build a hospital in Huntley. The arguments were compelling then and they remain so today. A new hospital is not needed in the area, given the convenient access to nearby providers that all have ample capacity to serve area residents for years to come.

What were those arguments? I would like to read from the public record what Michael Easley, CEO of Centegra, said about Mercy Health System's proposal for a hospital in Crystal Lake. I quote: "If the proposed hospital were approved, and if they were to become operational, it would result in a loss of admissions and outpatients to Memorial and NIMC, as well as other hospitals in the neighboring communities. As a result, our hospital, as well as others, may fall below the Health Facilities Planning Board's utilization standards, and experience decreased profit margins, which might force us to curtail or discontinue vital services that may be free services to our community members." End quote.

In that same testimony back in 2003 and 2004, Mr. Easley mentioned that his health system had recently received state approval to expand. He said that modernizing and expanding Centegra's two existing hospitals was a better approach than for Mercy to build a new hospital. The service area at issue does, in fact, have the great benefit of the large modernization projects that have been very recently completed by Sherman and Saint Joseph at their local facilities.



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Again, in 2007, Centegra offered public testimony against a new hospital, this time in Lindenhurst. It made very similar and compelling arguments to those you are hearing today. Susan Milford, vice president of strategic marketing and planning for Centegra noted at the Vista public hearing that Centegra's McHenry hospital was just five miles from the planning area border (the Lake / McHenry county line) and that Centegra, while located in McHenry, served patients in the same Lake County communities Vista planned to serve with its proposed hospital. She noted, and I quote: "The proposed hospital will need to carve out a market in an area already served by existing hospitals." End quote.

Yet today, Centegra is proposing to do carve up this market which is already served by other providers. While a Huntley hospital may seem like a good idea to the residents of Sun City, the truth is those residents live nearly as close to Sherman Hospital as they do to the Huntley site. Also recognize that Huntley is at the far edge of the development in McHenry – out toward the soy and corn fields. Elgin is a better central location to efficiently serve the region.

Another argument Ms. Milford made in 2007 was about the unnecessary expense to build a hospital that wasn't needed. To oppose the Vista hospital, she said, Quote: "Moreover, with construction costs of \$100 million, it cannot be credibly argued that this is the most efficient use of already scarce resources." End quote. Here we are today, just four short years later, at what we hope is near the end of a devastating recession, with all levels of government facing record deficits, and Centegra is here to propose spending \$233 million for an unnecessary hospital at a time of even more scarce resources.

We all should have the same concern today. A new, unnecessary hospital could weaken all hospitals in the area. And today, with the economy struggling to recover, the housing market in a shambles, and the prospects for population growth in this area far diminished from what they were a few years ago, it seems that Centegra's statements about the lack of need for a new hospital in the area ring even more true today.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Representative Fred Crespo (D-44)**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello, my name is Fred Crespo, and I am the Illinois Representative for the 44<sup>th</sup> District. My district includes parts of Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Streamwood, Hanover Park, Elgin and Bartlett, and it is directly affected by Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital in Huntley. After reviewing the issue, I am here today to express my opposition to the new hospital.

Health care has always been a major focus for me, both professionally and personally. I currently serve on the Alexian Brothers Mental Health Center Board, I was the chairman of the Health and Safety Council during my time as a Hoffman Estates trustee, and my wife is a registered nurse.

As a legislator, it is my duty to look out for the best interests of my constituents. I can tell you that Centegra's proposed hospital does not benefit the people of the 44<sup>th</sup> district.

The northern Fox Valley region has more than adequate health care from hospitals such as St. Alexius, Provena St. Joseph, Sherman and Advocate Good Shepherd. All of these hospitals provide a comprehensive range of services to their patients.

In contrast, Centegra's proposed hospital is merely a duplication of services and takes away from the current hospitals' ability to offer comprehensive care. Judging from the lack of growth in the far northwest suburbs, it is unlikely additional hospital beds will be needed anytime soon. If more hospital beds are needed in the near future, it would be more effective for the existing facilities to expand rather than build an entirely new hospital.

I'm also concerned that this duplication of health care services will increase the burden on Illinois' budget deficit. Governments pay for more than half of the hospital care in the U.S. This project is an unnecessary expenditure that will drive up health care costs, which means the government – and, more importantly, taxpayers – will end up paying more.

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I'd also like to address the issue of jobs. It might seem like this project would benefit the area by bringing in a lot of new jobs. Centegra's proposed hospital, though, would create very few health care jobs because there is no need for more hospital beds. That means the multitude of "new" employees would come from the existing hospitals in the area that would see fewer patients.

I cannot support Centegra's proposed hospital because it duplicates services, weakens current health care providers and increases costs for everyone. On behalf of the residents of the 44<sup>th</sup> District, I urge the board to reject Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital in Huntley. I appreciate your time today, and I thank you for your consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely



Fred Crespo  
44<sup>th</sup> District State Representative

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Hello I'm Rita Slawek, President and CEO of the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce. I represent more than 320 business members and their employees and I support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.

Centegra Health System is an Executive Club Member of our Chamber, and has consistently provided the highest level of support to the community and our Chamber.

The Chamber and its Members encourage the expansion and retention of area businesses. We also work closely with the Village of Huntley and other community organizations to attract reputable businesses and organizations in an effort to generate employment opportunities and continue the economic growth and development of our community.

Our chamber works hard to promote the area's economic growth and supports our business community members. This Centegra hospital project makes great business sense. It has been thoroughly planned to meet the healthcare needs of our growing and aging community.

Full-service hospital services are needed in the southern McHenry County area and Centegra has the health system best suited to provide these services.

With a Sun City Huntley senior community in excess of 9,000 residents, the hospital will be a huge benefit to this population. For some of these residents, the distance it takes to currently get to a hospital may be the difference between life and death.

I choose life and I hope you choose to support the life of this project.

Thank you.

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR HADLEY STRENG  
SUPPORT FOR CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning. My name is Hadley Streng and I am the Director of Planning and Business Development for Centegra Health System.

I would like to discuss how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital – Huntley addresses bed need as determined by the Health Facilities and Services Review Board in its CON Rules.

The Health Facilities and Services Review Board has divided the State of Illinois into a number of "Planning Areas." McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, A10, while the adjoining area of North Kane County is identified as a separate planning area, A11.

For each of the planning areas, the Health Facilities and Services Review Board has calculated inpatient bed need. The current monthly "Revised Bed Need Determinations" report indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Medical-Surgical ("Med-Surg")/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds.

The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County's Med-Surg/Pediatric bed need is the highest of any planning area in the State of Illinois. Interestingly, the planning area with the second highest Med-Surg/Pediatric need is North Kane County. The total current Med-Surg/Pediatric bed need identified for the McHenry and North Kane County Planning Areas is 144 beds, which is nearly all of the 171 Med-Surg/Pediatric beds needed in the entire State of Illinois.

The site for Centegra Hospital - Huntley is located in McHenry County, but it is only two miles from Kane County. In fact, the Huntley zip code, 60142, in which the proposed hospital site is located, includes portions of both McHenry and Kane Counties. Additionally, the market area for our proposed hospital will include portions of both McHenry County and the North Kane County Planning Areas.

Centegra Hospital – Huntley will not complete its second full year of operation until mid-2018. By that time, due to an increasing population that is among the highest in Illinois, the Med-Surg/Pediatric bed need for McHenry County will have further increased.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information about the significant need for inpatient beds in this rapidly growing area.

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**Radiation Oncology**

Hello, my name is Dr. Jim Ruffer and I co-chair the Cancer Committee at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less than one mile from McHenry County. By training I'm a radiation oncologist and I have practiced at Good Shepherd Hospital for over a decade. I stand here to oppose Centegra's application for a brand new hospital because it will not offer any unique oncology services to the residents of McHenry County and the surrounding locale. I'm proud to say that nearly half of Good Shepherd's oncology patients come from McHenry County. These patients choose to come to Good Shepherd, not because of a lack of cancer services available from the Centegra or Sherman systems, but because they recognize the quality of care provided to our local community by Good Shepherd physicians and nurses very close to their homes.

In reflection of this excellent quality of care already available to our local community, I'm proud to state that the Good Shepherd Center for Cancer once again received "Approval with Commendation" following a rigorous evaluation by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. Our Center not only met the basic standards of the Commission on Cancer approval program, but also excelled in seven areas where Commendation was awarded. We offer the latest in radiation therapy services including Varian RapidArc radiotherapy and high dose rate brachytherapy, each of which dramatically reduces the amount of normal, non-cancerous tissue exposed to radiation.

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**Radiation Oncology**

The numbers of cancer diagnoses in McHenry County and across the United States are on the rise, yet Centegra's new proposed hospital does not offer this burgeoning population any unique or new treatment options. Statistics show that approximately 50-60% of cancer patients will need radiation therapy at some point in their treatment. This treatment option is already available at a number of convenient local facilities, including our own. This proposal, by the Centegra System, does not add to the quality or convenience of care for these patients.

Let me reiterate that this hospital will introduce no unique services to the community that are not already being provided by a number of existing facilities within close driving distance of the proposed site. In summary, I respectfully request that the Board deny this request for a new hospital as it does not appear to identify or fill gaps of any unfulfilled needs for the growing number of McHenry County residents with a cancer diagnosis.

Harry Leopold  
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Support of Project 10-090

My name is Harry Leopold and I am a trustee for the Village of Huntley. I am proud to support Centegra Health System and its proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley. Centegra is the right health system and Huntley is the right location for a new hospital in McHenry County.

This hospital will be a great addition to our Community; Centegra offers state of the art medical services, varied employment opportunities, total health and wellbeing education, and a neighborhood partnership of caring. With our current population of ~~24,000~~<sup>24,000</sup> people in Huntley soon expected to grow to 45,000, we need great medical care close to home. Between 2010 and 2018, Huntley's population is projected to grow by 20 percent. Algonquin's population is expected to increase by 17.6 percent and Lake in the Hills is expected to grow by 16.7 percent in the same time frame. Our total area population is expected to be ~~279,886~~<sup>279,886</sup> people by 2018. I believe this merits a hospital.

~~Regional roadways in the area are already congested and the people of my region deserve immediate access to healthcare in case of emergencies.~~ I look forward to being able to quickly access emergency services, cardiology services and ~~women's~~<sup>women's</sup> services right in my community.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Centegra Hospital-Huntley and Project 10-090. Thank you.



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Bill McLeod, Mayor of the Village of Hoffman Estates**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Bill McLeod, and I am Mayor of the Village of Hoffman Estates. I am here to testify today because I am concerned that the construction of a new hospital in Huntley would have a negative effect on the quality and cost of health care in our region.

Our area is currently served by an outstanding network of regional medical centers. Here in Hoffman Estates, St. Alexius Medical Center has provided quality care to our residents for more than 30 years.

Patients come from throughout the west and northwest suburbs to be treated at St. Alexius. The medical center features a full scope of services, and – along with other hospitals in the region such as Sherman Hospital and Provena St. Joseph Hospital – St. Alexius is making additional investments to further increase the level of care it provides.

Unfortunately, Centegra's proposed hospital would likely make that level of care untenable by drawing away jobs, patients and other resources St. Alexius needs to operate.

Right now, there are plenty of open hospital beds in the west and northwest suburbs. Using those beds makes much more sense than constructing a completely new facility. Our current hospitals have the capacity to keep up with any growth in the region, and, if needed, could add additional beds at minimal cost.

The need for a new hospital is simply not there and, thanks to the recession's effect on population growth in our region, it likely won't be any time soon. Because there is not sufficient demand, a new hospital would create an unnecessary duplication of services, resulting in higher costs for everybody.

One final point: Centegra says a new hospital would create additional jobs, but those "new" jobs would only come from established hospitals that already serve the area.

A new Centegra hospital would create needless duplication of services, increase costs and weaken the outstanding health care system in this region. That's why I urge the board to reject this proposal from Centegra.

Thank you.

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**Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley, 10-090**

**Terry Dunning, Chair, Sherman Hospital Board of Directors**

My name is Terry Dunning and I am the Chairman of the Sherman Hospital Board of Directors. I am here to discuss Sherman's opposition to Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley. Sherman has been an integral part of this region since its founding over a century ago. I've personally been a part of this community for nearly my entire life and as a member of the Sherman Hospital Board for over 20 years. For me, Sherman has always been a focal point of upper Fox Valley— continually there to provide invaluable health care services to everyone whenever needed. It serves its communities regardless of their ability to pay and regardless of their race or ethnicity.

As a leading provider of health care to residents of the region, Sherman continually strives to offer innovative health care to area residents at both its inpatient and outpatient facilities. We designed our brand new state-of-art facility new replacement facility to do so in what was a growing area for many years to come. We are aligning with some of the best academic medical centers in the State and we have been able expand our specialized services in stroke care, cancer care, heart and vascular care, pediatric services, and women's health; and are now planning a Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. The proposed Huntley hospital is a critical



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threat to Sherman's ability to continue with these innovations and to set the quality bar higher for the communities we serve.

Centegra contends a hospital in Huntley is necessary due to projected growth. As we are the main provider in this service area, we are well aware of the growth dynamic in McHenry County. In choosing our replacement site, we situated our hospital closer to McHenry County and in the middle of our service area to better serve patients. The CON Board approved our hospital based, in part, upon projected growth in this area. Since the recession, growth has stagnated and there are no signs that it will return to pre-recession levels in the near future. While we acknowledge the technical bed need assessed for Planning Area A-10, there is an excess of 258 med-surg beds in the area.<sup>1</sup> Given this excess and the bed capacity of hospitals within just a few miles of the county line, it would not be prudent for the CON Board to approve a new hospital at this time.

Sherman is within 20 minutes of a large portion of the proposed hospital's primary service area in McHenry and 15 minutes from Sun City-Huntley. Additionally, there is sufficient capacity at Sherman and other existing hospitals in the area to accommodate the projected

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<sup>1</sup> A-7, A-9, A-10 and A-11 all have hospitals within 30 minutes of McHenry County and several of these hospitals are within 30 minutes from the zip codes targeted by the proposal. The capacity of hospitals that are just a few miles from the patient base residing in McHenry County cannot be ignored.



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demand for years to come. In fact, our large site will accommodate other health care uses and expansion as warranted.

The provider community is facing a negative economic climate and many challenges with health care insurance reform. In this environment, a smaller, more conservative project, like the modernization proposed for Centegra's Woodstock hospital which Centegra abandoned last month in favor of this proposal would seem more appropriate; a much more judicious use of financial resources than the establishment of a new hospital; particularly when there is convenient access to hospitals with rooms available to accommodate the health care needs of the community exists.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our opposition to the proposed hospital in Huntley and respectfully request the CON Board to deny Centegra's application for a CON permit for this project.



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**Centegra Hospital – Huntley Public Hearing  
Project #10-090**

Good morning. My name is Suzanne Hoban and I am the founder and Executive Director of the Family Health Partnership Clinic in Woodstock and McHenry.

Our clinic's mission is to provide healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured of the area. These are the working poor, the temporary workers, the unemployed and those who simply cannot afford the insurance offered to them. We do not receive state and federal dollar for our work – we are dependent on the community to help us provide primary care that is so critical to the health of the area.

Because we are not government funded, nor do we accept Public Aid or Medicare, we must forge partnerships with others in the community to ensure that all have access to primary care. One of our strongest partners has been – and continues to be – Centegra Health System. They have been the leader in demonstrating their commitment to the community.

That commitment started at the top when Mike Eesley, then COO, came onto the Clinic board and saw firsthand the pivotal role we played in the healthcare community. As he transitioned into CEO, Mr. Eesley and the board of Centegra looked for ways to partner with us to better deliver efficient and cost-effective care. This took many forms, including helping develop a seamless patient flow for the uninsured who required further testing or diagnostics which the clinic could not provide.

Centegra has made a strong effort to incorporate the Clinic's well being into their community mission, and has actively worked to recruit physicians and nurses for us. One notable effort involved the recruiting of new physicians to volunteer at the Clinic on Centegra's salaried time while they built their practices. This allowed the physicians a different view of the community, helped patients in need, and reinforced Centegra's mission.

We are pleased with Centegra's plan to bring high quality care to the southern portion of McHenry County. This attention to need – over profit – has been consistently demonstrated by Centegra through their involvement with our clinic, as well as the many other activities they foster which are not profit centers, but instead address community concerns. This is the true definition of community centered health care and we are proud to support Centegra in its efforts to deliver that.

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# American Community

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Charie Zanck

Chairman, Centegra Health System Board of Governors

Chief Executive Officer, American Community Bank & Trust

Support for Project 10-090

Good morning. My name is Charie Zanck and I am wearing several different hats today. I am the chairman of Centegra Health System's Board of Governors, the chief executive officer of American Community Bank & Trust, and resident of the Woodstock area in McHenry County. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley.

The role of the Centegra Board of Governors is to oversee the overall strategic vision of the Health System, to ensure responsible fiscal management of the resources with which we have been entrusted, and to guide Centegra's long term planning to ensure that our patients and the communities we serve have access to the highest quality medical care.

When we analyzed the proposal to invest \$233 million in an acute-care hospital on our Huntley campus, the Board responded with overwhelming support. It was clear from the area bed need data, the travel times to area hospitals and, most importantly, the population growth we have experienced in southern McHenry County, that a new hospital was not only needed, but was necessary.

As the chief executive officer of American Community Bank & Trust, we designed and built our bank on a strong foundation of a few essential core values that drive all of our business decisions. These values include a commitment to understanding and meeting the needs of our customers, delivering the talents of the best people in our industry, working with a sense of urgency and incorporating trust and integrity in every decision we make. That same approach and philosophy permeates and drives Centegra Health System.

**Commitment to Needs:** The proposal for a new hospital in Huntley is a direct response to the needs of our patients and community residents. The State has outlined a bed need for our service area and this plan is designed to meet that need.

Having the Best People: High quality, specialty care is a hallmark of the Centegra system. We are proud to call our medical staff, caregivers, administrative team and volunteers the very best and brightest part of our Centegra family.

Recognizing urgency: We are fortunate to see growth and investment continue in our communities, and we understand the need and the urgency to bringing much needed inpatient care close to home for so many area residents.

And finally, trust and integrity: For more than 100 years, Centegra Health System has been a trusted, invested partner in McHenry County. We have supported countless organizations with charitable giving, volunteer time, and expertise. Our numerous free wellness and screening programs have provided valuable health care to many patients and families in our area.

Centegra has earned the trust and loyalty of tens of thousands of area residents, and our effort to be thoughtful and strategic in meeting future needs is apparent in the proposal we are discussing today.

I am proud to be a part of the Centegra team and my commitment to its success has been reinforced by many heartfelt stories shared by residents and patients since we announced our plans late last year. Centegra is committed to doing our part to meet the needs of these patients well into the future.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to share my enthusiastic support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.



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St. Alexius Medical Center

Public Hearing Testimony  
of  
Edward M. Goldberg, President and CEO  
St. Alexius Medical Center

Project # 10-090 (Centegra Hospital-Huntley)  
February 16, 2011

My Name is Edward M. Goldberg, and I am the President and CEO of St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. I am here today to voice my opposition, the opposition of St. Alexius Medical Center and the opposition of Alexian Brothers Health System to Centegra Health System's plans to build a new, and we believe un-needed hospital in Huntley.

The proposed hospital is located 30 minutes on Interstate I-90 from St. Alexius Medical Center, in a community that we and other facilities have served for many years. The proposed hospital does not appear to be providing any programs of significance that are not already provided by St. Alexius and other area hospitals, and therefore Centegra-Huntley will be duplicative.

I would like to briefly touch on four issues:

First, and as the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board is aware, St. Alexius is a primary provider of both Medicaid Services and charity care services to the less advantaged residents of the far northwestern suburbs. Last year, 19.9% of the patients admitted to St. Alexius—one in five—were Medicaid recipients, and nearly 3½% were without any medical coverage, and were provided their care without cost. The provision of care to the less fortunate is integral to the Alexian Brothers' mission, and we are proud of that. The reality, however, is that while we take pride in the care that we provide to the financially disadvantaged, we must also provide services to privately insured patients in order to maintain our commitment to the disadvantaged. With the newer housing developments in the Huntley area, we look in that direction for the financial stability that we so desperately need.

Second, St. Alexius is in the midst of a \$117 million dollar modernization program that was approved by the Illinois Health Facilities Review Board less than a year ago. That project's justification included our ability to continue to attract patients from the Huntley area.

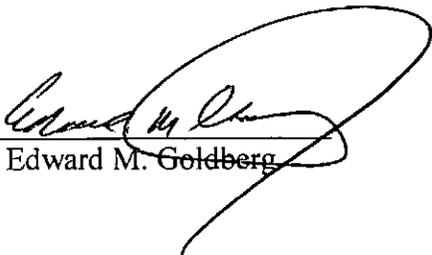
Third, the purpose of the project, as discussed in Attachment 12 to the application is to address the area bed need as identified by the IDPH. As the IHFSRB is aware, the bed need numbers do not tell the whole story.

It may not be a coincidence that both proposed hospital projects for McHenry County include 100 medical/surgical and 20 obstetrics beds. Those numbers are identified in the IHFSRB's rules as the minimum number of beds to be located in a hospital in a Metropolitan Statistical Area. Those minimums, however, go back to the earliest days of the CON program, when 6-7 day lengths of stay were the norm, and a 48-hour obstetrics stay was unheard of. Times have changed, more services are provided on an outpatient basis and inpatient length of stays have been reduced. Medicare and Blue Cross have programs to reduce readmissions, which will reduce inpatient services even further. We simply don't need as many beds as we used to.

The IHFSRB routinely reviews and approves projects where hospitals can support a need for additional beds even though the IDPH methodology indicates that no bed need exists. Logic would then suggest that a bed need does not always exist simply because the methodology says one exists.

Last, the argument that the hospital will bring a significant number of jobs to the area doesn't hold water. Short-term construction jobs will obviously result, as they do with any construction project, whether it be a hospital, school, office building or a shopping center. But with the construction of a hospital, because there are only a finite number of patients to be treated, patient care jobs will only be shifted from the existing hospitals in the larger northwest suburban community to a new facility. The small net increase after the facility is opened will be the result of inefficient and duplicative staffing.

In closing, the proposed hospital is unnecessary, and will harm the area's existing hospitals and their ability to meet the needs of the broader community. Therefore, I would urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board not to approve this project.



Edward M. Goldberg

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR SUSAN MILFORD  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning, I am Susan Milford, the Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing, Planning and Wellness Services at Centegra Health System.

I would like to tell you how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital - Huntley meets the CON Rules regarding Bed Need and Service Demand based on Rapid Population Growth.

McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, known as A-10. The Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued "Bed Need Determinations" through 2015. The current monthly "Revised Bed Need Determinations" indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Med-cal-Surgical/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds in 2015.

The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County has a rapidly increasing population, among the highest in Illinois.

Because of the rapidly growing population in McHenry County as well as in the market area that we identified for this hospital, we were able to project the demand for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service based upon rapid population growth in the target market area, as specified in the CON Rules. This review criterion permits us to document population growth based upon population projections that may extend as much as 10 years from the date the CON application is submitted.

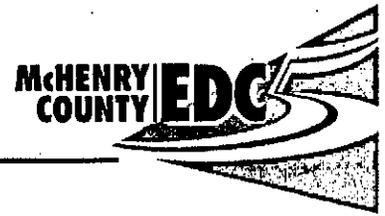
The second full year of operation of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not occur until mid-2018. Although that will be several years later than the most recent Adjusted Bed Need figures, it was possible to determine Calculated (Adjusted) Bed Need for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service for mid-2018 using the State's own methodology that was used to calculate the 2015 Bed Need figures.

We found that the State's Bed Need Determination will show a need for 104 additional Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds by mid-2018 due to the rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This is 21 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds more than shown in the current "Revised Bed Need Determinations."

Another of the CON Rules specifies that we must project utilization of Centegra Hospital - Huntley by service for each of its first two years of operation.

During our second full year of operation, Centegra Hospital - Huntley will have met the occupancy targets specified in the CON Rules for the Medical-Surgical, Intensive Care, and Obstetric categories of service, as well as all State Guidelines for utilization of its ancillary services, such as Surgery, Emergency Department, and Imaging modalities.

In view of the current and projected Bed Need in Planning Area A-10 and the target market area for this project, the establishment of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will be in conformance with the Rules of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board and be an asset to our community for generations to come.



**Pam Cumpata  
President, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation  
Testimony in Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Good Morning, I am Pam Cumpata, President of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts this morning.

As the business advocacy group with the mission to promote the economic health of McHenry County, through retention, expansion and attraction of commerce and industry, the announcement by Centegra Health Systems to build the new hospital in Huntley will be a great benefit to our economy.

The McHenry County Economic Development Corporation's board of directors is a dedicated group of area business leaders who focus on how to expand economic prosperity in the county. The volunteer board members approved a resolution of support for Centegra Health System's proposed project to develop a new hospital in Southern McHenry County. (resolution is attached)

Here in McHenry County, we find ourselves in the unique place of witnessing a tremendous population growth. Huntley alone has tripled since 2000. If we want to sustain that growth, we must be prepared to deliver quality jobs.

That is why I was so encouraged to hear the proposal of the construction and operation of a new hospital in Huntley. The project will deliver 800 jobs during construction and 1,100 permanent jobs during operation. It is also worth noting that a new hospital will bring significant economic benefit to the community and increased direct spending throughout the County.

In addition, a new hospital in Huntley will undoubtedly spur business development, such as restaurants for employees, ancillary services for the hospital itself and myriad of other development opportunities for the ever-growing population.

Although I stress the need for jobs in McHenry County, I do not want to minimize the clear need for increased access to health care. Even by looking at a map, you can see that McHenry County lacks a health care facility in close proximity to the southern portion of the County.

The Centegra Hospital in Huntley would serve some of the area's largest and fastest growing communities, including Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Lakewood, Southern Crystal Lake and Huntley. Huntley is the right place for a new hospital and that this proposal meets the need for approval.

Thank you.

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of the McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation is a public/private business advocacy group with the mission to: promote the economic health of McHenry County, through retention, expansion and attraction of commerce and industry which is conducive to an optimal quality of life for its citizens, to aid in the creation of primary jobs through assistance and attraction and to facilitate an economic development structure which enables individual communities within this county to realize opportunities to promote the same common good for their residents; and

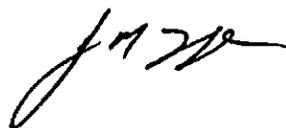
WHEREAS, Centegra Health System's construction of a new hospital in Huntley will as noted, create jobs and stimulate the regional economy and therefore will help to promote the mission of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Directors of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

Adopted by majority vote of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors, and McHenry, Illinois on the 25th day of January, 2011.

Jim Thorpe, Chairman of the Board



Attested by:



Sue Dobbe, Secretary



# Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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**Karen Lambert**  
President, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

Good morning Ms. Avery, Mayor Sass, members of the audience. I am Karen Lambert, president of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

Our hospital has the opportunity to serve many residents of this community and certainly McHenry County. We take this responsibility seriously and strive to provide our communities with the best possible health care available.

Our legacy of service is to both Lake and McHenry Counties. We provide health care services to these residents, and by those residents who today serve as caregivers and physicians. Our staff is a reflection of the patients we serve. Over half of our associates call McHenry County home. Nearly half of the patients we serve are McHenry County residents. We are just as much a McHenry County hospital as we are a Lake County hospital.

It would certainly be more exciting to be the hospital president proposing a new facility than the one opposing, but the easier position is not always the correct position. I am here today because I truly believe that the proposed hospital is inconsistent with our collective mission of stewards over the health care system. Let me explain:

1. **Hospitals Must do More, and Better, with Less**

The nation has just gone through one of the biggest changes to the health care system in my lifetime. The nation's severe financial constraints will force health care providers to do more with less. No matter which reform programs you may have

avored, virtually no healthcare reform proposal has argued that the solution to the nation's health care problem is to build more suburban hospitals. This proposed new hospital runs counter to where health care is going, and to where it should go. Our health care system cannot afford this \$223 million new hospital and it should not be built.

2. **The Health Care Delivery Model is Clearly Moving Away from New Hospitals to Ambulatory Care**

The health care trend is clearly moving care toward outpatient services and reserving in-patient hospitalizations for the most complex care. This is not only more convenient for patients, it is more cost effective. In the last five years you have seen our hospitals establish an immediate care facility in Crystal Lake. More importantly for Huntley, only 5 miles to the east in Algonquin, we established our Good Shepherd Outpatient Center. As you know, Centegra has also established an Immediate Care Center in the area as well. All of these efforts have brought additional health care into the communities at much more reasonable costs. Please don't equate improved health care access with building a new hospital.

3. **Unnecessary Duplication of Services**

One of the primary duties of the Review Board is to prevent unnecessary duplication of services. Some would say let the hospitals compete and fight it out. There are good reasons that it is unwise, and it is certainly not the argument Centegra made when it strenuously fought to prevent Mercy from building a new hospital in Crystal Lake. In that opposition, Centegra pointed out the considerable harm that a new hospital would do their hospital and other existing hospitals. Centegra was right – a new hospital in the near proximity to hospitals not fully utilized causes considerable harm. Existing hospitals require sufficient volume to cover their fixed costs. Within a given area there

are only so many babies to deliver or surgical procedures to perform. A new hospital does not create new demand, it only redistributes and dilutes the volume among existing providers. Without sufficient patients, hospitals do not have the resources available to invest for the future, cover the cost of the patients who cannot afford care, or increase the quality of its care. Let's be clear - this proposed hospital will significantly harm existing service providers and affect the quality of care given.

4. **Assuring Quality of Clinical Care**

Clinical studies show that increased volume relates to increased quality. Patients appropriately inquire into the volume and experience of our team. We have several physicians who can explain how volume affects clinical outcomes.

5. **Unnecessary Hospital Construction is not Economic Development**

In today's economy I am very appreciative of the desire for new jobs. Unfortunately, this project does not create new permanent jobs. I'm sure that proponents for this hospital will argue that this project is economic development. However, there are only so many patients requiring in-patient hospital services. Moving patients from one hospital to another does not create jobs, it merely moves them around.

6. **Investment in Quality Improvements**

I'm sure that some detractors will characterize today's testimony as one hospital simply opposing another. That is not the case. Two years ago Centegra proposed a major renovation of its Woodstock facility, creation of a Women's Pavilion, and expansion of its OB services in Woodstock. We didn't oppose that project. We recognized that hospitals need to make ongoing improvements to their facilities. If the Applicant's motivation was solely concern for McHenry County healthcare, the

Applicant should not have abandoned that lower-cost, right-sized means for addressing healthcare needs. If Centegra wants to reinstate its commitment to Woodstock, we will again offer no opposition.

**Conclusion**

I truly believe that none of us charged with being stewards over health care resources, including the Health Facilities and Services Review Board, can conclude that this new project is a responsible use of our health care resources.

## **Opposition to Centegra's Proposed Huntley Hospital**

**Rick Floyd, President & CEO, Sherman Health, Elgin, IL**

Good morning. My name is Rick Floyd, President & CEO of Sherman Health, which is based in Elgin, Illinois. Sherman is a regional medical center that has been serving Chicago's northwest suburban communities for over 120 years. We have served Huntley since the village was founded. Sherman's position regarding the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley is that the region simply does not need more hospital beds at this time. And if there is no need for more beds, why in the world would anyone spend \$233M on more beds? Let me share a few key points that will be supported in greater detail by other speakers today:

Population and housing growth have declined significantly since the state last estimated bed need. In fact, the McHenry County 2010 US Census data released yesterday show that the state overestimated actual population growth by 9%. We're still growing, just not as fast as predicted. Therefore, there is in fact no need for more hospital beds in McHenry County, today or in the foreseeable future. As we all know, a return to the strong growth rates of the past is not expected anytime soon.

All the hospitals in the area, including Centegra's own hospitals, have unused beds. Several have many unused beds. Regional hospital utilization rates are flat and are expected to drop precipitously as the federal government implements healthcare reform and we all try to reduce unnecessary admissions to hospitals.

A new hospital will inevitably draw patient volumes away from all the existing hospitals, weakening them. When we unnecessarily duplicate expensive services, we place at risk our region's traditions of excellence and innovation in patient care. Further, by diluting the existing, shrinking volume of hospital activity over more sites, we weaken the healthcare safety net, which is so important to the most vulnerable among us.

With our state's budget deficit standing at \$15 billion, and our nation's budget deficit expected to hit a record \$1.6 trillion this year, we must remember that governments pay for over half the healthcare in America through Medicare and Medicaid. Ultimately we, the people, and our children, will end up paying for wasteful spending.

The proposed hospital is a limited service hospital. This means that patients suffering heart attacks and other serious conditions will need to be transported to the existing full-service hospitals, where state-of-the-art care is already available, bypassing the limited service hospital because it will not have angioplasty, heart surgery, and other critical services. Make no mistake; this proposed limited-service hospital will not be able to help many in their critical time of need.

Over three-quarters of Centegra-Woodstock's patients come from the communities surrounding the proposed facility. If Centegra builds a new hospital in Huntley, will it close its Woodstock Hospital? If

Centegra closes its Woodstock Hospital, what happens to the Woodstock campus? Wouldn't it be more cost-effective to renovate Woodstock rather than build a new hospital?

While the proposed project would create construction jobs during the life of the project, it will create few new healthcare jobs. Since regional hospital volumes are flat and expected to decline, we would simply be moving healthcare jobs from the existing hospitals to the proposed hospital.

Several of the existing hospitals, including Sherman, have received permission from the state's Review Board to make substantial investments in hospital infrastructure. Let us all harvest the benefit of those expenditures before we make new expenditures.

In summary, the proposed limited service hospital is unneeded, expensive, would harm all the existing hospitals, would damage the health care safety net for the area's most vulnerable, and would constitute a waste of \$233M at a time when we must all find ways to avoid unnecessary spending. I urge the state's Review Board to reject the application. Thank you.

## **Testimony in Support of Centegra Hospital Huntley**

**Mayor Chuck Sass  
Village of Huntley**

Good Morning and welcome to Huntley. It is with great pride that I stand here today on behalf of the more than 23,000 residents of our Village and offer our wholehearted support for Centegra Hospital Huntley. With my testimony, I am also including for the record a Resolution of Support approved unanimously by the Huntley Village Board on January 27, 2011.

Since Centegra first announced its vision for a hospital in our community I have heard from area residents and businesses who are excited about the plans. It is clear that so many others recognize what those of us in Huntley have known for many years: Residents here and in surrounding communities need improved access to healthcare!

Huntley and southern McHenry County has been at the heart of regional population growth for the past decade and more. As Village President since 2001, I have watched our community grow exponentially and worked tirelessly to manage growth and to make our Village attractive for both residents and businesses alike.

According to the 2008 Special Census, Huntley's population grew at an annual rate of 19.1% between 2000 and 2008. In total that is more than a 300 percent increase since 2000. And as you will hear from my colleagues in the neighboring communities of Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Gilberts and others, we are not alone. These are the exact communities the proposed new hospital is designed to serve.

Huntley is home to the largest active adult community for those 55 and over in the state with more than 10,000 residents in Del Webb's Sun City. We are also home to a large number of young families with young children. This combination of residents makes having a full-service hospital in our community, with easy access, that much more imperative.

From the State Department of Public Health's own data, our communities are underserved and in need of additional hospital beds. Centegra is the healthcare provider that has stepped up to the plate to meet this need.

They invested in our community with millions of dollars to build an immediate care facility, physician offices and outpatient services. No other health system in the region has recognized the need in our region and taken the necessary steps to address these needs. Centegra is committed to our community.

We stand strongly behind the proposal for Centegra Hospital Huntley. We ask that those who claim a hospital isn't needed to look around this room at the supporters, look at the

population of our communities and look at the needs outlined clearly by state health officials.

Now is the right time. Huntley is the right place for a new full-service acute care hospital in McHenry County. Thank you.



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY**

**RESOLUTION (R)2011-01.05**

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County and the population of the Village of Huntley has more than tripled in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley is interested in ensuring the availability of quality healthcare to all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley has had the opportunity to collaborate with Centegra Health System in the development of a state-of-the-art Immediate Care Center, primary care physicians' office, and fitness center and believes that the proposed project will yield benefit, not only for the Village of Huntley, but for the entire region, and that Centegra is the best suited to serve the community through this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Huntley commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

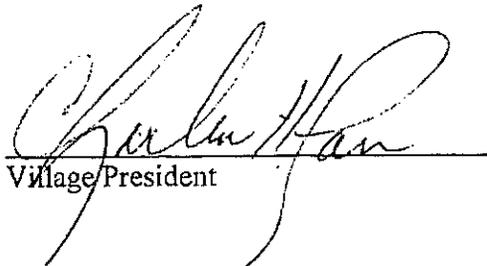
PASSED and APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

AYE: Trustees Fender, Kadakia, Kanakaris, Mercer and Piwko  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Leopold  
ABSTAIN: None



ATTEST:

  
Village Clerk

  
Village President

## **Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090 Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Michael Eesley  
CEO, Centegra Health System

Good morning. My name is Michael Eesley, and I am CEO of Centegra Health System, a position that I have held for the past nine years. I am proud to be part of an award-winning health system that is so rooted in McHenry County and committed to the people it serves. Our hospitals have played an integral role in the lives of area residents for nearly 100 years, and we hope to continue serving the community by receiving permission to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

During the 12 years that I have worked for Centegra, we have witnessed steady population growth in McHenry and Kane Counties. At Centegra Health System, we have grown accordingly.

Our plan to bring a hospital to southern McHenry County and northern Kane County was not designed overnight. Five years ago, we identified a need in the southern portion of McHenry County. That's when we purchased 110 acres of land for our healthcare campus in Huntley. We promised to provide increased access to care as the area's population continued to grow.

In 2008, we opened Centegra Immediate Care-Huntley. Since then, thousands of residents from Huntley, Lake in the Hills, Algonquin, Lakewood, Crystal Lake and surrounding communities have benefited from top-notch healthcare and wellness services right in their own backyards.

If approved, Centegra Hospital-Huntley will be a 128-bed community hospital with 100 Medical/Surgical beds, 8 Intensive Care beds, and 20 Obstetric beds with a Level II Nursery. All beds will be in private patient rooms. The hospital will have a comprehensive Emergency Department, non-invasive cardiology services and a dedicated Women's Center. Centegra Hospital-Huntley will be designed to meet the area's current and future needs.

Centegra Health System has long been a leading economic force in the greater McHenry County area, which is why we have received numerous awards from nearby chambers of commerce and we have been named a Business Champion by the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation. We currently employ more than 3,700 Associates and if we receive approval for construction of a new hospital in Huntley we will proudly welcome 1,100 more to our family. Furthermore, we have estimated that the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley will have an economic impact of \$152 million on area communities and bring more than 800 new jobs to the community during construction.

Centegra provided health education and wellness services at 252 community events in 2010, and our 14 local board members help us remember the importance of caring for area residents who are in the greatest need of services. We are a leading provider of charity care in the area, last year providing more than \$53 million in community benefits to the greater McHenry County region.

Building upon that commitment, we are always looking for ways to give back to the communities we call home.

We play an active role in the Family Health Partnership Clinic, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association and the Pioneer Center, to name a few organizations. Their efforts are focused on providing wellness and care to those in greatest need.

Centegra seeks to grow in accordance with the area's identified needs. We respect the role of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board and its mission to promote the orderly and economic development of health care facilities in the State of Illinois that avoids the unnecessary duplication of facilities. The Review Board's most recent bed need figures show that McHenry County has the greatest need for additional medical/surgical beds of all the planning areas in the state, and northern Kane County has the second greatest need. Our proposed hospital in Huntley is ideally situated to serve the recognized needs of McHenry and northern Kane Counties.

We have carefully addressed the Review Board's criteria for the establishment of a new hospital and have submitted an application in compliance with the criteria. We know from the State's population projections that the need for hospital services will increase in the years ahead for the areas we propose to serve. Population growth is an important factor in assessing the demand for healthcare services under the Review Board's criteria, and we have documented the rapid population growth in Huntley and surrounding communities.

The support for this proposal has been overwhelming from community leaders, patients, area residents, physicians and other caregivers. You will hear from many of them here today. We look forward to the opportunity to present our plans in greater detail and to do our part to be on the leading edge of medical advancements for the communities and residents of greater McHenry County for many years to come.

Thank you.

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. The need for a full-service hospital in this area is clear. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

(Additional thoughts may be shared on the lines below.)

I BELIEVE A NEW HOSPITAL IN HUNTLEY  
WOULD BE DESIRABLE AS IT WOULD SERVE  
A GROWING COMMUNITY.

Sincerely,

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**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Thomas Carey  
Carey Electric Contracting, Inc.

We are writing to express our full support of the proposed hospital by Centegra Health Systems in Huntley, IL. (Project #10-090). Hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and we feel Centegra is the health system best suited to provide these services. Centegra's commitment to the entire community is unparalleled and is demonstrated in virtually every aspect of the health services which they provide.

Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site. In addition to the needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community and the entire county.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and the surrounding areas, we urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health Systems for a new hospital in Huntley, IL.

On a personal level, the importance of a high quality healthcare system offering a full continuum of services to a community cannot be overstated. At some time in all of our lives, we will require some form of healthcare and to be able to rely on Centegra to provide those services locally without having to travel to Chicago, or Milwaukee is a huge benefit to our entire community. This Huntley Hospital will further enhance the quality healthcare available to our community, locally – here at home.

As members of this community, my family and I have chosen to support the Centegra Health Care System for two main reasons. First, a quality healthcare system enhances the quality of life for our entire community and that is a benefit for everyone. The second reason, and probably the most compelling reason for me personally, is the fact that Centegra Health System is such a vital part of the community – not only by the jobs and services it provides- but through its support of so many of the programs and community events throughout McHenry and Kane Counties. To see a healthcare system so invested and willing to support all aspects of our community makes me want to be a full supporter of the Centegra Healthcare System.

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**Dr. Arun Narang, President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital**

**Supporting Project #10-090**

Hello. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the project that is before this board for approval. My name is Dr. Arun Narang. I am President of Medical Staff at Centegra Hospital-McHenry where I help lead our team of physicians. I practice internal medicine and have been a physician at Centegra since 1980.

I am here today to urge your support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. The medical staff I represent sees a clear need for a new hospital, and we welcome it into our broad community. As a physician, I can also tell you that this facility is critical to addressing the current shortage of medical care facing southern McHenry County.

From a physician's perspective, accessible health care is essential to a community's welfare. When we make it easy for patients to get the health care they need, we are able to administer more effective preventative care, can diagnose major medical problems earlier, and we can serve our community better.

As you know, Centegra currently operates an immediate care facility in Huntley. Augmenting those services with a full-service emergency department and inpatient care is a natural next step for the communities we serve.

Aside from the community need for this hospital, I'd also like to convey the overwhelming support I hear from my fellow physicians, the nursing staff and other caregiver colleagues. These professionals hear each and every day about their patients' needs and about the long distances they travel to meet these needs.

I am confident that the proposed hospital will meet this need, with its 128 beds, dedicated Women's Center, non-invasive cardiology services, level II nursery and private rooms for all patients. We believe our community needs a new hospital, and the timing for it is now.

I want to emphasize both my personal support and that of our medical staff for the proposed hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

Thank you.

## Support for Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project #10-090

My name is Ryan Nestrack and I support the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I believe that the proposed hospital in Huntley reinforces Centegra's commitment to serving the community and local businesses by having a full service healthcare campus that can meet any healthcare need of people living and working in this growing area of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. As an Associate of Centegra I have the privilege of leading our home health agency. Nearly 70% of our agency patients are over age 65 and on Medicare. Del Webb Sun City is just over four miles from the proposed hospital site, and has an estimated population of 8,000 residents. As Dell Webb grows, so does their new residents need for access to high quality healthcare services. The 2010 MedPAC Medicare study shows that the average Medicare beneficiary receives \$8,865 of care each year. The data goes on to show that Medicare beneficiaries access healthcare services at increasing rates as they age. Countless studies show that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, pneumonia (to name a few) frustrate suffers and increase utilization of healthcare services. Centegra Health System has been working diligently to link evidence based education and care pathways from the hospital bed to home in hopes of positively impacting the quality of life for those managing chronic illness.

Centegra Primary Care geriatrician Rex Nzeribe has shared with me that within 7 office visits his patients typically need either home health or are hospitalized. Most of them take more than 8 medications and visit multiple subspecialists for care. Dr. Nzeribe's holistic view of patients is seen in his comprehensive clinic. His clinic consists of dietitians, physical and occupational therapists, behavioral health specialists and nurses who listen to the patient's goals and assess how their expertise can help those goals be attained. This is just one example of what this community can count on Centegra Health System to provide with the approval of this project.

As a community member who moved here specifically because of Centegra's commitment to responsible use of resources, this project fulfills the vision I first learned four years ago. I am honored to represent and support Centegra Health System's commitment to bring excellent healthcare services to Huntley (and surrounding communities) with the building of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

**Robert Nixon**  
**Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley**  
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*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

My name is Robert Nixon and I am an orthopedic specialist with offices in both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I also serve as the Medical Staff President at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock. I am here today to offer my personal support and that of our medial staff for the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

I have been practicing medicine for nearly 25 years and have had the pleasure of being in a leadership role for 8 years. It is clear from my experiences that the vision, thoughtful assessment and planning that are required of a proposal of this magnitude, have been thoroughly undertaken by the Centegra leadership team. Clearly based on state data, Huntley is the right place for a new acute-care hospital and now is the right time.

My professional expertise focuses on orthopedic sports medicine. In fact, I serve as the team physician for area high schools and can typically be found at area sporting events throughout the county. Unfortunately, injury is a part of athletics. However incorporating proper health and training can help minimizing the risks.

For many of you parents in the room, a trip to the emergency room or immediate care center with a child is not an unfamiliar one. You also know that traveling long distances or facing traffic back-ups on area roads to sporting events, practices and tournaments is not unheard of either. But traveling long distances to receive medical care – in an emergency or not – is a situation none of us enjoy.

That is why the proposal for a new hospital in Huntley which will serve the communities of Huntley, Lake in the hills, Algonquin, Gilberts, Marengo and many others is a welcome plan. Not only will it bring medical care and treatment closure to home, it will meet the state's designated need to additional in-patient beds serving southern McHenry County.

Also important, particularly for medical providers, is the time it takes to begin treatment. Prompt care can even be a life saving issue for those with trauma or cardiac injuries and that is why the medical professionals that I work so closely with stand firmly behind the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

I urge the Board's approval.

**David Neumann, Carpentersville Chief of Police**  
**Support for Project #10-090**

My name is David Neumann and I am the Chief of Police for the Village of Carpentersville, a community of more than 38,000 people located in northern Kane County.

I strongly support a new hospital in Huntley because my commitment to preserving Carpentersville as a safe and healthy community depends on it. As a representative of our community's first responders, having immediate access to emergency medical care and a full-service hospital is critical to the job we are tasked with each and every day.

Public officials, in every community, have a responsibility to provide the services that are critical to a vibrant, safe and productive community. Health care, education and housing are all vital to ensuring our residents have access to a high quality of life. Health care, in particular, is integral to providing a landscape where businesses want to invest and where families want to call home.

I welcome a new hospital in Huntley. The 128 additional beds this would provide to our region and the full-service emergency department will give our first responders another emergency care option. Our community already faces a shortage of hospital beds, and an additional hospital in Huntley will help to meet this need in our growing area.

It is no secret that we anticipate further growth in the coming years, and I urge this board to help us prepare for that. More people will inevitably lead to a higher demand for medical attention. We must act now so we are prepared to continue serving and protecting our community.

Carpentersville falls within the proposed hospital's primary service area, and I look forward to the time when our residents are able to rely on the proximity of a Huntley hospital to access the best possible care.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley. I encourage this board to approve the project.

## **Centegra Hospital Support Speech for Project #10-090**

My name is Scott Padjen. I serve as the Pharmacy Director for Centegra Health System. I emphatically support Centegra's certificate of need to build a hospital in Huntley. I believe there is a clear need in this location to serve not only the growing demographics of southern McHenry County, but also the residents of Northern Kane County.

I am a 10-year Centegra associate. I believe this organization's dedicated caregivers are most qualified, best prepared and naturally suited to fulfill this need. It's what we have been doing in this community for generations. We are an integrated and proactive community partner, we are eager to answer the call...to expand our offerings of healing, nurturing and wellness.

A word about Pharmacy services at Centegra...we are progressive and dynamic...with an advanced clinical pharmacy practice and medication management practices that ensure safe and correct dispensing of live-saving medications. Clinical pharmacists collaborate with physicians and nurses to promote evidence-based medicine. Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the physicians who serve on that committee are active and engaged in implementing best practices for medication formulary management, physician order sets and pharmacist-managed protocols for high-alert medications. Pharmacy embraces a medication safety culture - openly reporting and monitoring both actual and potential errors to drive process improvement. Advanced information systems utilize medication bar code verification to improve safety and, with the exception of urgent need, pharmacists review and verify all orders for medications before they are administered to our patients.

Our pharmacists are active in the ambulatory clinic setting. They manage Centegra's anticoagulation clinics...serving over 1000 patients at 3 different sites including Huntley. The Centegra Anticoagulation Clinics have been recognized as the best in the nation for clinical quality and consistently rank above the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction. Our pharmacists are expanding into other direct patient care roles - on the frontier...Medication Therapy Management...consultant pharmacists working with the patient... conducting medication therapy reviews... identifying and resolving medication related problems...developing patient centric medication action plans... with the goal of achieving optimal medication outcomes through patient education and empowerment.

I am particularly proud that our Centegra pharmacies are teaching sites for 3 state Colleges of Pharmacy as well as local high schools. In this fiscal year, Clinical Coordinator Alan Mader will mentor 20 students from all levels of learning...from 4th year pharmacy students...to high school freshmen.

In closing...I am proud to represent Centegra...and proud to stand with our doctors, nurses, pharmacists, caregivers, and associates...to support Centegra Hospital Huntley. We are here to serve...we have always been here to serve...we are the caretakers of our community.

## **Testimonial – Richard Parsons for Project #10-090**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the proposed Centegra Hospital Huntley. My name is Richard Parsons and I am the Director of Respiratory Care, Neurology, and Sleep Services. I have been with Centegra Health System family for over six years as part of the leadership team.

As part of the leadership team, I am very pleased with the commitment our organization and the Associates continue to demonstrate on a daily basis to meet and exceed the community needs. This commitment extends from the Board of Directors in guiding senior leadership, to educating, preparing and developing the leaders with a servant leadership philosophy, to engaging the Associates to deliver the finest and most compassionate care to our patient population. The desire to excel in all aspects of a patient focused model of care is clearly illustrated in all we do.

In 1989 based on community assessments, Centegra Health System identified a need for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep related disorders. The Sleep Services department cared for its first patient on October 10, 1989. As the requirement for treating more patients grew, Centegra expanded to two beds in 1996 and then four beds in 2003. In 2008, in an effort to further meet the requests of the community, Centegra Health System expanded the operations to seven days per week. Due to the overwhelming support from the community of patients, the physician experts leading the way, and the quality of services delivered by outstanding clinicians, Centegra is in the process of expanding to add more beds in McHenry County.

This ongoing strategic planning and subsequent actions provides just one example of how Centegra Health System continues to meet the needs of the residents of our community closer to their homes. Historically and ongoing, Centegra Health System continues to have a long-term strategic plan in identifying the health and wellness needs of the community and providing these and other services to enrich the lives of those we serve.

Once again, thank you for your support of building care closer to the homes of our families in Huntley, Illinois.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Leslie Phillips

Address: 1435 Millbrook Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Wound & Hyperbaric Center

### **Testimonial:**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley as both a resident of McHenry County and as a health care professional working in McHenry County.

On a personal note, I am one of the statistics everyone is speaking about today. I recently moved to the southern portion of McHenry County from the city to raise my young family. I live in Algonquin and regularly use the Centegra ambulatory facility in Huntley. It is extremely convenient and having the immediate care center so close gives me great peace of mind with a toddler running around. I am greatly looking forward to the Huntley Hospital project and having the reassurance of a hospital within a convenient distance.

As a healthcare professional working in McHenry County, I am proud to be a part of the Centegra Health System. When Centegra decided to open a Wound & Hyperbaric Center to care for community members with non-healing wounds, we chose Huntley as its location. Located on Route 47 in Huntley, our Center is the first comprehensive wound care center in the county. The new center offers state-of-the-art treatment including two hyperbaric oxygen chambers. We treat patients with chronic wounds that include venous and arterial insufficiency, diabetes, burns, pressure ulcers as well as other illnesses.

Our location is within a few miles of the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley and this is a medically underserved area. We need the support of a hospital in Huntley and I believe that Centegra is the organization that will do it right – with the best interests of the patients in mind.

Public hearing testimony

Supporting Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090

February 16, 2010

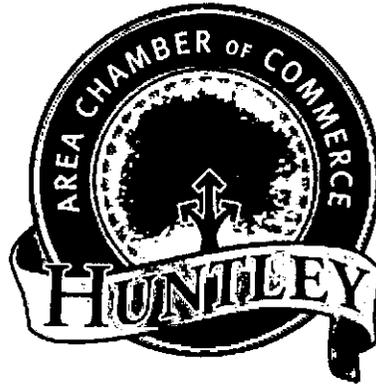
My name is David Shinherr and I'm a Woodstock resident and Executive Director of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Centegra Health System.

Centegra's orthopaedic surgeons have advanced education in their areas of expertise and integrate the latest orthopaedic treatments to provide our patients the best quality care. We offer advanced procedures to treat injuries and problems of the hand, shoulder, back, hip, knee, and foot. The surgeons on our medical staff deliver new approaches to hip replacement, knee replacement and finger joint replacement and spinal surgery.

In addition to outstanding orthopedic care Centegra Health System offers the complete continuum of rehabilitation services. From skilled nursing and home health care to outpatient therapy, Centegra is committed to providing McHenry County with the best rehabilitative care. One thing that I think is important to note is the fact that Centegra Health System maintains the only Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit in McHenry County, which allows patients to rehabilitate following a brain injury either from a stroke or trauma close to home. Centegra also operates the Neuro-Rehab Center a very unique clinic in Crystal Lake which is essentially the outpatient version of the acute inpatient unit where patient continue their progress in order to return to the highest level of function following these life altering disease processes. This is one of only five similar clinics in the entire state of Illinois.

Because of my background in chiropractic care, I was also thrilled when Centegra added chiropractic medicine to the Centegra Orthopaedic Care continuum. The addition of complimentary and alternative medicine as part of the patients "health care team" insures collaboration amongst the patients primary care physician and ancillary providers is another way Centegra provides outstanding care to our patients.

At Centegra Hospital - Huntley, Centegra Orthopaedic Services will continue to provide the highest levels of treatment and care through a complete continuum of specialized orthopaedic and rehabilitative programs and services for people of all ages.



Hello I'm Rita Slawek, President and CEO of the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce. I represent more than 320 business members and their employees and I support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.

Centegra Health System is an Executive Club Member of our Chamber, and has consistently provided the highest level of support to the community and our Chamber.

The Chamber and its Members encourage the expansion and retention of area businesses. We also work closely with the Village of Huntley and other community organizations to attract reputable businesses and organizations in an effort to generate employment opportunities and continue the economic growth and development of our community.

Our chamber works hard to promote the area's economic growth and supports our business community members. This Centegra hospital project makes great business sense. It has been thoroughly planned to meet the healthcare needs of our growing and aging community.

Full-service hospital services are needed in the southern McHenry County area and Centegra has the health system best suited to provide these services.

With a Sun City Huntley senior community in excess of 9,000 residents, the hospital will be a huge benefit to this population. For some of these residents, the distance it takes to currently get to a hospital may be the difference between life and death.

I choose life and I hope you choose to support the life of this project.

Thank you.

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**Erin Smith, Village President of the Village of Lakewood  
Support of Project #10-090**

Good Afternoon. My name is Erin Smith and I am happy to share with you my excitement for a new hospital serving southern McHenry County.

I am proud to serve Lakewood and its more than 3,500 residents as Village President. Lakewood is a unique place with many benefits, including wetlands, bike paths, local businesses and a true sense of community. As president, I am committed to furthering our residents' quality of life today and in the future. A new hospital in Huntley will do just that.

We find ourselves in a unique moment. As the rest of the country recovers from the recent recession, we have seen a remarkable growth in our area's population. With that excitement comes the responsibility to provide the services that helps keep a community vibrant. Health care, of course, is a critical service that must be accessible.

Together with many of our neighboring communities' we have seen demand for inpatient and emergency services exceed what is available to them. With the growth we have experienced in recent years also comes congestion, infrastructure challenges and a greater need for core human services.

Our area is one of the only in the state of Illinois that faces a bed shortage at current hospitals, and our population growth points to the need for more access. This proposal would provide 128 additional beds, a dedicated Women's Center, and non-invasive cardiology services among many other needed treatment and services. This proposal is clearly a forward-thinking project that will bring a hospital directly to where it is most needed.

The Village of Lakewood falls in the proposed hospital's primary service area. What that means to the community I serve is greater access to health care as well as shorter travel time for residents and emergency vehicles. All of these are of the utmost importance to me and the Lakewood residents.

In addition, I am confident that the proposed hospital will provide Lakewood residents with quality care. Centegra has already shown Lakewood and McHenry County that it is indeed a true community partner by providing excellent health care through its hospitals in McHenry and Woodstock and its newly expanded Huntley campus.

As we hear at the local and national levels, access to health care must be a priority in every one of our communities. I urge you to help provide that access to the community I represent by approving Centegra's proposal for a new hospital in Huntley. This project is needed and is the right investment for our community.

Thank you.

**Berni Szczepanski**  
**In Support of Project #10-090**  
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You heard earlier about our confidence in being able to staff this new facility-- about how our retention demonstrates our ability to attract and retain staff.

Indeed the retention rate of 95.8% is impressive. What contributes to this? Centegra commits to its Associates—to their success and satisfaction. We commit to developing great leaders, creating a pipeline for healthcare professionals, and providing Associates with the Total Rewards they value.

Centegra is committed to being a learning organization. Our Leadership Development program is tied to our strategic objectives and is driven by the Leaders themselves. Our curriculum, tools and resources are built on our leaders needs. Our best in class program combines external speakers, internal talent, hands on tools, and facilitated small group highly—interactive sessions to deliver over 48 hours of Leadership Development programming per year. The skills introduced in the sessions are then further supported with an on-line Leader Resource site and a unique one-on-one coaching program.

We support our leaders—and they in turn support their staff and our community. Our leaders participate in Leadership Greater McHenry County—a program designed to develop community leader awareness, skill, and collaboration. In fact, the program was developed by Centegra and 29 Centegra leaders have graduated from the program. Those Leaders then go on to serve on numerous community boards and further share their skills in helping both non-profit and for-profit community organizations in strategic planning.

Our commitment in developing a consistent pipeline of healthcare talent is evident through the many unique programs implemented by Centegra. The **Student Nurse Shadowing Program** was created last year in response to the decrease in nursing jobs available for new graduates and provides nursing students the opportunity to experience our work place culture.

For six years, The **Healthcare Career Fair** inspires and educates thousands of 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the exciting careers of healthcare professionals, through an interactive wonderland of simulated surgeries and futuristic pharmacy.

Centegra proposed and authored a three credit course, **Health Profession Career Exploration**, offered through McHenry County College which is held at Centegra Hospitals. Students explore government defined healthcare paths via testimonials from Centegra associates, tours of units, job shadowing and skills exploration.

Centegra serves hundreds of clinical students from over 40 different colleges every year. Although many healthcare systems have clinical rotations few have a **Red Carpet Clinical Rotation Program**. It provides students with a warm and welcoming learning environment that features a comprehensive orientation, enthused and engaged mentors, leader rounding of students and student feedback gathered by a quantitative tool.

The **Student Nurse Internship Program** provides a learning experience specifically designed to enhance the student's confidence as a practitioner post graduation with our unique, multi-tiered program and varied opportunities to further advance clinical skills and develop expertise within a chosen specialty.

Finally, we commit to the well-being of each of our 3700 Associates. Our benefits and compensation philosophy, called Total Rewards@Work, is to tailor benefits to each Associate's unique needs. Our Total Rewards philosophy is based on competitive salary and benefits, workplace culture and development. At Centegra we focus on the Associate personally and professionally. For the busy Associate that is managing work-life balance, we offer a concierge service providing dry cleaning, oil changes, video rental, gift cards and much more.

Our commitment to our leaders, our community, our future workforce, and to each and every Associate is what makes Centegra a great place to work. It is also what will support us in our efforts to extend our great healthcare to Huntley.

**Testimony of Dee Tallon in favor of Centegra Health System's application for a CON  
Project #10-090**

Good Morning. My name is Dee Tallon. I am the clinical manager of OB at our Woodstock campus, and most recently named Interim nurse leader. I'd like to share with you why Centegra Health System is not only an excellent healthcare provider -- it is also an outstanding employer to our Associates. My own experiences as both a Centegra Associate and a leader have overwhelmed me with warmth, spurred me to grow and have helped me maintain a healthy balance between my career and my family life.

I was welcomed as a new nurse leader just 13 months ago. Before joining Centegra, I was living in Kentucky. I remember being surprised when I received our new leader welcome package from Centegra Health System Chief Executive Officer Michael S. Eesley at my home just days after accepting their offer. The package included a nice welcome letter from Mike, a DVD that talked about Centegra's values, and a nice leather binder. It was such a nice welcome before I even arrived. My husband is the dean of a business college, and he was impressed, too! Perhaps a bit jealous since he has never been treated this way.

On my first day at the Family Birth Center, I was welcomed with a breakfast by the staff and physicians. Staff members made a scrapbook including pictures of them and their stories, so I could immediately get to know my team. The welcome was overwhelming. Since my husband still lived in Kentucky, I remember calling him to share I felt like they'd rolled out the red carpet for me. I have been a nurse leader for more than 15 years and I can tell you that Centegra's culture is completely unique. I have time to build relationships and see how happy Associates provide better patient care. I am so impressed with this staff. This is by far the best group of people I've ever worked with. Throughout the hospitals, people have smiles on their faces and acknowledge each other.

As a nurse, I appreciate how hands-on caregivers are asked to contribute to process improvement at Centegra. They take part in shared governance, which calls on the expertise of the nurses to improve practices and quality of care. I feel accepted, secure and confident in my role at Centegra Health System because of Centegra's supportive work environment. I love coming to work each day. I always want to tell my team and the people I report to, "Thank you for allowing me to bring my joyful spirit to work." When I think about extending the exceptional level of Centegra care to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, I get so excited I get goose bumps! I whole-heartedly support Centegra's plan and am ready to welcome 1,100 new Associates to our culture of excellence.

Matt Towler, Vice President of Support Services  
Centegra Health System  
Support of Project #10-090

Hello... I am Matthew Towler and I am the Vice President of Support Services for Centegra Health System.

My role within Centegra includes providing oversight and support to the operations teams that facilitate our construction services. If the Centegra proposal for Centegra Hospital – Huntley is approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, I will oversee the construction and occupancy of the new hospital.

This is very exciting for the people who reside in McHenry and Kane counties and are in need of improved access to Centegra's healthcare services. The planning and development of the new hospital facility has been in process since the purchase of land in 2006. The new facility will be a necessary part of our plan to fulfill the Centegra mission to provide wellness for people in the communities we serve.

The bid process will utilize criteria of Financial Cost, Relevant Healthcare Experience, Relationship with Centegra and Alignment to Centegra's Mission, Vision, and Values, which will be competitively evaluated from the pool of respondents. Our philosophy is to make it a priority to hire skilled laborers and tradesmen from the communities we serve. Through the hospital construction process we look to create more than 800 jobs in the construction-related fields. These jobs have an estimated economic impact of \$152 million on area communities, with an anticipated additional \$45 million to be generated from the professional salaries and commercial sales that would be needed to support the construction work.

This is a very exciting time for me. To have the privilege to provide leadership to this project is a true honor. I look forward to the opportunity to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Thank you.

**Nancy Turngren, Manager of Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley  
In Favor of Project #10-090**

My name is Nancy Turngren, and I currently manage of the Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley, an active living community of more than 10,000 seniors. Sun City is located in Kane County just north of I-90 just west of Route 47 in Huntley.

With the Sun City residents in mind, I strongly support the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090). The location to our facility is ideal, and in addition, Centegra is already a valued wellness partner within the Sun City community.

As an active-living senior residence community, many in Sun City are healthier and stronger than their peers. Clearly however, the medical needs of an aging population only increase as the years pass. Easy access to a quality health care, particularly for a senior community is imperative.

The proposed location of the new hospital is only minutes from Sun City. Many residents in fact already visit doctors and immediate care facility on the Centegra Huntley campus. An extension to a full-service acute care hospital within minutes of this community of senior citizens would be a blessing.

Sun City has had the pleasure of truly partnering with Centegra to provide residents with much of the wellness care they need. The Centegra name is one many know and trust. Through the wellness center in Sun City, Centegra provides health screenings, customized nutrition counseling, home safety assessments, health assessments and a wide variety of community health lectures.

Since the Wellness Center opened in [year], residents have responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback. In fact, this feedback and the demand for more quality wellness services led to the extension of the center's hours and the expansion of available services. Now our residents have access to more in-depth services such as blood testing, osteoporosis screenings and behavioral health services, among others.

The Sun City residents would certainly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley, and particularly, one that would be operated by such a community partner. I encourage this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley. I look forward to the access that a new hospital in Huntley would afford the Sun City community.

Thank you.

**Marianna Wolfmeyer**  
**3428 W. Skyway Drive, McHenry, IL 60050**  
**Support letter for Centegra Hospital-Huntley #10-090**

My name is Marianna Wolfmeyer and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and Chaplain for Centegra Health System providing care through the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

Centegra is committed to caring for people holistically - body, mind and spirit – a part of which is providing support services and opportunities to meet emotional and spiritual care needs. Counseling, care and support are offered in various forms throughout our system to associates, patients, families and groups at no cost. More often than not, I meet with people in difficult and challenging times which are filled with anxiety and distress. For example, after a cancer diagnosis or recurrence. When enduring difficult treatment and/or side effects. When facing end of life. At death and through bereavement. When I meet with people and they realize that they can receive support services at no cost, they are not only surprised (because as many often say, “Really, this just doesn’t happen in today’s world - nothing is free!”) but sometimes they just cry, expressing real gratitude for receiving services that they know they need, but can’t pay for. I am so proud to work for a health care system that not only talks about its interest in and responsibility for community health and wellness, but more importantly acts, by committing real resources and money despite challenging financial times, to employ me and others, including counselors, social workers and chaplains who in caring for people in very difficult emotional and spiritual times, profoundly impact community health and wellness for the better.

Centegra seeks to be flexible and adaptive in response to community needs. For example, recognizing that the needs of cancer survivors along the continuum of care could be further enhanced, an education and support program for men living with prostate cancer was recently begun in Huntley. Additionally the needs of cancer survivors post treatment are now being addressed through a program called Cancer Transitions, a six week research based program focusing on fitness, nutrition, and emotional and medical management. We are also excited about two grants from the City of Hope recently awarded to staff at Centegra Sage Cancer Center for training this spring, that will facilitate additional types of support services and programming for patients and caregivers. Centegra’s mission, vision and values exhibit a real commitment to health and wellness. We will continue meeting our community’s needs as we move toward future expansion.

**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090; Huntley-Centegra Hospital  
Rick Zirk—Village President, Village of Gilberts  
February 16, 2011**

Hello, my name is Rick Zirk. I am the Village President of Gilberts, Illinois, and I am here today to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090).

Gilberts is a relatively small village of just under 10,000 residents, but like its surrounding communities, Gilberts has continued to grow rapidly throughout the recession and our growth is expected to continue.

Population projections through 2015 cite an increase in Gilberts residents by 11.7 percent . With this scenario repeating itself throughout southern McHenry and northern Kane Counties, travel times to area hospitals is growing exceedingly long. We cannot continue to rely on distant surrounding communities to provide the vital services we need, such as healthcare.

Centegra has long had a reputation as a top notch healthcare system, and they stand as the provider of choice for many in our community. They are very well positioned to bring about the next evolution of care—a fully comprehensive community hospital—as a seamless, natural progression from its existing Huntley campus.

Gilberts is not one of the largest communities in Kane County, but we are situated among them. Along with the surrounding towns we will benefit economically, but the medical advantages we will gain are imperative. Our area needs more beds, and I am behind Centegra's proposal to fill this gap and provide medical care to my residents.

I strongly urge approval for Centegra Hospital Huntley. Thank you for your time.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR SUSAN MILFORD  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning, I am Susan Milford, the Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing, Planning and Wellness Services at Centegra Health System.

I would like to tell you how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital - Huntley meets the CON Rules regarding Bed Need and Service Demand based on Rapid Population Growth.

McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, known as A-10. The Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued "Bed Need Determinations" through 2015. The current monthly "Revised Bed Need Determinations" indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Med-cal-Surgical/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds in 2015.

The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County has a rapidly increasing population, among the highest in Illinois.

Because of the rapidly growing population in McHenry County as well as in the market area that we identified for this hospital, we were able to project the demand for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service based upon rapid population growth in the target market area, as specified in the CON Rules. This review criterion permits us to document population growth based upon population projections that may extend as much as 10 years from the date the CON application is submitted.

The second full year of operation of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not occur until mid-2018. Although that will be several years later than the most recent Adjusted Bed Need figures, it was possible to determine Calculated (Adjusted) Bed Need for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service for mid-2018 using the State's own methodology that was used to calculate the 2015 Bed Need figures.

We found that the State's Bed Need Determination will show a need for 104 additional Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds by mid-2018 due to the rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This is 21 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds more than shown in the current "Revised Bed Need Determinations."



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February 9, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Subject: Project #: 10-090 – Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois to support the approval of Centegra Health System's Certificate of Need for a new hospital in Huntley.

Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois is the largest provider of hospice and palliative care services in our region, which encompasses Boone, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties. Our agency has provided quality end-of-life care to area residents for 27 years and has developed one of the largest grief support programs in the State of Illinois. Several years ago, we partnered with Centegra in the development of an inpatient hospice program located at Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock to provide end-of-life care to clients for whom hospice care at home is not an option. Centegra's commitment to all aspects of the healthcare continuum for the residents of McHenry County was key in the decision-making process for that partnership, and the decision to build a new hospital in Huntley underscores that commitment.

I fully support the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's approval of this Certificate of Need. Centegra Hospital-Huntley will benefit our clients and their families by improving access to quality healthcare. Our support of this project is also in harmony with our mission to enhance life by providing dignified, compassionate care and guidance to those coping with loss and the end of life.

Sincerely,

Anne B. Miller  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Hospice and Palliative Care for Northeastern Illinois  
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**Angela McAuley**  
**Centegra Hospital-Huntley -- Support**  
**Project # 10-090**

My name is Angela McAuley, and I am here to share my support for Centegra's plans for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. There is no doubt that this application meets the state's rules for approval. And what I can best speak to are the impressive elements of this project and the character of the health system that is proposing it.

As a current Centegra Board member and a former employee for more than three decades, I have a deep understanding of healthcare and how it has changed over the years. Women's health, in particular, has always been of interest to me. This proposal includes plans for a dedicated Women's Center with a separate entrance. I cannot think of a better resource for my granddaughters as they grow up in the surrounding area.

A space devoted to women will help patients feel as comfortable as possible while undergoing tests and treatments that are rather uncomfortable in nature. Perhaps more importantly, it's a great way to advance collaboration among the medical practitioners who work with women. This is a terrific asset of the project, and it shows that Centegra truly is a forward-thinking health system. Dedicated Women's Centers are a relatively new idea in healthcare, and Centegra recognizes their value.

Through my positions with Centegra, I also understand the organization's unrelenting loyalty to the people it serves. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding communities deserve this level of commitment from a healthcare provider. I began my career at Centegra as a part-time nurse. In that role, I learned the "contagious" dedication that those who work for this organization have. The system's staff and leaders are involved in our community on a number of levels, and they carry a genuine respect and joyful spirit in whatever they do.

I support this project wholeheartedly and based on my understanding of the state rules, I believe that this proposal meets those rules for approval.

Thank you.



Letter of Support

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. The fact is, hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides.

Centegra has long been committed to Huntley and the surrounding communities through outpatient services and other health services that have already been brought to the area. Centegra purchased the land in Huntley several years ago and has created a strong, long-term plan for responsible development of the site.

As an Executive Director of a community based organization, I personally appreciate that, along with needed healthcare services, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Signature Terry Legare Date 2/15/2011

Printed Name: Terry Legare, Executive Director, Lakeside Legacy Foundation

Address: 401 Country Club Road

City, State Zip: Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Dr. Fernando Lamounier  
In Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley Project #10-090

I joined the staff at Centegra Health System last January and have worked with Cardiac Surgery Associates to provide the latest techniques for cardiothoracic surgery. I completed my thoracic surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center in 2006 and specialize in valve surgery.

My expertise complements the already impressive procedures performed at Centegra to improve the overall health and wellness of the McHenry County community. The first ever open heart surgery in McHenry County was performed at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, formerly known as Northern Illinois Medical Center, on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2006, when cardiac surgeons from Centegra performed bypass surgery on a female patient from Woodstock. That procedure inaugurated Centegra Health System's open heart surgery program.

Centegra partnered with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, four years ago to be the cardiovascular surgical team performing all of Centegra's cardiovascular procedures. The physicians of CSA have provided our patients with the highest quality cardiac care in the state. We continue to focus on new ways to bring the most state-of-the-art cardiac care right here to McHenry County. The expansion of our cardiothoracic program demonstrates the commitment of the entire Centegra family as we continue to make a difference in the communities we serve.

With this important service, patients and their families are receiving the care they need closer to home. Centegra's cardiovascular program includes three cardiac catheterization labs for angioplasty procedures and electrophysiology to help correct heart electrical problems, as well as Centegra's Heart Failure Clinic that coordinates a patient's care and reaches out to other agencies when needed. I fully support Centegra's proposal to further develop our heart program by offering additional services to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

**Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Public Hearing February 16, 2011**

My name is Judi Jefko, I serve as Director of Performance Improvement for Centegra Health System. I have had the pleasure of being a part of this great organization in serving our community for 32 years. As part of the Centegra Healthcare Team, the patient and their family are at the heart of all that we do each day. Over the years Centegra has shown an ongoing commitment to the community through expansion of services to ensure quality care can be received close to home. Several of the expanded services that offer the latest technology and procedures are cardiac, cancer, orthopedic and bariatric, along with a full continuum of outpatient services, home health, rehab, behavioral health and wound care.

The vision to expand an acute care hospital in Huntley again demonstrates Centegra's commitment to fulfill the community needs. In providing healthcare services, we have shown commitment to ensure safe, efficient, quality care. Centegra has always been a leader in participating in voluntary public reporting initiatives. Recently Centegra chose to take quality and safety to an even greater level by voluntarily reporting information to the Leapfrog Group. As the leading healthcare system in McHenry County, we are already committed to the quality and safety measures that we use to protect our patients and to improve the care we provide. We joined more than 1500 hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic that are volunteering patient outcome information. I am proud to join Centegra leaders in our shared belief that transparency provides information to the community and makes us a better healthcare system. Additionally Centegra has achieved certifications and accreditations in many areas to ensure gold standards of care are provided.

Not only have I had the honor of being part of the Centegra Healthcare Team for many years, I have also been a part of the community for 52 years and experienced the compassionate, quality care for myself and family. When my mother had a heart attack, the Centegra team saved her life following a cardiac arrest. She has received subsequent cardiac procedures and cardiac rehab that have maintained her active quality of life. Each of my family members have experienced a need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to provide the "very best", quality care by experienced, dedicated physicians, leaders and associates. I experienced a patient centered, collaborative team, showing compassionate care - a team I could trust.

I look forward to expanding this same quality of care for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Judi Jefko  
Director, Performance Improvement  
4201 Medical Center Drive  
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**Lawrence Howell, Village of Lakewood Chief of Police**

My name is Lawrence Howell and I serve the Village of Lakewood as Chief of Police. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the construction and operation of a new hospital in Huntley. I encourage the board to also support this hospital and approve Project #10-090.

As Village President Erin Smith can tell you, Lakewood residents truly enjoy the quality of life they find in their community. We work hard to keep our community a safe and healthy place to live by protecting residents and also by providing access to the services they require.

From my experience, I can tell you that when fire and police services respond to emergencies, it is critical that their travel times be as short as possible. Our ability to deliver emergency service relies on our ability to arrive on the scene as quickly as possible and then transport a person just as fast. We know southern McHenry County lacks a full-service emergency facility. This is a void that must be filled.

For many years, area development was such that traveling to McHenry or Woodstock wasn't a big deal. It's clear to anyone traveling on 47 that those days are gone.

As Chief of Police, I am committed to keeping Lakewood a safe and healthy place to live and work. I am joined by other public servants here today whose job is to both serve and protect. We must be willing to do both if we want a productive and vibrant community. In this instance, serving our community means providing the access to health care that is certainly in demand. I ask this board to help open further access to health care in McHenry County.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for the proposed hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.



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January 18, 2011

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RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090.

As a large employer in McHenry County, we have partnered with Centegra for over a decade. The support and service they provide for our business and the well-being of our employees has been outstanding.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides. Centegra has long been committed to our community through outpatient services and other health services such as worksite wellness. In addition to the health care services Centegra would provide with a new facility, this project will bring new jobs and tax revenue to the Huntley community.

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare that this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Lon D. Hollis  
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## Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley

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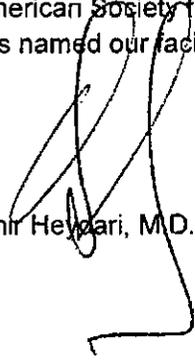
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The Centegra Weight-Loss Surgery Center offers a multidisciplinary approach to significant weight loss for people when all other attempts at weight loss have failed. We use a comprehensive approach to the whole person that combines surgery with behavior-based counseling, exercise and nutritional counseling to achieve the most effective results possible. After surgery, we provide support groups that encourage patients to follow the program to achieve their weight loss goals. Our bariatric program is unique in its approach to the care of the morbidly obese patient. We are the area's leading bariatric surgery program because we have a multidisciplinary clinic that combines the expertise of dietitians, mental health clinicians, exercise physiologists and other healthcare professionals. Our minimally-invasive surgery procedures include laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding (LapBand and Realize Band) and laparoscopic gastric sleeve. We also perform surgical revisions for patients whose gastric bypass surgeries at other facilities have caused complications. Blue Cross and Blue Shield has designated Centegra Hospital-Woodstock as a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery. To date, only 230 facilities nationwide have received a Blue Distinction Center for Bariatric Surgery designation. We are also designated as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, and Aetna Insurance Company has named our facility as an Institute of Quality for Bariatric Surgery.

  
Amir Heydari, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Gina Heinz in support of Project #10-090

Hello, my name is Gina Heinz, I am the manager of the cardiac cath lab at Centegra Hospital – McHenry. Since the early 1990s, Centegra Health System has been performing cardiac catheterization at Centegra Hospital – McHenry. The program has grown and expanded to include three state-of-the-art cath labs capable of providing the highest-quality procedures. With the support of highly skilled cardiologists, electrophysiologists and clinical staff, Centegra can offer diagnostic caths, angioplasty and electrophysiology procedures that provide the community with full spectrum cardiovascular care. The procedures provided by the cath lab are used to diagnose and treat a number of heart conditions, such as coronary heart disease, valve disease, and cardiac arrhythmias. At Centegra there is heart in the healing, rehabilitation and nurturing of every patient we serve. Residents can feel confident in our comprehensive prevention and wellness programs, access to the most advanced medical technology and the impressive heart surgery options available to them right here in McHenry County. With the addition of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, many more residents will have greater access to this full spectrum of cardiovascular care.

Thank you.

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project 10-090**  
**Testimonial**  
**Illinois Health Facilities & Services Planning Board**  
**February 16, 2011**

Crystal Lake Orthopedics

My name is Edward Grogg; I am the Executive Director of Crystal Lake Orthopedics. Crystal Lake Orthopedics is a five physician orthopedic group with our main office in Crystal Lake and a newly opened office in Huntley. We provide orthopedic services for over 4,000 patients a year and capture approximately 30% of the orthopedic market in McHenry County. Our surgeons use the latest technology providing sub-specialty services for knees, hips, shoulders, hands, wrists, and spine.

In 2009 we decided to open an office in Huntley because of the population growth in southern McHenry County, including the consistent growth in the Dell Webb development. Patient demand from McHenry County and northern Kane County residents was vital in our decision-making process to open a Huntley office. Patients wanted to see our physicians but did not like traveling to the northeast side of Crystal Lake, especially when their post-op and therapy schedules require 2 to 3 visits per week. We have found the same mentality holds true for selecting the hospital they prefer for surgery, especially from patients south of Algonquin Rd. in Huntley. These patients struggle with going north to Woodstock and even more so going further northeast to McHenry. We opened our Huntley office in June 2010 and have seen steady growth in patient volumes each month. It is my belief that if a hospital were built in Huntley, the majority of our Huntley (and surrounding area, including Hampshire, Marengo, and Lake In The Hills/Algonquin) patients would choose to stay in Huntley for their care.

To conclude, Crystal Lake Orthopedics has made a significant strategic and financial investment in the southern and western market of McHenry County. We have had a terrific and appreciative response from our patients needing orthopedic care. We expect the demand to continue to grow as our practice matures and gains more traction in the market. A new hospital in Huntley would only enhance our growth because fewer patients would leave the county for surgical services. Therefore, we encourage the Board to approve Centegra's Certificate of Need for this project.

LYNN GRIESMAIER RN MS FOR PROJECT #10-090  
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WE have a problem in McHenry County. Our county has women who are diagnosed at a later stage of breast cancer than almost all other counties in IL. We diagnose about 3-4 women a week. From age 26 to 93, rural to neighborhood, fit to not so fit women. The profile isn't set. It can happen to any woman. Centegra has recognized the severity of this situation and has implemented an action plan to address it. We have taken the lead on establishing the first Comprehensive Breast Health Program in McHenry County. Following National Standards for Breast Programs, we are providing access for all women to come forward to have state of the art digital mammography, breast ultrasound and MRI. We provide onsite radiologists who meet with every patient who comes to us with a breast issue. We then provide a multidisciplinary approach under the direction of our 2 medical directors, that allows a patient to benefit from the expertise of all our breast specialists to help manage through their very personal journey back to health.

Even my role as the only Breast Health Navigator in McHenry County, is an indication of how sensitive Centegra is to meeting the needs of very fearful women facing one of the biggest challenges of their lives, knowing they have a touchstone with my position, to be there every step of the way with them.

Outreach and education about breast cancer awareness is extremely important. Our commitment to take this out to the community is demonstrated in many ways such as the first Tuesday of the month when Family Health Partnership takes over the mammography department at our Woodstock Hospital and our technologist do mammograms while their nurse practitioner examines patients in our treatment rooms. If a positive diagnosis is made, we keep the patients in our system and continue to provide treatment whether it is surgery, chemotherapy or radiation therapy. In other words, we take care of patients and we love what we do.

Having a specialized women's center such as at what we plan for Huntley, will allow us to expand offering this great commitment to women, knocking down the barriers, so they know they can expect comprehensive breast treatment, with the most competent physicians, latest technology and high touch care that reflects the values that make us Centegra.

Thank you.

Public Hearing for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, in favor of Project #10-090

Michelle Green  
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My name is Michelle Green, and I am a wife and mother of two boys in Crystal Lake, Illinois. I proudly support Centegra Health System's application to build Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

My Crystal Lake location is close to both Centegra Hospital – McHenry (where my family has been for emergency care) and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock (where I delivered my second son). Truthfully, I would drive for hours to continue to receive the high-quality, compassionate care that Centegra consistently delivers.

I currently travel to Centegra's facilities in Huntley whenever I need to see one of my physicians. Dr. Yvonne Yao, who left Mercy Health System to join Centegra Primary Care's staff, is my obstetrician/gynecologist. Like many of her patients, I followed her to Centegra and have been thrilled with my decision. Because I wanted all of my physicians to be through Centegra Primary Care, I began seeing Dr. Erin Davis, an internal medicine physician at Centegra Primary Care – McHenry. As a Crystal Lake resident, it takes me 15 minutes to get to Dr. Yao in Huntley and just eight minutes to see Dr. Davis in McHenry. I love the easy access Centegra provides my family and me.

I delivered my oldest son at another Illinois hospital where I worked and was lucky enough to be checked in as a VIP. When my husband and I moved to north Crystal Lake and we had our second baby, I scheduled my repeat C-section at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock. There, I had no VIP label and wondered how my care would be different this time around. Rather than being treated as a VIP, I was cared for as a cherished friend or sister. I'll never forget my third morning there, when one Family Birth Center nurse came in and said, "I haven't gotten to hold this chubby little guy yet. Can I have a quick snuggle?" I was so moved that someone who'd been a labor and delivery nurse for more than 20 years would still feel that kind of passion about her job. That passion is what Centegra is all about for me and my family.

Please add my name to the long list of people who support Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I know for sure that Centegra is the health system that is best suited to provide care to my community for generations to come.

## Support of Project #10-090

My name is Dr. Frances Glosson and I have been employed in the Centegra Health Care System for 35 years in a variety of roles and I fully support Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.

I have a background in critical care nursing and have a doctorate focused in leadership, learning, service and research. I have lived in McHenry County since 1973; however, the Glosson family has roots in this county dating back to 1852.

Centegra has been serving this county for a very long time and has had a positive impact on the overall health of the community as evidenced in recent healthy community studies. **Centegra is a perfect organization to open a new hospital in Huntley.** I can report to you that Centegra is a vision and values led organization. The governance of the organization, the physicians, leaders and all 3800 Associates are true servant leaders. As I said Centegra is values driven, committed to serving the community's healthcare and wellness needs with genuine respect, passionate caring, and a joyful spirit. Their emphasis on wellness and community outreach and most importantly, quality of healthcare makes them the obvious choice in expanding services **here in Huntley, Illinois with a new hospital.**

Centegra is positioned to serve this area in an integrated manner based on their ability to offer the full continuum of care. I look forward to the day my grandchildren, Matt and Maggie, who live less than a mile from the proposed Huntley hospital site can seek services from this well established and led organization. It is of great comfort to our family that Centegra would be so accessible for their health needs. My son was diagnosed with cancer two years ago and when he needs immediate care it will be ideal that a Centegra hospital is literally just around the corner **in his neighborhood.**

I have witnessed and can declare with certainty that **Centegra is the right choice** for this community. Healthcare is delivered in a **team approach** and Centegra excels in this area having created a nationally recognized learning organization. Leadership and learning are essential elements as we continue to operate and excel in the new healthcare reform arena. Centegra is also a leader in collective community leadership contributing to the overall health of every citizen through multiple diverse programming.

As I mentioned, Servant Leadership is the leadership style emphasized by Centegra leaders to enhance service to others and improve the engagement of the workforce. This style of leading provides a holistic approach to work; promoting a sense of community; and the sharing of power in decision making. The healthcare of the future will continue to require this type of leadership approach. Centegra has been a pacesetter with this leadership platform, which will continue **at the new Huntley hospital.**

At Centegra the associates are characterized by performing meaningful work; clarity of the organization's direction, performance accountability, and having a safe, trusting, and collaborative environment. I can attest to this after 35 years and we will build on this strength **at the Huntley hospital.**

Please endorse the plans for the Centegra Huntley hospital. **Again, it is the perfect choice.**

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Sandy Gabl  
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Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as a Del Webb resident and Centegra Health System patient. My husband, Dan, and I have utilized Centegra's facilities and services a great number of times over the years.

I've had ear surgery at Centegra Hospital-Woodstock, another unrelated procedure at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, I regularly see my Centegra Primary Care Physician, Dr. Patel in the Algonquin office. I've visited immediate care in Huntley several times for a number of ailments and health conditions. I've visited Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Crystal Lake for rehab and physical therapy following a knee replacement. I've used their imaging and lab services as well.

I've had nothing but superior care and support at all the locations and would deeply appreciate having that type of care right here in our own backyard. As we age, travel becomes more of an issue so having a full-service hospital close to home would benefit us a great deal.

We also have additional family in the area who will benefit from great healthcare close to home. My Grandkids have used immediate care and emergency care as well.

I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those they serve. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Hector Flores on behalf of Centegra Hospital – Huntley project 10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Hector Iyan Flores. I am the lead Interpreter/Ambassador at Centegra Hospital Woodstock. I have been working at Centegra for about six and a half years now. I have personally witnessed the strides that Centegra has taken in order to ensure that we are providing great service and overall excellent medical care to all the people that live in our community.

As interpreters, we offer the best language service in the area. We are pivotal in the assistance of communication between patients whose primary language is Spanish and the medical personnel in the hospitals and other Centegra satellite facilities. We have significantly increased our translation services to having twenty-four hour coverage at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock and 12-hour daytime coverage and nighttime call at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to meet patients' needs. We have set forth a great effort to ensure that we understand the cultural customs of our patients in order to provide healthcare services in a respectful manner. As a result, patients choose the Centegra hospitals for their care.

From my perspective as someone who is dedicated to serving the diverse population of our region, a new hospital in Huntley will be an extension of the already established programs to address the unique language and cultural needs of all area patients. In McHenry County, more than 11% of area residents are of Hispanic descent and those numbers continue to climb and population increases.

By hiring of the right personnel, implementing the proper training, and following the Centegra Values, all area residents, regardless of their native language, are able to put the hassles of barriers behind them and focus on their care and recovery. At Centegra, we strive to improve the community as a whole, and this sentiment will be expressed fully if a new Huntley hospital is opened.

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Re: Letter of Support – Project #10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is in support of Centegra Health System's proposed hospital in Huntley, Illinois. My name is Michael J. Fleck. I am an attorney in Huntley and have been affiliated with Centegra for 15 years, first serving on the Board of Directors for the Foundation (1996-2003) and recently as a member of the Foundation's Development Council. I believe in Centegra Health System. I have experienced firsthand its dedication to the communities it serves, and I recognize the need for high quality hospital services in this community. Centegra is the right choice for this project, and this is the right project for this community.

When I began my private practice in Huntley in 1995, there were approximately 2,500 people in the area. Today, there are 25,000 and the infrastructure is in place to serve tens of thousands more over the next few decades. I have seen Huntley grow over these years, including an influx of seniors as well as families with growing children. Along with that growth comes the entire spectrum of healthcare needs.

As an attorney who deals with estate planning, estate administration and guardianships for disabled persons, my practice allows me to assist seniors and families on a very personal level, people whose legal issues include health-related matters. So often I hear how these clients and their families need to travel quite a distance to obtain the quality health services that are necessary. A rapidly growing community of 25,000 (with a significant population whose healthcare needs are relatively more evident) should have a full service hospital nearby. So there is no question that the need exists in this underserved, expanding community.

The opportunity to watch the growth of the Huntley area, alongside the growth of the Centegra Health System over the last 15 years leads me to the conclusion that Centegra is the proper provider for this project. I was impressed with Centegra's commitment to the Huntley area, even

when Huntley was not the biggest community in Centegra's then service area. Involvement with the business community through Chamber of Commerce events, sponsorship of community health initiatives and a physical presence with local medical offices and ultimately the creation of the existing healthcare campus are a few examples of Centegra's commitment and investment in the growth and development of the greater Huntley area.

Because of the obvious need in the area; because of the existing partnership between the community and this health care provider; and because of the proven commitment to offering the finest quality health care in the region, Centegra Hospital – Huntley should be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Fleck  
LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL J. FLECK, P.C.

Pam Fender  
11303 Lincoln St.  
Huntley, IL 60142  
Support of Project 10-090

My name is Pam Fender and I am a trustee for the Village of Huntley. I am proud to support Centegra Health System and its proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley. Centegra is the right health system and Huntley is the right location for a new hospital in McHenry County.

This hospital will be a great addition to our Community; Centegra offers state of the art medical services, varied employment opportunities, total health and wellbeing education, and a neighborhood partnership of caring. With our current population of 25,000 people in Huntley soon expected to grow to 45,000, we need great medical care close to home. Between 2010 and 2018, Huntley's population is projected to grow by 20 percent. Algonquin's population is expected to increase by 17.6 percent and Lake in the Hills is expected to grow by 16.7 percent in the same time frame. Our total area population is expected to be 273,886 people by 2018. I believe this merits a hospital.

Regional roadways in the area are already congested and the people of my region deserve immediate access to healthcare in case of emergencies. I look forward to being able to quickly access emergency services, cardiology services and women's services right in my community.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Centegra Hospital-Huntley and Project 10-090. Thank you.

**Centegra Health System – Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra  
Hospital – Huntley  
Project No. 10-090**

Sue Dobbe

I have been a resident and business owner in McHenry County for more than two decades.

Centegra has been the hospital of choice for my family. Through my business I have had the opportunity to work with many of the professionals at Centegra. The servant leadership concept of operating the organization modeled by Mike Eesley has been an amazing advantage to McHenry County healthcare. Having some familiarity with local business and economic development, it is my desire to see the Centegra Huntley campus provide the needed healthcare services to that part of the county.

Congratulations to the Centegra team for such an innovative and comprehensive facility plan.

Sue Dobbe,

Board Member Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Vice President Downtown Crystal Lake Main Street  
Secretary McHenry County Economic Development Corporation  
Leadership Greater McHenry County Class of 2010



**CENTEGRA - Public Hearing – 2/16/11**

My name is Gordy Smith. I have been in full time ministry for 30 years, the past 10 as pastor of Heartland Community Church in Rockford. I've spent a lot of time in hospitals visiting patients and subsequently observing the care they receive, including time as an on-call chaplain at Rockford Memorial Hospital.

But I'm here today to speak of the care I've observed at Centegra in Woodstock as both my mom and dad were patients there in the past year. Having visited them in the ER, the ICU, and in hospital rooms, I experienced first hand both an ease of navigating the facility, and a friendliness of the staff that quickly left me the sense that Centegra was not a large corporate healthcare machine, but a welcoming community-minded hospital.

My parents are both in their 80's (which doesn't seem as old to me as it used to...). I have seen hospitals over the years treat people in this age-group simply with a sense of inevitability. Not so with Centegra. They saved my dad's life twice. But more than that, they had as their goal to get him healthy and strong to continue to enjoy life.

One day I was visiting my dad as he was recovering from brain surgery. It was a scary day for us because they were not able to wake up Dad. Not sure why, they were running tests to see if he'd had a stroke in his sleep or something else. Dad seemed unaware of our presence in his room. At one point his nurse came in and began talking to him while she was checking on him. It was clear that she was not just taking care of a patient, but that she truly cared about my dad. As she talked to him and asked him some questions, he gave her a thumbs up! It was obvious he recognized her voice and was responding to her care. Shortly after that he began to show signs of improvement. Today he is back home, doing well, and helping care for my mom as she battles cancer.

I can't speak to the level of medical care of the hospital. I'll let my dad's health speak for that. I'm here today to testify to the level of personal care and community mindedness often lacking in large corporate healthcare, but which I've experienced firsthand at Centegra.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordy Smith, Pastor  
Heartland Community Church

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Letter of Support for project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

February 16, 2011

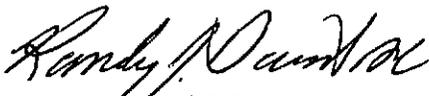
Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a chiropractor who recently joined the Centegra Primary Care-Huntley. The addition of chiropractic care enhances Centegra's high-quality orthopaedic and rehabilitative services by offering patients another way to treat pain and improve wellness. By adding chiropractic care to our services, we are providing the people of greater McHenry County new ways to get well and stay well. I treat patients who suffer from back pain, neck pain, pain in the arms and legs, and headaches. Chiropractors are extensively trained to diagnose and treat conditions of the musculoskeletal system that are mechanical or functional in origin. We use a holistic and evidence-based approach while educating our patients about exercise, nutrition and lifestyle choices. Chiropractic care fits well into the continuum of orthopaedic and rehabilitative medicine services at Centegra Health System.

Chiropractic care is often the primary method of treatment and it can also complement treatments that are prescribed or implemented by primary care physicians, orthopaedic surgeons and physical therapists. Chiropractors co-manage a patient's care with physicians and physical therapists and refer patients to other healthcare providers when a different clinical approach is needed.

Because I am part of a specialty network of physicians, my patients are able to seamlessly receive the multidisciplinary care approach they deserve. I fully support expanding our Huntley campus to include a full-service acute care hospital.

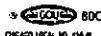
Yours in Health,

  
Randy J. David D.C.

McHENRY COUNTY  
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

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765 Munshaw Lane, Crystal Lake, IL 60014 • (847) 854-7200 • (847) 854-7266 (fax)



February 16, 2011

My name is Tom McTavish. I am the Business Manager of IBEW Local 117 and the President of McHenry County Building Trades. The trade unions that are members of our council represent thousands of members and their families with the majority of them from McHenry County and even right here in Huntley, Lake in the Hills, and Algonquin. We fully support Centegra's proposed new hospital here in Huntley.

The two most important reasons for us are the fact there has been a tremendous amount of growth in this area of McHenry County with much more to come in the future. The location of this hospital is ideal to service this expansion. The hospital will also be an economic engine that is very much needed to provide good long lasting jobs to this area of the county now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom McTavish".

Thomas D. McTavish

**UNION  
YES**

**Dr. Terrence J. Bugno  
2719 Red Barn Road  
Crystal Lake, IL 60012-1015  
Centegra Board of Governors  
Radiation Oncologist, Centegra Sage Cancer Center  
McHenry IL  
February 16, 2011  
Public Hearing on the Centegra Health System Application to build:  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL – HUNTLEY, Project #10-090**

My name is [KAY PRESHLOCK] and I am speaking on behalf of Dr. Terrence Bugno, member of the Centegra Board of Governors and Radiation Oncologist on staff at the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

I strongly support the Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project. It is the right answer to an unmet healthcare need, situated in the right place, being 'birthed' at the right time, and pursued for the right reasons by our System – anchored in McHenry County Illinois --- building on the Promise which Centegra Health System Made in 1995 --- that the PATIENT is the CENTER of what we do, who we are, how we work (from a BASIS OF INTEGRITY) – and providing modern technologic advances delivered through compassionate personalized care.

This IS CENTEGRA – it's history, it's mantra, it's charge.

My career path has brought me to McHenry County on two occasions – the first in the 1980's, the second as of 2000. What a difference a few decades makes! I have grown to be passionate about CENTEGRA – as physician, a cancer doctor, former medical director of Radiation Oncology Services, a Board Member and a resident of McHenry County. We continually contribute to the health and welfare of our own residents. I wish to speak to access, quality, technology, 'heart' and 'stewardship' in my remarks.

As an Oncologist specializing in radiation medicine arriving to McHenry County in the mid 1980's, state of the art services were fragmented, often inaccessible and requiring compromises by hard working families to 'go elsewhere' ... Wisconsin, downtown Chicago, collar county university and academic centers and yes, even Mayo Clinic.

Scared of the big "C" ... worried about limited options or choices... daily sacrifices were made --- because you did the 'right thing'. Priorities and values drove many out of the area for specialized care. It's just the way it HAD to be. Caring physicians aligned with NIMC and Woodstock Hospitals helped to bridge the gap and provided fundamental services --- closer to home, inspired by the "war on cancer" national directive on Community Cancer Programs.

Come 2000 and my return to this area --- new realities --population expansion, growing and aging families, rising prevalence of acute and chronic illnesses despite medical advances --- and with it ---a real need for comprehensive Cancer Care. Awareness of, and proper planning for, dedicated multidisciplinary cancer services 'right in our own county' ultimately birthed the Sage Cancer Center in McHenry-- with collaboration amongst physicians, diverse healthcare providers, consumers and generous support from all sectors of the business community. The result? Improved access and benefits for our residents.

In my area - Radiation Oncology - we acquired progressive high tech equipment and procedures -- linear accelerators, Tomotherapy, High dose rate radiation, sophisticated planning software systems -- and, we were able to attract many 'best and brightest' minds to our Center --- academically credentialed but choosing to live, work and give their talents to McHenry County residents.

We've met the needs in the diversity of Cancer Services offered across the continuum of care --- from screening & prevention, diagnosis, individualized cancer treatment programs, clinical trial access, aftercare support including survivorship, and when appropriate --- palliative and hospice care. Being there throughout that patient's cancer experience. High technology, progressive cancer care -- distinguished by professionals who believe in 'high touch' personalized approach with 'heart'.

Our success is measured beyond our excellent patient satisfaction surveys, through testimonials who tell us: "They treated us like their own family! We felt right at home!"

I can attest that Centegra Health System is 'well beyond expectation' in it's delivery of Cancer Care Services for McHenry County . We've answered with 'high tech' state of the art diagnostics, leading edge radiation oncology and infusion services -- and a solid nationally accredited program. Our 'team approach' interconnects our System, medical providers with our partnering community. Expansion to the Huntley area affords many more individuals access to 'what we do best' in cancer care.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors (who happens to be a physician)... I have watched this Healthcare System demonstrate keen understanding of, and leadership to acquire, deliver and steward appropriate Inpatient and Outpatient accessible facilities for McHenry County. It takes it's mission seriously and responsibly.

I have both observed and participated in our executive team's 'common sense' yet insightful steering through the maze of changing Healthcare with high moral and ethical

character, decision-making, and 'doing things for the right reasons'. Our Board's responsibility towards behavioral health for McHenry County, new initiatives in Cardiovascular, Cancer, Degenerative and Chronic Diseases as well as Women's Health, newborn and pediatric care and in community education, patient access and self empowerment are very evident.

The board , executive team and it's hundreds of associates embrace our mission, vision, values in the conduct of our activities. We do our best, and seek, retain and support our dedicated workforce. There is a healing culture, a 'team' born of local residents living, working, caring and involved ---- In realizing our charge as the leader for Healthcare for McHenry County. Ours is a culture of Servant Leadership .

We've recognized the changing scene for the growing population in our southern corridor ---- and have already established a presence including Health Bridge & Outpatient Center which has been well received and incorporated into the fabric of this area.

We do note that healthcare is NOT defined by a building, but a continuum of integrated services. It is imperative that we win our community's confidence that we are 'right around the corner' – ready, able, attentive – with quality healthcare initiatives... easy access.... experienced leadership... compassionate caring and genuine respect ... and ..... involved! ...

As an Oncologist, Centegra Board Member – and McHenry County Resident ---- I know that Centegra is THE dedicated service provider who's answering this call –for the present --- for the future. The next step in the satisfying that growing expectation for onsite healthcare is... Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

We have studied healthcare needs, done our due diligence and explored various options . Despite the imposing present economy, healthcare trends and life stressors living in McHenry County- Illinois, Centegra genuinely believes it's culture, it's 'roots' and demonstrated responsible stewardship during these trying times - can bring substantial benefit to those who live, work and play right here – and achieve the vision.

I believe that our mantra to be a destination system with Mayo's clinical and Ritz Carlton's service reputation is what this Huntley area relates to, and best aligns with in its Healthcare Needs for now and the future. This Centegra Hospital Huntley initiative is the 'best' answer and I urge it's approval.

Thank you.

Daniel Byars in support of Project #10-090  
Director, Patient Support Services, Centegra Health System

I strongly support the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley; project number 10-090 because Centegra Health System is well-suited to meet the area need and able to provide the most effective integrated healthcare network for the residents of the greater McHenry County area.

Changes to the Medicare payment system and other healthcare reforms that become effective in July of 2011 will move all hospitals toward a more health facility – community integrated approach to providing health services. Examples of these reforms include: Medicare payment methods that reward preventative service such as providing pneumonia and flu shots to vulnerable populations and payment strategies that penalize poor outcomes such as patients being readmitted to a hospital within 30 days of being discharged.

Because of the need for greater effectiveness of health services, the future of Health Care in the McHenry County area, as well as, the entire country requires the effectiveness that is delivered by a highly integrated approach to health services. This integrated approach would be enhanced if a new full-service hospital were built upon the existing Centegra campus in Huntley.

Based on its 100+ years of providing care, Centegra has well established collaborative relationships with the network of health services providers that serve the residents of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. Because of Centegra's existing broad base of inpatient and outpatient services as well as its well established relationships with physicians, allied health professionals, nursing homes and other health service providers in the area, the Centegra Huntley- Hospital would ensure the most effective integrated healthcare network for the greater McHenry County area.

In conclusion, I enthusiastically support the proposed Centegra Huntley – Hospital because it will meet area need and provide health services to the greater McHenry County area in the most effective manner.

**Jefferson Batt**  
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**Johnsburg, IL 60051**  
**Ph. 847-477-5096**  
**In Support of Project #10-090**

February 16, 2011

My name is Jeff Batt, a partner of McHenry Financial and the founding President of the Rotary Club of McHenry-Sunrise. As a long standing and active member of our community, I support project #10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Centegra has been an excellent citizen in our community. There is a need for a hospital and its clear Huntley is the right location.

On New Year's Day 2010 my Grandmother had surgery at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to repair a broken knee cap from a fall she had taken the day before. My Grandmother suffers from severe dementia and was a “challenging” patient to say the least. The care that the doctors and nurses took with my Grandmother during her surgery and recovery has made me a raving fan of Centegra and their standard of healthcare.

I strongly believe Centegra is the right organization to provide our community with another excellent resource for health care.

Jefferson Batt  
Partner  
McHenry Financial

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Elissa Brebach, MD

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My name is Dr. Elissa Brebach – thank you for this opportunity to speak my support for Centegra Health System’s proposed hospital project in Huntley. As section chief of women’s health and as a radiologist serving the community through Centegra’s Medical Imaging Services, I am uplifted by Centegra’s commitment to the women of our region. When it comes to early detection of breast cancer, we still have a long way to go to ensure the health of many women and men nationwide and certainly in the greater McHenry County area communities.

Centegra Health System has demonstrated a true commitment to providing outstanding medical imaging services to help women and men in the fight against breast cancer. McHenry County's breast cancer statistics are sobering. Between 2002 and 2006, 135 women out of every 100,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer. That was higher than Illinois' rate of 127 diagnoses per 100,000 women.

In the six-county Chicago metro area, McHenry County also has more women who are diagnosed with late-stage cancer -- 32% -- than any other county. Because of the late-stage cancer diagnoses, McHenry County also has higher breast cancer mortality rates than other surrounding counties. Centegra is committed to improving these numbers throughout greater McHenry and Kane Counties. We recently opened the Centegra Gavers Breast Center to provide a centralized location to meet each individual’s breast care needs. This center offers a multidisciplinary approach with leading edge technology including digital mammography, breast MRI and stereotactic and ultrasound guided biopsies.

Today I stand here to demonstrate my support for Centegra Health System’s proposed hospital project in Huntley which will bring additional women’s services to communities in need so that we can continue to reach out to the many women in the county that still need to get annual screening mammograms and those that can benefit from follow up services.

I’m honored to be a member of the Centegra community and see a promising future ahead.

**Kathy Kozak, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Hello, my name is Kathy Kozak. I am the Group Fitness Manager for Health Bridge Fitness Center, both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley! There is a great need for a hospital in southern McHenry County/ northern Kane County.

Since we opened our Huntley location in 2008, the people of the area have filled our Fitness Center. They come from all walks of life and in many shapes and sizes. Some of our exercisers are there to maintain and improve their fitness levels, and others come to us for life-changing advice as they strive toward a healthier, happier lifestyle. We offer fitness classes, nutrition counseling, aquatics, sports facilities, activities for children and families and a spa to help people relax their minds and indulge their bodies in a healthy way.

The success of Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Huntley comes from Centegra's goal to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities we serve. It is clear to all of us at HealthBridge that the people of the Huntley region were just waiting for the opportunity to live more active lifestyles, and Centegra met the needs of the community by building the Centegra Campus in Huntley.

I'm especially excited when I see the young families of the area who visit Health Bridge together. The parents are setting positive examples for their children, and I believe those kids will grow up to be healthier than the previous generation. This wouldn't be possible without Centegra's impact on the community. From our CEO to the Associates who work at Health Bridge, we consistently demonstrate our commitment to the region's overall wellness.

Personally, my parents live in Del Webb Huntley and use Centegra for their wellness needs. My in-laws live in Algonquin and work out at Health Bridge in Huntley. I live in Algonquin. My entire family deserves a hospital closer to our homes.

Making Centegra Hospital - Huntley another part of the Huntley Campus would complete the continuum of care we have already begun to provide to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I am proud to be a part of Centegra's Huntley campus and deeply believe that Centegra is the best health system and Huntley is the best location for a new hospital.

## **Testimony – Supporting Centegra Hospital Huntley, Project #10-090**

**Judy Andronowitz**

**February 10, 2011**

My name is Judy Andronowitz, Director of Nursing Support Services for Centegra Health System. I have been with Centegra for over 20 years and I am extremely proud today to represent Centegra's 819 nurses who as we speak are at the bedside of our patients serving them with passionate care and joyful spirits. Our nursing Associates are actively engaged in quality improvement processes and evidence-based nursing practice to ensure the very best care for each of our patients. We foster professional growth and career advancement for nursing Associates through active participation in professional and educational activities. Each year we host over 250 undergraduate and graduate nursing students from 13 schools, developing future nurses to serve our community, and we partner with five schools for BSN completion programs for the development of our current nursing team. Centegra Health System is actively on the nationally recognized Magnet journey for nursing excellence. We promote the health of our community through active participation in health-related events and the role modeling of health. The clinical nursing teams have responsibility, authority and accountability for providing outstanding patient care and achieving the best patient outcomes. Through our nursing shared governance councils, our nurses and other clinicians have a strong voice in how care is provided within our system to ensure high quality outcomes for those we serve. We currently have over \_\_\_ nurses actively working on the design of our cutting edge, fully integrated, high-tech electronic medical record which will further enhance quality and patient safety, timely care and patient satisfaction. The mission of the Department of Nursing at Centegra Health System is to provide care that is of the highest quality. As we treat the physical and mental needs of our patients, we also consider their spiritual and cultural beliefs. We encourage our nurses to maintain a balance between work and family life so when they care for our patients they can do so with a joyful spirit. Our patients are our neighbors, friends, families and loved ones. It's personal, we take it to heart, and we deliver excellence in all we do. Centegra has been part of this community for nearly 100 years. We are fully committed to bringing the best care to the Huntley area, because this IS our community.

I support the Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.

**Centegra Health System – Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Project No. 10-090**

Chad Alexander  
270 Timber Trails Blvd.  
Gilberts, IL 60136

My name is Chad Alexander of Gilberts and I am here in support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley as a community member.

My wife-to-be and I moved to the area in early November of 2005. One of the first things we needed to do was to find a health system that would fit our needs. Centegra distinguished itself as health system designed to meet the needs of its community. As my family has grown, so too has the Centegra family. We have all used the new immediate care center in Huntley for numerous reasons including our flu shots the past few seasons. My father-in-law has even used the immediate care for his flu shots when he has been in town and was thoroughly impressed.

As I mentioned, our family has grown since we moved to the area. My wife delivered both children at Centegra Hospitals (McHenry and Woodstock). Our first child came within an hour of her water breaking and I barely made it to the hospital in time. Thanks to the staff in labor and delivery at McHenry, I was in constant contact with my wife on my way to the hospital. They even alerted security to meet and escort me up to the unit. If that had not happened I would have missed the birth of our first son. Since the delivery was so quick, I did not have a camera to capture any of those first moments. Again the staff at Centegra went above and beyond. One nurse let us borrow her camera and even put the pictures on a CD for us. Since our first child was a speedy delivery, we decided that my wife would deliver the next a little closer to home at Centegra Hospital in Woodstock. When my wife went into labor with the second child, we found out last minute that the baby was breach. Along with the attending physician, Dr. Brown, my wife's primary ob/gyn, Dr. Yao, was there within 5 minutes to help deliver our son. Again, the care was beyond expectations. It would be great to have a Centegra Hospital closer to our home.

Last thing about the Centegra family, we knew that as first time parents we wanted to find a pediatrician close to home. Again, we found that something special at Centegra in Dr. Dana Hartwigsen. Dr. Hartwigsen is not just a pediatrician but a friend and a valued family resource. We feel that she takes care of our children as she would one of her own kids.

Thank you for your time and consideration of Centegra's proposed Hospital in Huntley.

Chad Alexander

**SUPPORT FOR PROJECT #10-090**  
**Centegra Huntley Hospital**

I would first like to preface my remarks by saying that I was born in Woodstock Hospital, the medical building prior to the Centegra Healthcare System that we now enjoy. I have been in this county my entire life so I am speaking as someone who can reflect on decades of local healthcare from first hand knowledge.

The first hospitals in McHenry County were not started by a sophisticated medical system, but by a group of community members and doctors who were looking at supporting their community. McHenry County has enjoyed a burst of growth in recent years and it has become an attractive target for medical care, but I continue to remember that our Woodstock Hospital and McHenry Hospital were created for the community, by the community. The integration of these hospitals into the Centegra system was a long process that required tremendous support of the board, administrators, service providers and residents to make it happen. We should all be very proud of our Centegra system today.

I have lived in Huntley for the past 37 years and I have owned a woodworking business for the past 15 years. When the HealthBridge Fitness Center building and the Ambulatory building were let out for bid in my hometown, my McHenry County millwork company was among many other local companies who received an invitation to bid competitively on this local job. I was grateful for the opportunity to at least bid on this job. I was ecstatic to find that the General Contractor for the job, acting on behalf of Centegra picked my company for the millwork for both projects.

My employees and I put much effort into these projects and are very proud that we were a part of helping to provide the availability of quality health care to our neighbors. Centegra has made a commitment to McHenry County contractors and we will continue to support their efforts to help us live longer, healthier lives.

Sandra M. Pierce  
President  
Phoenix Woodworking Corporation

**Berni Szczepanski**  
**Director, Human Resources Development**  
**Centegra Health System-McHenry**  
**4201 Medical Center Drive**  
**McHenry, IL 60050**

**Project #10-090**

You heard earlier about our confidence in being able to staff this new facility-- about how our retention demonstrates our ability to attract and retain staff.

Indeed the retention rate of 95.8% is impressive. What contributes to this? Centegra commits to its Associates—to their success and satisfaction. We commit to developing great leaders, creating a pipeline for healthcare professionals, and providing Associates with the Total Rewards they value.

Centegra is committed to being a learning organization. Our Leadership Development program is tied to our strategic objectives and is driven by the Leaders themselves. Our curriculum, tools and resources are built on our leaders needs. Our best in class program combines external speakers, internal talent, hands on tools, and facilitated small group highly—interactive sessions to deliver over 48 hours of Leadership Development programming per year. The skills introduced in the sessions are then further supported with an on-line Leader Resource site and a unique one-on-one coaching program.

We support our leaders—and they in turn support their staff and our community. Our leaders participate in Leadership Greater McHenry County—a program designed to develop community leader awareness, skill, and collaboration. In fact, the program was developed by Centegra and 29 Centegra leaders have graduated from the program. Those Leaders then go on to serve on numerous community boards and further share their skills in helping both non-profit and for-profit community organizations in strategic planning.

Our commitment in developing a consistent pipeline of healthcare talent is evident through the many unique programs implemented by Centegra. The **Student Nurse Shadowing Program** was created last year in response to the decrease in nursing jobs available for new graduates and provides nursing students the opportunity to experience our work place culture.

For six years, The **Healthcare Career Fair** inspires and educates thousands of 8<sup>th</sup> graders about the exciting careers of healthcare professionals, through an interactive wonderland of simulated surgeries and futuristic pharmacy.

Centegra proposed and authored a three credit course, **Health Profession Career Exploration**, offered through McHenry County College which is held at

Centegra Hospitals. Students explore government defined healthcare paths via testimonials from Centegra associates, tours of units, job shadowing and skills exploration.

Centegra serves hundreds of clinical students from over 40 different colleges every year. Although many healthcare systems have clinical rotations few have a **Red Carpet Clinical Rotation Program**. It provides students with a warm and welcoming learning environment that features a comprehensive orientation, enthused and engaged mentors, leader rounding of students and student feedback gathered by a quantitative tool.

The **Student Nurse Internship Program** provides a learning experience specifically designed to enhance the student's confidence as a practitioner post graduation with our unique, multi-tiered program and varied opportunities to further advance clinical skills and develop expertise within a chosen specialty.

Finally, we commit to the well-being of each of our 3700 Associates. Our benefits and compensation philosophy, called Total Rewards@Work, is to tailor benefits to each Associate's unique needs. Our Total Rewards philosophy is based on competitive salary and benefits, workplace culture and development. At Centegra we focus on the Associate personally and professionally. For the busy Associate that is managing work-life balance, we offer a concierge service providing dry cleaning, oil changes, video rental, gift cards and much more.

Our commitment to our leaders, our community, our future workforce, and to each and every Associate is what makes Centegra a great place to work. It is also what will support us in our efforts to extend our great healthcare to Huntley.

## Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley

Project # 10-090

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My name is Dr. Elissa Brebach – thank you for this opportunity to speak my support for Centegra Health System's proposed hospital project in Huntley. As section chief of women's health and as a radiologist serving the community through Centegra's Medical Imaging Services, I am uplifted by Centegra's commitment to the women of our region. When it comes to early detection of breast cancer, we still have a long way to go to ensure the health of many women and men nationwide and certainly in the greater McHenry County area communities.

Centegra Health System has demonstrated a true commitment to providing outstanding medical imaging services to help women and men in the fight against breast cancer. McHenry County's breast cancer statistics are sobering. Between 2002 and 2006, 135 women out of every 100,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer. That was higher than Illinois' rate of 127 diagnoses per 100,000 women.

In the six-county Chicago metro area, McHenry County also has more women who are diagnosed with late-stage cancer -- 32% -- than any other county. Because of the late-stage cancer diagnoses, McHenry County also has higher breast cancer mortality rates than other surrounding counties. Centegra is committed to improving these numbers throughout greater McHenry and Kane Counties. We recently opened the Centegra Gavers Breast Center to provide a centralized location to meet each individual's breast care needs. This center offers a multidisciplinary approach with leading edge technology including digital mammography, breast MRI and stereotactic and ultrasound guided biopsies.

Today I stand here to demonstrate my support for Centegra Health System's proposed hospital project in Huntley which will bring additional women's services to communities in need so that we can continue to reach out to the many women in the county that still need to get annual screening mammograms and those that can benefit from follow up services.

I'm honored to be a member of the Centegra community and see a promising future ahead.

**Joseph Emmons, MD, in favor of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

My name is Dr. Joseph Emmons and I am the medical director of internal medicine with Centegra Primary Care. I practice at our Woodstock location. I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board to approve Centegra's Certificate of Need application for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

In my years with Centegra Health System, Centegra has been the region's leader at bringing new specialties and services to the people of greater McHenry County. As the region's population has grown and our patients' needs have changed, Centegra has recruited physicians to provide healthcare to the people of the communities we serve.

Centegra has significantly enhanced the availability and the level of heart care services for the people of the region. We work with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, to provide open heart surgery to our patients. Our cath labs perform lifesaving noninvasive procedures to thousands of patients each year.

In orthopaedics, Centegra surgeons deliver the newest in spine surgery, hip and knee replacement, arthroscopic procedures and even finger joint replacement surgeries. Centegra's physician partners deliver the extraordinary care our patients demand and deserve.

Please allow Centegra to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I represent all Centegra Primary Care physicians when I say we want our patients to have Centegra's state-of-the-art care close to home. I support Centegra Hospital – Huntley as the right place and now as the right time for a new hospital. Thank you.



February 4, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Testimony of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms Avery:

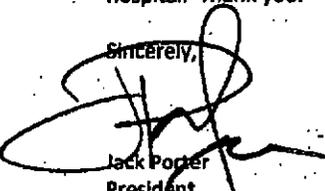
My name is Jack Porter. I am a local McHenry county resident, residing at 1552 Bobolink Circle, Woodstock, IL. I am President of Jack Porter & Associates, Inc. and Mg. Partner for LandKeepers, LLC with offices also in Woodstock. In addition, I serve on the Board of Governors for the Centegra Health System and am a member of the Quality and Service and Human Resource Committee for Centegra Hospital system. I also serve as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Woodstock.

My wife and I have been in McHenry County for over 22 years and have watched Centegra grow and become a leader in this area for health care. I was honored to be asked to serve on the board over four years ago. Since then I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and understanding of our health care system and needs. Most of all, I have come to respect the unyielding dedication and commitment of our physicians, nurses, executive team and all the Centegra's associates. The Centegra Health system has made significant financial contributions to the community in facilities, jobs and services and their commitment to quality care is unmatched.

With a background in planning and development, I understand the need for providing convenience and balance for a growing population. Health care in the right location is fundamental to servicing that growth. Logic would dictate that you identify service gaps in the market and locate them in areas that will be best served. In my opinion, Mercy Hospital request to locate in Crystal Lake would provide an oversaturation of beds and overlapping services. However, Centegra's proposed location in Huntley is ideally situated to provide the greatest opportunity to deliver care in one of the fastest growing areas of the state. We are already seeing highway and infrastructure improvements being put in place to handle the planned residential and commercial growth in Southern McHenry and Northern Kane, not to mention the already built in need to service Del Webb's age restricted community. Planning ahead to meet those health care needs are imperative. In my opinion, Centegra's vision and strategy is right on target.

As a resident, businessman and as a member of our community health care governing body, I overwhelmingly would like to go on the record to support Centegra Health System and its request to build a the Centegra-Huntley hospital. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jack Porter  
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**Kathy Powell**  
**Centegra Board of Governors**  
**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project 10--090**

I am Kathy Powell, and I am a firm supporter of Project 10 – 090.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, I learned about this project several months ago. The time, effort and detailed preparation that went into the plans were immediately apparent. This proposal was not thrown together in a day and has been well thought out. It's the result of many years of studying the population, demographics, residents and their medical needs. All, in a region that the Centegra Health Care System knows very well.

There is no doubt that Centegra Health System understands McHenry County. The hospital system has had a presence in the county for more than 100 years. We have grown as the needs of the community have grown and today we stand ready to take the next step in providing for the medical needs of our area residents.

As we know, Centegra's efforts to provide care in southern McHenry County began more than 5 years ago. Since then, thousands of residents from Huntley and the surrounding communities use the Immediate Care Center on Centegra's Huntley campus. Right now, urgent care patients who require the services of an acute care hospital need to be transferred elsewhere. A hospital on the Huntley campus would eliminate this challenge, bringing comprehensive services close to home in a growing population.

Centegra administration has worked tirelessly for thousands of hours to clearly culminate a strong application that meets the Board's rules. It addresses the needs identified by the state for Planning Area A-10. There is no better health system than Centegra to fulfill this need.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley and appreciate the opportunity to share my view. Thank you.

LEO A. REYES, M.D.,P.C.  
715 W. Judd St. Woodstock Illinois 60098  
Telephone (815) 338-5940

My name is Leo A. Reyes, the first formally trained Pediatrician and General Practitioner to establish permanently and still practicing in Woodstock since 1972. I have been on the active medical staff of CHS for 39 years, served as its President, chairman in my specialties, numerous committees and was a member of CHS Board of Governors. I was the co-creator of McHenry County's Well Child & Immunization Clinics, the first Medical Director of McHenry County's Valley Hi Nursing Home, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Home Health, the first Medical Director of Centegra's Skilled Nursing Facility and the first Medical Director of Centegra's Utilization Management.

Led by Mr. Michael Eesley 9 years ago, then the new President and CEO, Centegra made a commitment to serve with genuine respect, passionate caring and joyful spirit.

Physicians are the dominant decision makers when it comes to choosing hospitals and services for the care of their patients. In a marketplace that finds physicians increasingly competing rather than collaborating with hospitals, through physician-owned facilities offering profitable services once exclusively enjoyed by hospitals, it is critical that hospitals make physician satisfaction and communication a top strategic priority. I can tell you that Centegra Health System recognizes that priority and has shown outstanding efforts in strengthening physician relations, increasing opportunities for collaboration, moving market share through enhanced referral networks, increasing revenue and building physician preference for its hospitals.

Seven years ago our daughter from Oswego,IL gave birth to our first grandchild a blond blue eyed girl at Centegra. We were hooked on her and Centegra.

I have been all over this country and the world. I can tell you that Centegra's associates from housekeeping, nursing to directors, its Administration from the Board of Governors, VPs to the President, facilities, equipments and doctors all will stack up to the best of them in everything.

A patient will come to me in sickness and in health. They have choices but they will usually go to where I will send them. You can forget modern medical technology, you can forget a gleaming hospital and you can even forget the weather but you must remember the good people of Centegra.

One is only as good as one is available. Centegra is not only good but is also available. And now please welcome CHS to the Huntley neighborhood.



# Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. Based on this, I believe there is a need for a full-service hospital in this area.

The Algonquin – Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District provides not only traditional fire and rescue services to our District, but also paramedic ambulance service including transport to the nearest hospital. A new hospital facility constructed at the proposed site would significantly improve the transport time for many critically ill or injured patients from our District. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I support and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Rynders, Fire Chief  
1020 West Algonquin Road  
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

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**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**  
**Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

Kevin Rynderas  
Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District  
Village of Lake in the Hills

My name is Kevin Rynderas and I am the Chief of the fire protection district for the Villages of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin. I am here this morning to voice my support for the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley

My department currently serves nearly 60,000 residents, and quick, local access to medical care is an integral part of what we provide. Last year, our department responded to more than XX calls (add other stats?)

In our job, the time it takes to access medical care is critical, and the current long travel times and indirect access to existing facilities puts our residents at risk.

As a part of EMS Region IX, our closest hospital to the south is on average 20 minutes away and the closest hospital to the north is often longer. If the proposed hospital in Huntley is built it will be about half the distance—only 5 miles away. Having immediate access to life-saving care is critical to the job of our team and why we support this project.

In addition to the patient care benefits, shorter trips to and from the hospital will free up our vehicles and personnel faster to the benefit of our local residents. It's important to understand, that our travel time is not just the time it takes to respond to a call and transport the individual to an emergency room, it is also the time it takes us to return and put our personnel and vehicles back in service.

The Lake in the Hills and Algonquin communities are growing, and the area we serve is much larger than it was just a few years ago. In just six years our population has grown by over 13,000 people, resulting in more frequent emergency calls and greater medical needs.

I know that the towns of Lake in the Hills and Algonquin and would greatly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley. I know I speak for my emergency responder colleagues when I say that a new hospital in Huntley is imperative to the health and care of area residents and to maintaining a timely, cost-efficient operations emergency.

For these reasons, I ask this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley and bring much needed local medical care to a growing community.

**Kathy Kozak, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Hello, my name is Kathy Kozak. I am the Group Fitness Manager for Health Bridge Fitness Center, both Crystal Lake and Huntley. I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley! There is a great need for a hospital in southern McHenry County/ northern Kane County.

Since we opened our Huntley location in 2008, the people of the area have filled our Fitness Center. They come from all walks of life and in many shapes and sizes. Some of our exercisers are there to maintain and improve their fitness levels, and others come to us for life-changing advice as they strive toward a healthier, happier lifestyle. We offer fitness classes, nutrition counseling, aquatics, sports facilities, activities for children and families and a spa to help people relax their minds and indulge their bodies in a healthy way.

The success of Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center in Huntley comes from Centegra's goal to improve the overall health and wellness of the communities we serve. It is clear to all of us at HealthBridge that the people of the Huntley region were just waiting for the opportunity to live more active lifestyles, and Centegra met the needs of the community by building the Centegra Campus in Huntley.

I'm especially excited when I see the young families of the area who visit Health Bridge together. The parents are setting positive examples for their children, and I believe those kids will grow up to be healthier than the previous generation. This wouldn't be possible without Centegra's impact on the community. From our CEO to the Associates who work at Health Bridge, we consistently demonstrate our commitment to the region's overall wellness.

Personally, my parents live in Del Webb Huntley and use Centegra for their wellness needs. My in-laws live in Algonquin and work out at Health Bridge in Huntley. I live in Algonquin. My entire family deserves a hospital closer to our homes.

Making Centegra Hospital - Huntley another part of the Huntley Campus would complete the continuum of care we have already begun to provide to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. I am proud to be a part of Centegra's Huntley campus and deeply believe that Centegra is the best health system and Huntley is the best location for a new hospital.

**Bonnie Saban in Support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

Good Morning/Afternoon. My name is Bonnie Saban and I am a long time resident of McHenry County. I am the Manager of Volunteer Services and Patient Express for Centegra Health System. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging and am the coordinator of the State of Illinois-Senior Health Insurance Program sponsored and supported by Centegra. I also served for several years as the President of the McHenry County Task Force on Aging.

I would like to speak to you today on behalf of the aging community of McHenry County. A demographic study done by the Metro Chicago Information Center and Northwestern University forecasts that, of Chicago's five collar counties, McHenry County will experience the most dramatic growth in their senior population between the years of 2000 and 2020. Our county can expect to see a 66% increase in seniors with the next largest increase of 60%, taking place in Kane County.

Sun City Huntley, the largest 55+ community in the Midwest, straddles the McHenry and Kane county lines and is home to more than 9,000 seniors. That number includes my parents, Lloyd and Bette Miller. As they have aged it has become more and more important that health care services are easily accessible. In fact, the demographic study mentioned earlier, found that 84% of participants cited the availability of quality medical care as the most important aspect of their community.

Centegra Health System has consistently worked to identify the healthcare needs of the community and then provide for those needs. The purchase of property on Haligus Rd and the subsequent construction of the Immediate Care Center, Centegra Primary Care and Healthbridge Fitness Center is an example of that commitment. Construction of a hospital at the Haligus location clearly best meets the needs of the aging community of McHenry and Kane County.

I would like to encourage you to approve Centegra Health System's application for the construction of Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you today.

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley**  
**Testimony in Support of Project #10-090**

Jerry Sagona, Village Administrator  
Village of Lake in the Hills

Good morning. I'm reading this testimony on behalf of Village President Ed Plaza. I am the Village Administrator for the town of Lake in the Hills. Our community lies in southern McHenry County and we have a growing population of over 30,000 people. The location of the proposed hospital in Huntley is ideal for our townspeople, as we fall within its primary service vicinity and have a growing need for accessible healthcare.

As with any new addition serving our community, we want to ensure that a new hospital will act as a partner to the residents of Lake in the Hills, not merely a business. I strongly support this project because Centegra has already proven its commitment our community and our residents.

Centegra has a well-kept, established Huntley campus with a state-of-the-art fitness center and physician offices. Its Immediate Care facility provides timely, high-quality treatment for our surrounding area and has served as a necessary go-to for those with less serious medical needs. Many Lake in the Hills residents choose the Huntley campus for their routine health and wellness needs.

Centegra's Huntley campus is the right place to build a new hospital—already operating as a functioning, integral part of our community. In addition, the new hospital will provide hundreds of construction and thousands of permanent jobs to sustain and foster the economic growth of our communities, which is vital to our expanding population. The indirect economic development benefits to all of the neighboring communities is critical to keeping our businesses strong, our residents employed and our towns growing.

Lake in the Hills has seen tremendous growth over the past decade, like so many of our neighbors in McHenry County. Projections for future growth are just as strong with 10% increase in our community population in just the next 4 years.

Clearly, the proposal for a new hospital comes at a time of growth, drawing a need for greater, localized access to medical care. Southern McHenry County is medically underserved and a new hospital in Huntley will help to meet that need.

The Centegra healthcare system has invested in our community, and I strongly believe that a new hospital in Huntley will bring a sustaining partnership and a vital economic boost to our area.

The community needs this hospital, and so I ask that the board lend its support. Thank you.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name:** Connie Secor

**Address:** 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152

**Company:** Centegra Health System

**Title:** Director, Surgical Services

My name is Connie Secor. As the Director of Surgical Services for Centegra Health System and as a community member living in Marengo, I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley.

Centegra Health System's Surgical Services departments provide comprehensive services for both ambulatory and in-patient populations for the communities of McHenry County and beyond. Performing nearly 14,000 surgical procedures annually, our combined 15 operating rooms serve more than 110 surgeons, covering more than 15 different service line specialties. These service lines include our open heart program at the Centegra Hospital - McHenry campus and a weight loss surgery program at our Centegra Hospital – Woodstock campus. We are proud to say that our weight loss surgery program has been designated as a Bariatric Center of Excellence from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

In addition, our ancillary service areas provide combined visits of more than 16,000 annually in our Endoscopy and Ambulatory Treatment Departments. These service areas play a critical role in the provision of care to citizens throughout McHenry County and surrounding communities. We are very proud of the excellent care we provide and that our associates remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our patients.

As a community member, I am very excited that Centegra is building upon its excellence and continues to bring important medical services to the communities in need. Thank you for your time and consideration of this much needed hospital and the many services it can bring to the community.

## Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley

Project # 10-090

Name: Sheila Senn

Address: 148 Glenbrook Trail McHenry IL 60050

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Behavioral Health Services

### Testimonial:

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as an Associate of the health system, as a resident of McHenry County and as an advocate for those who suffer from Mental and substance abuse illnesses. During my 15 years with Centegra, it has been my calling to care for those individuals who are marginalized and underserved and work toward the reduction of stigma associated with Mental Illness and substance abuse.

I am proud to be a part of Centegra Health System as this organization shares these same values. While other hospitals have chosen to reduce or entirely eliminate Behavioral Health Services, Centegra has maintained services for those in need in our community. The decisions to maintain such services have been made exclusively on the basis of what our community needs not on the impact to our financial bottom line which incidentally is negative. In the spirit of our mission to serve our community, we have partnered with other community agencies to coordinate services and meet the changing needs of McHenry County. A recent example is our involvement with the suicide taskforce in McHenry County. It saddens me to report to you today that the number of residents who have ended their lives by suicide in this past year has doubled since 2008. As the number of suicides mounted last year, we worked with many community agencies to offer free education to our residents related to suicide prevention. We educated our physicians and Associates regarding the group most at risk and common signs and symptoms.

I think most of us would agree that the past few years have been some of the most economically and emotionally challenging for our country and our community. Unemployment and foreclosures have taken a toll on our community at the same time that access and resources for Mental health and substance abuse services have been seriously diminished. Though there has been a complete elimination of support from the state for acute psychiatric services, we have maintained our acute care services. Acute psychiatric services are not optional services, they are essential and should not be compromised. These services are a person's very last option. They are provided when nothing else will

do to insure the safety of the individual or others. We continue to care for people because it is consistent with our mission and simply, the right thing to do.

The Huntley hospital will provide an additional access point for people to seek entry into the most appropriate level of mental health or substance abuse services. We provide truly integrated and informed services to our community. I am very proud to be a part of such a sophisticated approach to care. I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those we serve.

Project #10-090

Girls on the Run  
is a life-changing after  
school program for 3rd  
through 8th grade girls.

Laurie Dayon  
1693 Rolling Hills Drive  
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*The highly interactive  
curriculum combines  
self-esteem enhancing  
lessons with uplifting  
workouts aimed to  
develop the whole girl:  
her physical, mental,  
emotional and social self.*

My name is Laurie Dayon and I am the Executive Director of Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois (GOTRNWIL). Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping girls climb out of the "girl box" using a 20-lesson curriculum designed to promote good choices for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. The curriculum, designed specifically to address "girl box" issues, uses warm-up, and workouts which encourage emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical well-being.

*Young girls are empowered  
with a greater self-awareness,  
a sense of achievement,  
and a foundation in team  
building to help them  
become strong, contented  
and self-confident women.*

Centegra Health Systems is committed to the community in which they serve. They have been a partner of GOTRNWIL's for three years, providing not only financial but volunteer support. Centegra's commitment to the community is unparalleled. For example, last spring Centegra reached out to local organizations to include them in their team building day, which included working together to build new bicycles. Centegra sought out children from the community who were in need and presented the kids with brand new bikes at the conclusion of the team building day. Not only were the kids absolutely thrilled, but it was a complete surprise to the employees as well – and they had a chance to talk one on one with the recipient of the bikes they made. It truly made a difference in the lives of those children

learn  
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run.

I have personally been a member of Centegra's Healthbridge Fitness Center for over five years after choosing to leave another large, local health club, for what is an overall wellness and family focused fitness facility. I could not be more pleased with the services that Centegra offers me and my family.

A Centegra Hospital located in Huntley would be an amazing addition to the growth that our communities have experienced. Currently, if I need to get my child to the hospital, at my current address, it will take at least 25 minutes. With this new proposal – I can have my child under a doctor's care within minutes. As a parent, this is crucial as we all know minutes matter when it comes to health issues. Additionally, my mom lives in Huntley and having a hospital so close would mean immediate care for all of my family.

I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley, IL. I could not be more excited about the prospect of Centegra leading the way and adding another hospital to our community.

Regards,

Laurie Dayon  
Executive Director  
Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois

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Public Hearing: Project #10-090.  
Centegra Hospital Huntley  
February 16, 2011

My name is Marcy Piekos. I am the Executive Director for Leadership Greater McHenry County. Today, as the representative for LGMC, I proudly support Centegra in its effort to address a critical need of an effective community; expanding quality healthcare.

LGMC was founded in 2004 by Centegra CEO Michael Eesley. Centegra continues to be a primary sustainable force for this leadership organization demonstrating their proclaimed servant leadership to our community. It is important to note Centegra has held a prominent presence in the ongoing LGMC program since 2004. Additionally, Centegra alumni continue to engage as volunteers on one of seven LGMC committees. Currently there are 200 alumni. To date there are 29 Centegra alumni who graduated from the ten month LGMC program. Ten of whom are members of our Board of Trustees or actively participating on a committee.

LGMC's mission is to educate and inspire professionals to engage in community leadership, addressing another critical need of every effective community; leaders who are focused and concerned for all public processes.

No other countywide Community Leadership Program exists with the same mission and focus. ....**Centegra saw the need eight years ago and made the commitment.** Community Leadership Development must be fostered through focused programs. This in turn creates a leadership resource for the entire Greater McHenry County area. "Leadership must be developed, it does not just happen."...**Centegra has shown sustained support for this collective leadership imperative.** Just as Mike Eesley served as the catalyst to launch LGMC, under his visionary leadership Centegra is striving to integrate the Huntley Hospital into its healthcare system thereby broadening the continuum of excellent care for McHenry County. Strong and effective community leadership is the foundation of every thriving, healthy community.

I am excited at the prospect of Centegra incorporating the Huntley Hospital into its healthcare system. It will offer much more than broadening healthcare and job opportunities. It will lead McHenry County into the future with a state of the art facility serving more people in more advanced ways.

LGMC, through its founding organizations, like Centegra, developed a Leadership Model and Program, providing the perfect starting point for those who truly want to serve and provide leadership while enhancing personal and professional development. **Centegra inspired a shared vision.**



Marcy Piekos  
Executive Director  
Leadership Greater McHenry County  
P.O. Box 442  
Woodstock, IL 60098

This parallels what Centegra seeks today. Inspiring that shared vision to extend quality healthcare to this southern part of McHenry County. The benefits are obvious, the leadership is solid, as the broader community will be served by allowing Centegra to move forward with this action.

Thank you for this opportunity to endorse Centegra's dynamic initiative.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Piekos".

Marcy Piekos  
Executive Director

*One copy*

To: Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

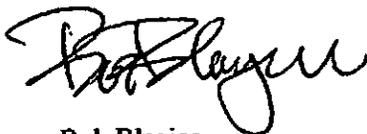
I am writing in support of The Proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley Illinois. My wife and I have lived in Crystal Lake since 1962. At that time both Huntley and Crystal Lake had dramatically smaller populations than they have in 2011.

As a retired superintendent of schools, and CEO of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce, I have seen Centegra take responsibility for the County's Healthcare needs. Quality Healthcare close to home is important to me but I also appreciate Centegra's efforts to provide preventative care for all of us.

My wife and I have both been patients, in 2010 at Centegra Hospitals, we can attest to the quality of care that we received. We have also been active in the prevention and fitness programs offered by Centegra.

I feel that this endorsement represents thousand of citizens in my senior age group who will benefit from the construction of the Centegra Huntley facility. In addressing an audience last week I said "If you think Healthcare is expensive, it's even more expensive, if it's inconvenient." This project will solve that problem.

Best Regards,



Bob Blazier

Commercial Community

Relations Officer

Home State Bank NA

Centegra Hospital- Huntley Project 10-090  
Public Hearing Support Testimony  
Cindy Amore, RN, BSN  
Emergency Medical System Manager  
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McHenry, IL 60050

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for the Centegra Hospital Huntley project. I have had the good fortune to work within McHenry County for the past 33 years. During that time, my career has afforded me the opportunity to work with the community emergency responders throughout the area. In my role as EMS System Coordinator I work to support area EMS responders- EMT's and Paramedics, to acquire and maintain the skills necessary in providing prompt access in response to every emergency. The training and the equipment they use assists them in evaluating the patient's physical condition and providing appropriate and timely transport to the closest hospital Emergency Department for access to definitive medical care. The key to successful outcomes in patient conditions rests with prompt assessment, timely transport and arrival to the nearest comprehensive ED.

Centegra Health System has made a commitment to the community throughout McHenry County to provide access to quality emergency care, by providing 2 hospitals with comprehensive Emergency Department services, 2- Level II Trauma Centers, access to critical care emergency transport through Flight for Life, and maintaining the commitment to EMS as a Resource Hospital with the Illinois Department of Public Health. The addition of a hospital to serve the communities of southwestern McHenry county will provide service in an area that currently experiences longer transport times for EMS patients for both medical and trauma care, based on the proximity of neighboring hospitals. The greater Huntley area continues to grow in population. The Centegra Hospital Huntley will provide them with access to emergency care that is consistent with Emergency care in other areas of the county and close to home.

Thank You

*Cindy Amore RN*

**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Tom Halat  
Tom's Farm Market and Greenhouse, Inc.

The Centegra Hospital at Centegra's Health Campus in Huntley is the most logical location for a hospital. I own Tom's Farm next door to the proposed Centegra Hospital - Huntley site. A few years ago my wife and I sold part of our farm to Centegra to build the Huntley Health Campus. Back in 2006, Centegra had the foresight to acquire sufficient land not only for their Healthbridge Fitness Center and Immediate Care facility, but also enough land for a future hospital. Centegra has a vision for this community, and they are invested in making sure that the best care is available where it is most needed in our community.

This location in the South East corner of McHenry County will fill a void and have close access to the nine thousand plus residents of the Del Webb Sun City retirement community. As you cross over the county line to the south into Northern Kane County, it will fill a void for several communities in that area.

This location is in the heart of a one hundred percent residential area and the most fitting place to satisfy the needs of the community around it. The demographics do warrant a new hospital in Huntley, and Centegra Health System is the organization to do it.

Working on a farm next door to the current Huntley Health Campus has resulted in several trips to the Immediate Care Center for both me and my family and me. Centegra has taken great care of us, and treats us like family. They have been a great neighbor, and selling our land to Centegra was the right decision.

I have been impressed by the leadership at Centegra. They have a vision to constantly improve the quality and access to healthcare in the area. I support this organization that has taken care of my family and my community. I want to see all of my family and friends live long, healthy lives, and Centegra is invested in that same dream.

*Tom Halat*

**Angela McAuley**  
**Centegra Hospital-Huntley – Support**  
**Project # 10-090**

My name is Angela McAuley, and I am here to share my support for Centegra's plans for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. There is no doubt that this application meets the state's rules for approval. And what I can best speak to are the impressive elements of this project and the character of the health system that is proposing it.

As a current Centegra Board member and a former employee for more than three decades, I have a deep understanding of healthcare and how it has changed over the years. Women's health, in particular, has always been of interest to me. This proposal includes plans for a dedicated Women's Center with a separate entrance. I cannot think of a better resource for women of all ages in these communities.

A space devoted to women will help patients feel as comfortable as possible while undergoing tests and treatments that are rather uncomfortable in nature. Women want and embrace privacy when it comes to their care. Perhaps more importantly, it's a great way to advance collaboration among the medical practitioners who work with women. This is a terrific aspect of the project, and it shows that Centegra truly is a forward-thinking health system. Currently there are no Dedicated Women's Centers in our area. Centegra recognizes their value.

Through my positions with Centegra, I also understand the organization's unrelenting loyalty to the people it serves. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding communities deserve this level of commitment from a healthcare provider. I began my career at Centegra as a part-time nurse. In that role, I learned the "contagious" dedication that those who work for this organization have. The system's staff and leaders are involved in our community on a number of levels, and they carry a genuine respect and joyful spirit in whatever they do.

I support this project wholeheartedly and based on my understanding of the state rules, I believe that this proposal meets those rules for approval.

Thank you.

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Thank you.

Wrong project in the wrong location and wrong timing

I do not understand why Centegra would build a hospital in Huntley when the population does not support it. Their idea is to "wait a few years so the population can grow enough" to support the project.

The Crystal Lake area has the greatest need for a hospital in McHenry County. There are at least 160,000 residents in the Southeast part of McHenry County that would benefit from a hospital in Crystal Lake. The need for a Crystal Lake Hospital is NOW; Mercy does not need to wait for the population to grow to support ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> project.

Jennifer Whitwell  
McHenry Resident

*I am in opposition to Centegra's project.*

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Laura Dickman

On behalf of Mercy Health Systems.

Centegra is the wrong project in the wrong location. The need for competition in McHenry County for health care services is now - please do not allow this

monopoly. Having the privilege of having worked for both health systems I know the need for another hospital in McHenry County. The location proposed by Centegra is not where the greatest need exists. Having been an ER nurse @ Centegra McHenry I know the need for a new Hospital.

We spent many nights on bypass due to lack of inpt. beds for hospital admissions thus clogging the ER and causing long ER wait times, to be seen one of the largest EMS providers affected by Centegra McHenry being on bypass was Crystal Lake, so I know the direct need for a hospital in Crystal Lake. Please deny the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley as it is the wrong project in the wrong location.

**Barbara Johnson**  
**Centegra Hospital - Huntley – Project #10-090**  
**Public Hearing Speech**  
**February 16, 2011**

My name is Barb Johnson. I have been the Senior Vice President of Human Resources Development for Centegra Health System for nine years. I am currently on the Workforce Investment Board and was Chair of the Board of Trustees for Leadership Greater McHenry County for two years.

One of the factors critical to a new hospital is its staffing. It is also an area where Centegra is extremely well positioned for success. Our reputation in the professional sector, our recruiting processes, and our retention of current staff ensure that we can support a new hospital with a talented workforce and a strong culture of clinical and service excellence.

Centegra Health System is the largest employer in McHenry County, and maintains a reputation as a great place to work—both within our community and beyond. We have been nationally recognized by Modern Healthcare for the past two years as a great place to work in healthcare and by AARP for five consecutive years as an employer of choice. On our last Associate Opinion Survey conducted by Great Place To Work Institute, 9 out of 10 Associates strongly agreed Centegra is a great place to work. We also rank high in Associate satisfaction when compared to national benchmarks. This reputation, based on trust, camaraderie and pride, makes Centegra a destination of choice.

Proof of our reputation can be seen in our success in attracting candidates. During the past 12 months, we received 7,506 applications for 365 available positions. The pride and support of our current Associates, who will play a critical role in assimilating the new workforce, extends beyond their jobs—39% of all new hires in the last year were referred by current Associates.

Centegra's recruiting strategies and processes further bolster our ability to staff a new facility. We collaborate with over 40 colleges to host clinical rotations and shadowing experiences for nursing students. As a result we have a waiting list for new graduates. These students have already experienced what it is to work at Centegra and have already demonstrated the clinical and personal talents that lead to exceptional patient care—and they are poised to become part of our staff.

We also offer shadowing experiences and partner with McHenry County College to conduct a Healthcare Careers Exploration class each semester. All of these recruiting strategies enhance our ability to enlist top talent—even as shortages threaten nationally.

As I mentioned earlier, our existing Associates play a critical role in recruiting top talent. They also provide an extremely stable workforce. Centegra takes pride in a 95.8% retention rate for fiscal year 2010 and an overall vacancy rate of 2.4% in comparison to the Chicagoland market of 4%. The nursing vacancy rate is even more impressive at 1.1% in comparison to the Chicagoland market of 4%. The stability of our current staff will allow us to focus on obtaining the staff needed for the future.

To summarize, Centegra both attracts healthcare talent and retains it. Our Associates feel like they make a difference. They consider Centegra Health System a great place to work, and spread our culture of service throughout our community. Our reputation, recruiting processes and retention of talented and giving professionals create a strong plan for success to not only staff the proposed Huntley facility—but to staff it with professionals who deliver service and clinical excellence.

Thank you for your time.

February 16, 2011

Dale Galassie, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Household Growth in Southern McHenry & Northern Kane Counties

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Metrostudy has evaluated the amount of household growth that has occurred in a pre-defined trade area, and evaluated the potential for future growth through 2015. The following statements reflect our knowledge of the market area and pertain to the charts and tables that follow this summary.

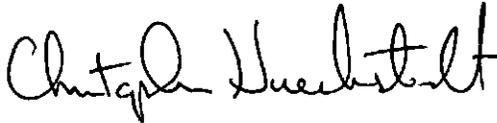
- Ⓜ Metrostudy is uniquely qualified to gauge household growth in the Chicagoland region as it conducts a quarterly census of the housing market. Each quarter Metrostudy tabulates new home construction, sales, occupancy, and inventory for the Chicagoland market. Metrostudy has been compiling new home data since 1990, tracking the growth of communities throughout the region since that time.
- Ⓜ In order to conduct a meaningful comparison, Metrostudy compiled data for both the "Primary Service Area" and "Secondary Service Area" as defined in the study compiled for Centegra Hospital by Deloitte Financial Advisory Services. The PSA consists of ten zip codes while the SSA consists of 6 zip codes.
- Ⓜ Within the PSA, there were just over 22,000 new households added from 2000 to 2010. Metrostudy new home closings report a nearly identical number of new home closings over that same time frame. However, it should be noted that 81% of the overall growth during the decade happened from the end of 2000 to 2006. From 2000 to 2006, the PSA averaged 2,673 new home closings per year (this during possibly the biggest housing boom since World War II). From 2007 through 2010, the PSA averaged just 896 new home closings per year. More recently, in 2009 and 2010, there were just 533 and 345 total new home closings respectively. + 65,000
- Ⓜ This would indicate a rapid slowing in the rate of household growth within the PSA. Any forecast that would project population and household growth must take current market conditions into consideration. The demographic forecast put forth by Claritas projects the addition of over 22,000 persons and over 7,200 new households by 2015. This equates to an average of 4,400 persons and nearly 1,500 households per year. (By point of comparison, Metrostudy is forecasting the completion and sale of from 2,500 to 3,000 new homes in 2011 and 2012 for the entire Chicagoland area.)
- Ⓜ Based on current trends in the Chicagoland economy (most notably the lack of job growth), and in the local housing market, it is likely that the PSA will average from 500 to 800 new households per year through 2015, well below the forecast levels provided by Claritas. Any undertaking dependent upon household growth in the trade area needs to consider that the growth experienced in the market from 2000 to 2006 is not necessarily indicative of growth from 2007 to 2010, nor for the forecast period from 2010 to 2015.

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- ⦿ Within the Secondary Service Area, or SSA, household growth has been much more modest, averaging a little over 500 new households per year from 2000 to 2010. Much like the overall Chicagoland market and the PSA referenced above, the majority of growth occurred during the first half of the previous decade. In 2009 and 2010 the SSA saw 159 and 117 new home closings respectively, well below the average annual growth rate for the decade. In the near term, it is expected that these much more modest growth rates will be indicative of growth in the SSA through 2015.

This letter represents Metrostudy's opinion regarding the housing market in the trade area as defined above and is based on the information provided in the attachment to this letter. Please let me know if you have questions or comments, or if there is any other information that I can provide.

Sincerely,



Christopher Huecksteadt  
Director, Chicago Market  
Metrostudy

Appendix attached.

# Quarterly Inventory Summary

## McHenry County

Quarter/ Year	Quarter Starts	Annual Starts	Vacant Lots	VOL Supply	Quarter Closings	Annual Closings	Under Const	Fin Vacant	Total Inventory	Inv Supply	Completed Units	Future Inventory	Qtr Lot Deliveries
3Q01	971	2,996	5,007	20.1	867	2,810	1,421	148	1,743	7.4	851	3,460	608
4Q01	783	3,243	4,977	18.4	954	2,941	1,209	189	1,572	6.4	995	3,211	753
1Q02	486	3,019	4,929	19.6	436	2,845	1,257	184	1,622	6.8	438	3,155	438
2Q02	746	2,986	4,306	17.3	755	3,012	1,206	223	1,613	6.4	797	3,791	123
3Q02	747	2,762	4,208	18.3	808	2,953	1,177	210	1,552	6.3	776	3,287	649
4Q02	654	2,633	4,637	21.1	775	2,774	1,049	239	1,431	6.2	782	6,627	1,083
1Q03	405	2,552	4,404	20.7	484	2,822	1,032	186	1,352	5.7	422	10,601	172
2Q03	824	2,630	4,142	18.9	749	2,816	1,068	225	1,427	6.1	788	12,131	562
3Q03	700	2,583	3,885	18.0	628	2,636	1,100	268	1,499	6.8	668	15,612	443
4Q03	631	2,560	3,661	17.2	773	2,634	995	245	1,357	6.2	736	16,156	407
1Q04	468	2,623	3,818	17.5	463	2,613	1,042	341	1,499	6.9	558	17,459	625
2Q04	707	2,506	3,959	19.0	651	2,515	1,112	333	1,555	7.4	637	17,395	848
3Q04	706	2,512	3,624	17.3	696	2,583	1,133	323	1,565	7.3	685	18,647	371
4Q04	545	2,426	4,258	21.1	673	2,483	946	377	1,437	6.9	732	18,300	1,179
1Q05	394	2,352	4,621	23.6	373	2,393	990	349	1,458	7.3	350	19,894	757
2Q05	854	2,499	4,464	21.4	501	2,243	1,271	409	1,811	9.7	573	18,443	697
3Q05	821	2,614	4,316	19.8	798	2,345	1,260	440	1,834	9.4	832	18,685	673
4Q05	533	2,602	4,172	19.2	749	2,421	1,005	473	1,618	8.0	788	22,127	389
1Q06	704	2,912	4,991	20.6	521	2,569	988	672	1,801	8.4	721	23,866	1,523
2Q06	466	2,524	5,142	24.4	859	2,927	862	389	1,408	5.8	592	24,593	617
3Q06	482	2,185	5,729	31.5	435	2,564	803	505	1,455	6.8	541	29,748	1,069
4Q06	403	2,055	6,055	35.4	539	2,354	656	498	1,319	6.7	550	29,018	729
1Q07	246	1,597	6,496	48.8	330	2,163	626	430	1,235	6.9	276	28,482	687
2Q07	485	1,616	6,862	51.0	326	1,630	755	457	1,394	10.3	356	27,744	851
3Q07	269	1,403	6,831	58.4	352	1,547	639	497	1,311	10.2	385	28,121	238
4Q07	197	1,197	7,043	70.6	386	1,394	452	473	1,122	9.7	384	29,715	409
1Q08	128	1,079	7,010	78.0	223	1,287	435	394	1,027	9.6	145	30,620	95
2Q08	210	804	6,998	104.4	278	1,239	372	416	980	9.5	294	31,000	198
3Q08	116	651	6,964	128.4	203	1,090	344	360	893	9.8	144	30,929	82
4Q08	79	533	6,940	156.2	146	850	287	369	826	11.7	136	31,801	55
1Q09	40	445	6,865	185.1	152	779	251	321	714	11.0	76	31,696	-35
2Q09	45	280	6,821	292.3	158	659	197	277	601	10.9	99	31,950	1
3Q09	46	210	6,774	387.1	66	522	197	262	581	13.4	46	32,130	-1
4Q09	42	173	6,835	474.1	107	483	141	258	516	12.8	98	32,027	103
1Q10	28	161	6,677	497.7	72	403	149	220	472	14.1	20	31,918	-130
2Q10	38	154	6,639	517.3	87	332	134	194	423	15.3	53	31,918	0
3Q10	46	154	6,593	513.7	80	346	128	174	388	13.5	52	31,918	0
4Q10	27	139	6,566	566.8	69	308	97	171	347	13.5	58	31,918	0

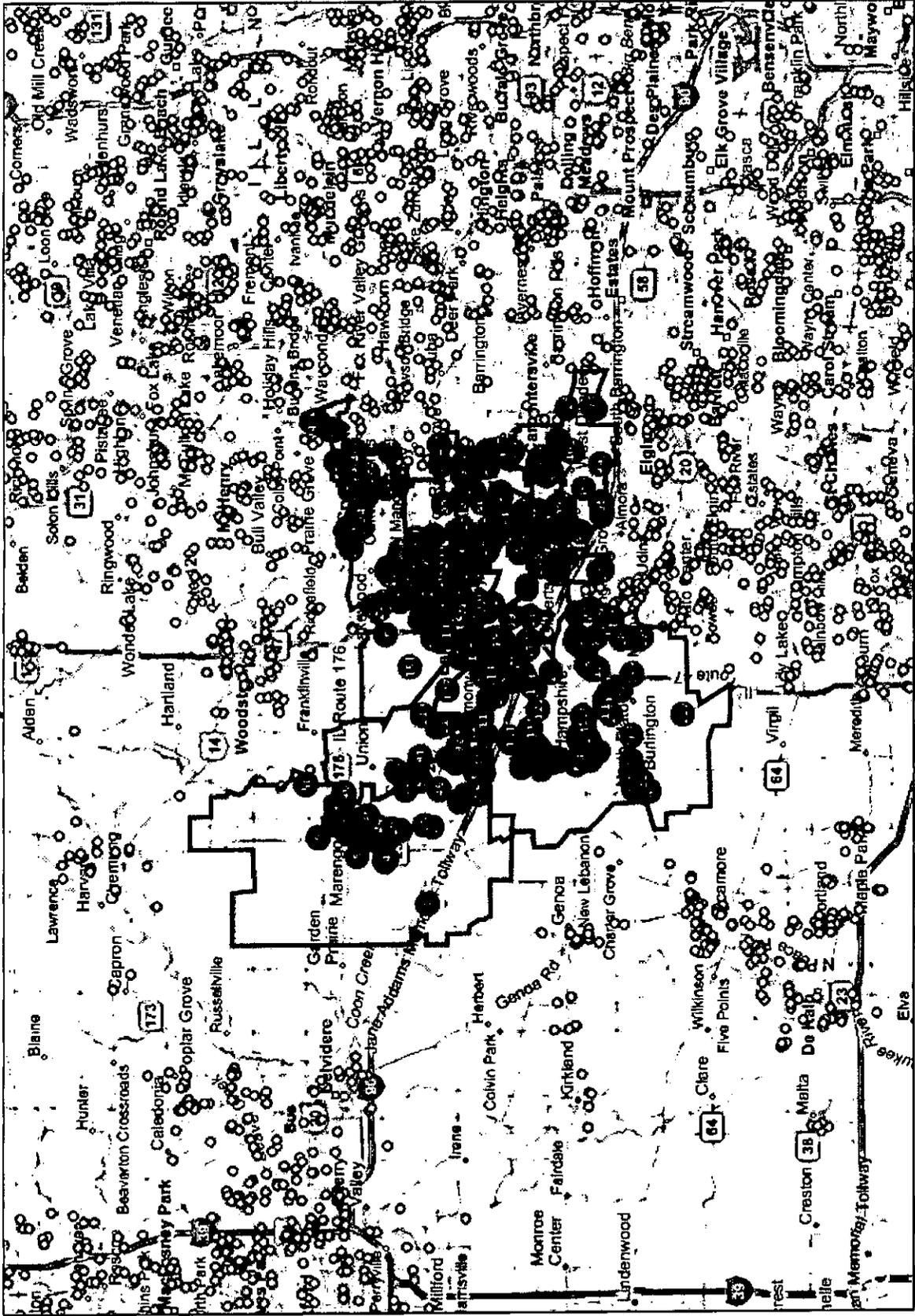
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3Q01	843	2,750	3,003	13.1	829	2,736	1,149	162	1,467	6.4	793	5,178	455
4Q01	641	2,735	3,140	13.8	813	2,804	950	188	1,295	5.5	840	4,526	778
1Q02	358	2,433	2,994	14.8	383	2,630	929	191	1,270	5.8	379	5,268	212
2Q02	705	2,547	2,362	11.1	621	2,646	1,032	169	1,354	6.1	602	5,649	73
3Q02	707	2,411	2,258	11.2	704	2,521	1,025	197	1,357	6.5	714	5,186	603
4Q02	677	2,447	3,142	15.4	754	2,462	994	169	1,280	6.2	708	9,031	1,561
1Q03	319	2,408	3,029	15.1	524	2,603	784	187	1,075	5.0	529	10,076	206
2Q03	869	2,572	2,929	13.7	708	2,690	974	176	1,236	5.5	679	12,904	769
3Q03	820	2,685	2,893	12.9	668	2,654	1,100	206	1,388	6.3	694	13,250	784
4Q03	806	2,814	2,558	10.9	780	2,680	1,137	185	1,414	6.3	769	13,092	471
1Q04	427	2,922	2,826	11.6	534	2,690	996	247	1,339	6.0	600	14,662	695
2Q04	646	2,699	3,314	14.7	643	2,625	1,005	240	1,342	6.1	637	16,094	1,134
3Q04	1,196	3,075	2,517	9.8	687	2,644	1,458	295	1,851	8.4	743	19,133	399
4Q04	489	2,758	2,577	11.2	966	2,830	886	390	1,374	5.8	1,061	18,225	549
1Q05	324	2,655	3,114	14.1	452	2,748	822	325	1,246	5.4	388	19,242	861
2Q05	747	2,756	2,788	12.1	558	2,663	1,063	271	1,435	6.5	506	18,863	421
3Q05	865	2,425	3,160	15.6	650	2,626	1,210	342	1,650	7.5	718	18,310	1,237
4Q05	671	2,607	3,097	14.3	741	2,401	1,128	343	1,580	7.9	753	22,583	608
1Q06	720	3,003	3,871	15.5	578	2,527	1,035	579	1,722	8.2	813	21,530	1,494
2Q06	757	3,013	3,735	14.9	886	2,855	1,051	409	1,593	6.7	741	21,693	621
3Q06	616	2,764	3,972	17.2	647	2,852	944	501	1,562	6.6	723	25,168	853
4Q06	425	2,518	4,133	19.7	752	2,863	668	442	1,235	5.2	701	26,618	586
1Q07	295	2,093	4,718	27.1	380	2,665	660	346	1,150	5.2	303	28,259	880
2Q07	562	1,898	4,822	30.5	363	2,142	815	378	1,349	7.6	407	28,092	666
3Q07	464	1,746	4,827	33.2	485	1,980	746	426	1,328	8.0	533	28,299	469
4Q07	292	1,613	4,787	35.6	501	1,729	545	411	1,119	7.8	493	28,983	252
1Q08	82	1,400	4,760	40.8	231	1,580	457	350	970	7.4	170	29,384	55
2Q08	264	1,102	4,782	52.1	282	1,499	453	332	952	7.6	268	31,871	286
3Q08	165	803	5,108	76.3	267	1,281	424	286	850	8.0	194	31,467	491
4Q08	88	599	5,263	105.4	198	978	320	271	740	9.1	192	31,189	243
1Q09	48	565	5,131	109.0	126	873	299	230	662	9.1	69	31,281	-84
2Q09	94	395	5,173	157.2	150	741	290	189	606	9.8	103	31,083	136
3Q09	58	288	5,088	212.0	103	577	240	208	561	11.7	108	31,263	-27
4Q09	116	316	5,203	197.6	154	533	217	205	523	11.8	139	31,058	231
1Q10	40	308	5,095	198.5	76	483	239	149	487	12.1	18	30,859	-68
2Q10	58	272	5,011	221.1	79	412	213	158	466	13.6	84	30,859	-26
3Q10	97	311	5,044	194.6	92	401	239	145	471	14.1	71	30,729	130
4Q10	55	250	4,989	239.5	98	345	175	170	428	14.9	119	30,729	0

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## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Population by Age</b>	<b>170,114</b>		<b>237,016</b>		<b>259,406</b>	
Age 0 - 4	15,578	9.16%	19,182	8.09%	20,897	8.06%
Age 5 - 9	15,693	9.22%	18,517	7.81%	19,748	7.61%
Age 10 - 14	14,064	8.27%	18,268	7.71%	18,845	7.26%
Age 15 - 17	7,658	4.50%	11,322	4.78%	12,269	4.73%
Age 18 - 20	5,545	3.26%	8,615	3.63%	9,659	3.72%
Age 21 - 24	6,600	3.88%	11,686	4.93%	14,003	5.40%
Age 25 - 34	26,502	15.58%	31,841	13.43%	31,666	12.21%
Age 35 - 44	32,179	18.92%	36,201	15.27%	36,002	13.88%
Age 45 - 54	21,880	12.86%	35,690	15.06%	37,845	14.59%
Age 55 - 64	12,102	7.11%	23,865	10.07%	30,813	11.88%
Age 65 - 74	7,320	4.30%	13,201	5.57%	17,305	6.67%
Age 75 - 84	3,941	2.32%	6,598	2.78%	7,722	2.98%
Age 85 and over	1,052	0.62%	2,030	0.86%	2,632	1.01%
Age 16 and over	122,169	71.82%	177,108	74.72%	195,645	75.42%
Age 18 and over	117,121	68.85%	169,727	71.61%	187,647	72.34%
Age 21 and over	111,576	65.59%	161,112	67.98%	177,988	68.61%
Age 65 and over	12,313	7.24%	21,829	9.21%	27,659	10.66%
<b>Median Age</b>	<b>32.52</b>		<b>34.71</b>		<b>35.73</b>	
<b>Average Age</b>	<b>32.50</b>		<b>34.90</b>		<b>36.00</b>	
<b>Population by Sex</b>	<b>170,114</b>		<b>237,016</b>		<b>259,406</b>	
Male	85,144	50.05%	118,765	50.11%	129,822	50.05%
Female	84,970	49.95%	118,251	49.89%	129,584	49.95%
Male/Female Ratio	1.00		1.00		1.00	

## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Pop. by Single Race Class. and Hispanic or Latino</b>						
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	20,342		36,079		44,150	
White Alone	9,889	48.61%	17,666	48.96%	21,614	48.96%
Black or African American Alone	116	0.57%	194	0.54%	243	0.55%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	164	0.81%	253	0.70%	301	0.68%
Asian Alone	71	0.35%	102	0.28%	152	0.34%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	31	0.15%	33	0.09%	35	0.08%
Some Other Race Alone	8,930	43.90%	15,794	43.78%	19,319	43.76%
Two or More Races	1,141	5.61%	2,037	5.65%	2,486	5.63%
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	149,772		200,937		215,256	
White Alone	141,827	94.70%	183,553	91.35%	192,649	89.50%
Black or African American Alone	2,711	1.81%	5,100	2.54%	6,337	2.94%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	261	0.17%	358	0.18%	405	0.19%
Asian Alone	3,241	2.16%	8,652	4.31%	11,780	5.47%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	20	0.01%	21	0.01%	32	0.01%
Some Other Race Alone	134	0.09%	162	0.08%	176	0.08%
Two or More Races	1,578	1.05%	3,091	1.54%	3,877	1.80%
<b>Households by Age of Householder</b>						
	56,838		78,986		86,235	
Householder Under 25 Years	1,569	2.76%	2,098	2.66%	2,427	2.81%
Householder 25 to 34 Years	11,646	20.49%	12,857	16.28%	12,484	14.48%
Householder 35 to 44 Years	16,875	29.69%	18,471	23.39%	18,105	20.99%
Householder 45 to 54 Years	12,179	21.43%	19,304	24.44%	20,271	23.51%
Householder 55 to 64 Years	6,929	12.19%	13,286	16.82%	16,887	19.58%
Householder 65 to 74 Years	4,447	7.82%	7,745	9.81%	9,979	11.57%
Householder 75 to 84 Years	2,583	4.54%	4,142	5.24%	4,738	5.49%
Householder 85 Years and over	610	1.07%	1,083	1.37%	1,344	1.56%
<b>Median Age of Householder</b>						
	44.01		48.14		49.98	

## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Households by Household Income</b>	56,772		78,986		86,235	
Income Less than \$15,000	2,739	4.82%	2,917	3.69%	2,962	3.43%
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	3,304	5.82%	3,460	4.38%	3,453	4.00%
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	4,475	7.88%	4,687	5.93%	4,614	5.35%
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	7,755	13.66%	8,429	10.67%	8,521	9.88%
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	14,237	25.08%	16,143	20.44%	16,438	19.06%
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	10,819	19.06%	15,060	19.07%	15,744	18.26%
Income \$100,000 - \$124,999			11,463	14.51%	12,737	14.77%
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	9,257	16.31%				
Income \$125,000 - \$149,999			7,128	9.02%	8,680	10.07%
Income \$150,000 - \$199,999			5,020	6.36%	6,778	7.86%
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	3,285	5.79%				
Income \$200,000 - \$499,999			4,001	5.07%	5,297	6.14%
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	673	1.19%				
Income \$500,000 or more	228	0.40%	678	0.86%	1,011	1.17%
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$79,291		\$96,573		\$103,631	
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$67,758		\$81,403		\$86,321	
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$26,026		\$32,213		\$34,473	
<b>2010 Median HH Inc. by Single Race Class</b>						
White Alone	68,548		82,692		87,666	
Black or African American Alone	44,122		64,297		69,671	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	44,688		47,562		57,500	
Asian Alone	80,718		93,851		100,623	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	62,500		62,500		61,111	
Some Other Race Alone	50,677		63,090		66,602	
Two or More Races	57,583		71,132		74,595	
Hispanic or Latino	52,818		60,306		63,621	
Not Hispanic or Latino	68,921		83,964		89,411	

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## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Appendix: Area Listing

**Area Name:**

Type: List - Area ZIP Codes

Reporting Detail: Aggregate

Reporting Level: Area ZIP Codes

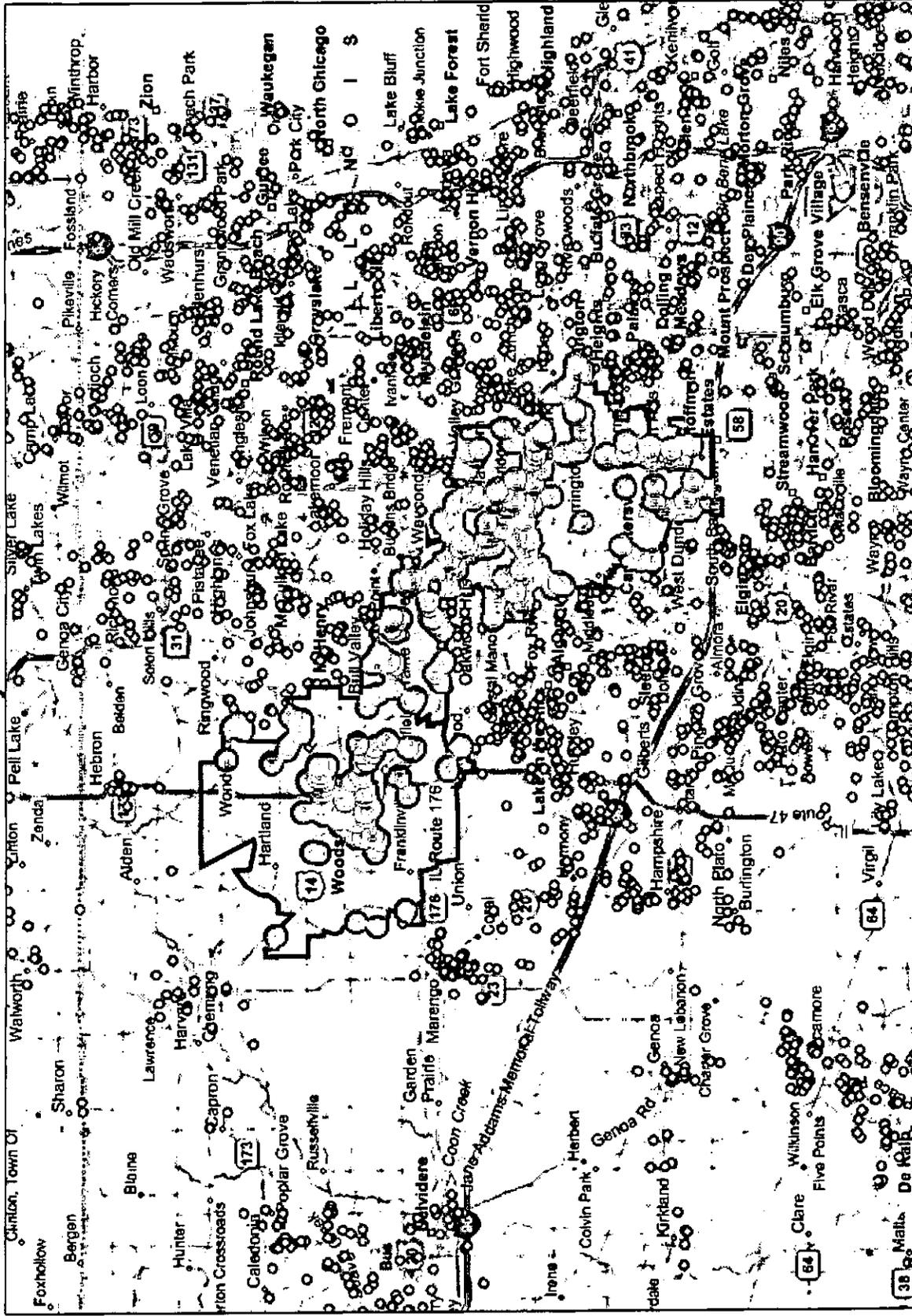
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60110	Carpentersville	60118	Dundee
60136	Gilberts	60140	Hampshire
60142	Huntley	60152	Marengo
60156	Lake in the Hills	60180	Union

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# Current Map View Secondary Service Area



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## Quarterly Inventory Summary

### *"Secondary Service Area"*

Quarter/ Year	Quarter Starts	Annual Starts	Vacant Lots	VOL Supply	Quarter Closings	Annual Closings	Under Const	Fin Vacant	Total Inventory	Inv Supply	Completed Units	Future Inventory	Qtr Lot Deliveries
3Q01	218	690	1,666	29.0	209	581	426	44	501	10.3	194	1,296	130
4Q01	329	937	1,660	21.3	302	712	440	56	528	8.9	315	1,315	323
1Q02	124	910	1,579	20.8	103	728	455	62	549	9.0	109	1,286	43
2Q02	189	860	1,401	19.5	258	872	365	81	480	6.6	279	1,443	11
3Q02	202	844	1,458	20.7	203	866	362	87	479	6.6	205	1,310	259
4Q02	172	687	1,507	26.3	188	752	332	107	463	7.4	202	1,937	221
1Q03	84	647	1,558	28.9	141	790	300	80	406	6.2	116	4,073	135
2Q03	205	663	1,512	27.4	175	707	331	75	436	7.4	174	3,958	159
3Q03	122	583	1,545	31.8	145	649	281	98	413	7.6	172	6,332	155
4Q03	186	597	1,383	27.8	177	638	295	95	422	7.9	172	6,325	24
1Q04	93	606	1,348	26.7	101	598	287	96	414	8.3	101	6,607	58
2Q04	136	537	1,245	27.8	161	584	284	78	389	8.0	139	7,142	33
3Q04	140	555	1,197	25.9	153	592	283	66	376	7.6	141	7,057	92
4Q04	177	546	1,380	30.3	169	584	276	81	384	7.9	184	6,694	360
1Q05	97	550	1,442	31.5	89	572	290	76	392	8.2	83	7,454	159
2Q05	200	614	1,321	25.8	139	550	324	103	453	9.9	166	6,779	79
3Q05	157	631	1,357	25.8	173	570	304	107	437	9.2	177	6,346	193
4Q05	130	584	1,363	28.0	165	566	274	103	402	8.5	160	6,638	136
1Q06	210	697	1,867	32.1	119	596	376	87	493	9.9	108	6,392	714
2Q06	152	649	1,843	34.1	144	601	381	84	501	10.0	147	6,270	128
3Q06	212	704	1,797	30.6	115	543	445	114	596	13.2	148	6,483	166
4Q06	201	775	1,930	29.9	175	553	384	195	624	13.5	262	6,157	334
1Q07	130	695	1,877	32.4	138	572	385	178	616	12.9	129	6,240	77
2Q07	170	713	1,848	31.1	157	585	381	190	629	12.9	174	6,106	141
3Q07	128	629	1,935	36.9	178	648	298	230	579	10.7	211	6,209	215
4Q07	62	490	1,892	46.3	185	658	189	211	456	8.3	171	7,475	19
1Q08	47	407	1,869	55.1	111	631	162	180	392	7.5	74	7,428	24
2Q08	44	281	1,757	75.0	86	560	97	204	350	7.5	109	7,501	-68
3Q08	55	208	1,735	100.1	100	482	83	170	305	7.6	69	7,497	33
4Q08	14	160	1,721	129.1	55	352	50	166	264	9.0	47	8,397	0
1Q09	22	135	1,675	148.9	48	289	56	145	238	9.9	16	8,418	-24
2Q09	20	111	1,663	179.8	45	248	49	130	213	10.3	27	8,386	8
3Q09	21	77	1,642	255.9	21	169	51	129	213	15.1	19	8,386	0
4Q09	11	74	1,631	264.5	45	159	43	106	179	13.5	19	8,386	0
1Q10	11	63	1,588	302.5	30	141	45	86	160	13.6	9	8,416	-32
2Q10	13	56	1,575	337.5	29	125	44	73	144	13.8	14	8,416	0
3Q10	12	47	1,563	399.1	33	137	22	75	123	10.8	34	8,416	0
4Q10	9	45	1,555	414.7	25	117	18	84	107	11.0	13	8,416	1

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## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Population by Age</b>	109,047		125,368		133,125	
Age 0 - 4	7,624	6.99%	7,849	6.26%	8,599	6.46%
Age 5 - 9	9,431	8.65%	8,444	6.74%	8,439	6.34%
Age 10 - 14	9,688	8.88%	9,333	7.44%	9,081	6.82%
Age 15 - 17	5,397	4.95%	6,566	5.24%	6,311	4.74%
Age 18 - 20	3,376	3.10%	4,702	3.75%	5,009	3.76%
Age 21 - 24	3,627	3.33%	6,591	5.26%	7,657	5.75%
Age 25 - 34	11,260	10.33%	15,395	12.28%	17,364	13.04%
Age 35 - 44	20,315	18.63%	14,159	11.29%	13,139	9.87%
Age 45 - 54	18,061	16.56%	21,574	17.21%	20,046	15.06%
Age 55 - 64	10,174	9.33%	16,180	12.91%	19,660	14.77%
Age 65 - 74	5,506	5.05%	8,556	6.82%	10,846	8.15%
Age 75 - 84	3,393	3.11%	4,265	3.40%	4,980	3.74%
Age 85 and over	1,195	1.10%	1,754	1.40%	1,994	1.50%
Age 16 and over	80,525	73.84%	97,576	77.83%	104,923	78.82%
Age 18 and over	76,907	70.53%	93,176	74.32%	100,695	75.64%
Age 21 and over	73,531	67.43%	88,474	70.57%	95,686	71.88%
Age 65 and over	10,094	9.26%	14,575	11.63%	17,820	13.39%
<b>Median Age</b>	37.03		37.69		38.12	
<b>Average Age</b>	35.50		37.60		38.60	
<b>Population by Sex</b>	109,047		125,368		133,125	
Male	54,401	49.89%	62,565	49.91%	66,321	49.82%
Female	54,646	50.11%	62,803	50.09%	66,804	50.18%
Male/Female Ratio	1.00		1.00		0.99	

## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographics), Total

Description	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Projection	%
<b>Pop. by Single Race Class. and Hispanic or Latino</b>						
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	7,146		13,420		17,053	
White Alone	4,339	60.72%	8,164	60.83%	10,392	60.94%
Black or African American Alone	36	0.50%	65	0.48%	89	0.52%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	40	0.56%	67	0.50%	87	0.51%
Asian Alone	14	0.20%	17	0.13%	25	0.15%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	1	0.01%	1	0.01%	4	0.02%
Some Other Race Alone	2,420	33.87%	4,553	33.93%	5,768	33.82%
Two or More Races	296	4.14%	553	4.12%	688	4.03%
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	101,901		111,948		116,072	
White Alone	97,536	95.72%	105,235	94.00%	108,084	93.12%
Black or African American Alone	609	0.60%	1,087	0.97%	1,354	1.17%
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	117	0.11%	131	0.12%	140	0.12%
Asian Alone	2,765	2.71%	4,233	3.78%	5,012	4.32%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	25	0.02%	20	0.02%	22	0.02%
Some Other Race Alone	81	0.08%	79	0.07%	88	0.08%
Two or More Races	768	0.75%	1,163	1.04%	1,372	1.18%
<b>Households by Age of Householder</b>						
	37,484		42,829		45,376	
Householder Under 25 Years	746	1.99%	796	1.86%	910	2.01%
Householder 25 to 34 Years	4,609	12.30%	5,844	13.64%	6,367	14.03%
Householder 35 to 44 Years	10,264	27.38%	7,000	16.34%	6,369	14.04%
Householder 45 to 54 Years	9,861	26.31%	11,473	26.79%	10,502	23.14%
Householder 55 to 64 Years	5,855	15.62%	9,101	21.25%	10,879	23.98%
Householder 65 to 74 Years	3,403	9.08%	5,128	11.97%	6,396	14.10%
Householder 75 to 84 Years	2,115	5.64%	2,547	5.95%	2,905	6.40%
Householder 85 Years and over	631	1.68%	940	2.19%	1,048	2.31%
<b>Median Age of Householder</b>						
	48.17		51.78		53.61	

## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Area ZIP Codes (see appendix for geographies), Total

Description	2000		2010		2015	
	Census	%	Estimate	%	Projection	%
<b>Households by Household Income</b>	37,495		42,829		45,376	
Income Less than \$15,000	2,178	5.81%	2,042	4.77%	2,042	4.50%
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	2,202	5.87%	2,220	5.18%	2,237	4.93%
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	2,555	6.81%	2,216	5.17%	2,263	4.99%
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	4,279	11.41%	4,415	10.31%	4,404	9.71%
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	7,129	19.01%	7,312	17.07%	7,447	16.41%
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	5,500	14.67%	6,210	14.50%	6,545	14.42%
Income \$100,000 - \$124,999			5,003	11.68%	5,314	11.71%
Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	6,411	17.10%				
Income \$125,000 - \$149,999			3,704	8.65%	4,041	8.91%
Income \$150,000 - \$199,999			3,237	7.56%	3,831	8.44%
Income \$150,000 - \$249,999	4,317	11.51%				
Income \$200,000 - \$499,999			4,922	11.49%	5,446	12.00%
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	1,690	4.51%				
Income \$500,000 or more	1,234	3.29%	1,548	3.61%	1,806	3.98%
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$110,494		\$122,446		\$126,977	
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$76,841		\$87,921		\$91,405	
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	\$38,728		\$42,061		\$43,493	
<b>2010 Median HH Inc. by Single Race Class</b>						
White Alone	77,498		89,636		93,519	
Black or African American Alone	67,548		59,000		63,859	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	34,318		45,000		47,750	
Asian Alone	103,846		108,028		108,813	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	0		108,333		112,500	
Some Other Race Alone	45,173		49,428		52,710	
Two or More Races	70,608		67,268		75,275	
Hispanic or Latino	48,490		55,019		59,200	
Not Hispanic or Latino	79,011		91,517		95,731	

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## Pop-Facts: Demographic Trend 2010

### Appendix: Area Listing

**Area Name:**

Type: List - Area ZIP Codes

Reporting Detail: Aggregate

Reporting Level: Area ZIP Codes

<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>	<u>Geography Code</u>	<u>Geography Name</u>
60010	Barrington	60012	Crystal Lake
60013	Cary	60021	Fox River Grove
60098	Woodstock		

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Springfield, IL 62761

**Re: Illinois Department of Public Health CON Public Hearing 10-090 Centegra  
Hospital-Huntley, Huntley**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am speaking at the request of Sherman Health, located in Elgin, Illinois, which is opposing the need for Project 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Huntley. This testimony provides a national perspective of the impact of healthcare reform and value-based care delivery on utilization trends and bed need calculations, including the determination of need for this proposed project.

As payment reform moves toward more outcomes-based payment (e.g., bundled payments, Pay-for-Performance), legislation is aimed at creating clinically integrated care delivery models and reimbursement. Traditional utilization study and bed need calculations are now becoming obsolete as healthcare continues this movement toward value-based care delivery over traditional volume-driven care. A case in point is the findings<sup>12</sup> of the impact on utilization of health reform in Massachusetts. Treatment intensity as measured by length of hospital stays decreased by one percent, while expanded insurance coverage resulted in a two percentage point decrease in the fraction of hospital admissions from the emergency room. Hospital inpatient admissions for treating preventable conditions also fell almost three percentage points.

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<sup>1</sup> Wright, Sarah H. [The Impact of Health Insurance Reform in Massachusetts](#). *The NBER Digest*. The National Bureau of Economic Research. November 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Kolstad, Jonathan T. and Kowalski, Amanda E. [The Impact of Health Care Reform on Hospital and Preventive Care: Evidence from Massachusetts](#). *NBER Working Paper*, No. 16012, May 2010. © 2010 by Jonathan T. Kolstad and Amanda E. Kowalski.

The emergence of patient-centered medical homes, bundled payments, clinical integration, and accountable care organizations are directing the organization and delivery of healthcare away from the traditional fee-for-service, volume-based model. In the next few years, providers will begin to experience the impact from this paradigm shift in care delivery and reimbursement away from the inpatient, acute care hospital-driven delivery system towards one that is more clinically integrated, coordinated, and ambulatory-based. Examples of where this change has occurred include Brown & Toland in San Francisco, California; Greater Rochester IPA ("GRIPA") in Rochester, New York; and Advocate Health Care in Oak Brook, Illinois.

These trends are also supported by the latest future trend reports published by leading national healthcare research firms. Sg2 forecasts<sup>3</sup> health reform will result in a decline in inpatient utilization and increase in outpatient utilization. The HFMA report "*Ambulatory Stands Out Under Reform*"<sup>4</sup> states that inpatient utilization and margins have stagnated, with rate of inpatient admissions declining by ten percent from 1987 to 2007. A recent Thompson Reuters™ report<sup>5</sup> notes the "demand for outpatient services will grow and ambulatory care will be prioritized" as a result of payment reform initiatives such as bundled payments, Pay-for-Performance, and episode-based payments. The Advisory Board issued a report<sup>6</sup> last year that discussed the changing role of the traditional acute care model and the reduction in inpatient utilization that is likely to result. In this report, The Advisory Board notes that inpatient admissions were already deteriorating before the worst of the downturn of the economy. In addition, Pay-for-Performance initiatives are targeting cuts on hospital-based care, "making specialty care less lucrative, more efficient, and penalizing lack of coordination." In this post-reform healthcare landscape, providers will face new payment methodologies that will fundamentally change their business models and organizational design and further drive the need to leverage interdependency with physicians and value-based alignment.

Market consolidation of providers will accelerate in 2011 and beyond. Payment reform will drive regional health system consolidation at the service line level for high resource intensive services. The HFMA report<sup>4</sup> sites reform legislation aimed at reducing costs of episodic care for

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<sup>3</sup> Sg2 Forecasts Inpatient Services to Decline 1.9% and Outpatient Services to Grow 30% Over the Next Decade. Press Release, June 9, 2010.

<sup>4</sup> Johnson, T.K. Ambulatory Care Stands Out Under Reform. *HFM. Healthcare Financial Management*, 64(5):56-63, May 2010.

<sup>5</sup> Dunn, D., Lewandowski, D., and Pickens, G. The Influence of Reform on Local Coverage and Utilization: White Paper. Thompson Reuters™, September 2010.

<sup>6</sup> *Future Strategy, Future Growth: How the Recession and Reform Will (and Won't) Change Hospital and Health System Economics.* White Paper. May 19, 2010. © 2010 The Advisory Board Company.

chronic conditions that should be managed proactively outside of the acute care setting. Therefore, providers should expect increased mergers, closures, and conversions with surviving health systems restructured to provide high value (high quality, low cost). These restructured systems will be clinically integrated across facilities and with physicians, have geographically distributed primary care physicians ("PCPs") and access points, and be operating at 90 to 95 percent occupancy with high throughput.

The emergence of new care delivery and payment models reflect this trend toward value over volume incentives (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") demonstrations, commercial payer pilots, etc.). Pay-for-Performance and bundled payment programs will drive further physician alignment and collaboration as a mechanism to improve efficiency and improve overall quality by moving beneficiaries to participating acute care episode ("ACE") demonstration providers. The goal of these programs is to reduce or stabilize growing costs to Medicare for acute care services by maximizing the use of available capacity in high quality providers. Clinical integration and accountable care organization ("ACO") focus will be to improve population health and preventive care. As a result, the projected inpatient utilization per capita will decrease.

Benefit design is now focused on high deductible, high copay health plans that will soften demand for diagnostic testing and procedures as consumers become accountable for a larger percentage of their healthcare costs.<sup>7</sup> Efforts to "bend the cost curve" will result in doing less (i.e., lower utilization) and paying less. This trend is demonstrated in recent changes in Medicare payments, or actually reduction in payments. Medicare is no longer paying for hospital-acquired infections.<sup>8</sup> Medicare is also reducing payment for all hospital readmissions<sup>9</sup> for heart attack, heart failure, and pneumonia (up to one percent reduction in FY 2013, up to two percent in FY 2014, and up to three percent in FY 2015 and beyond). Beginning in FY 2015, Medicare can expand this list to include an additional four conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease ("COPD"), cardiac and vascular procedures, and other conditions or procedures as the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines appropriate.

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<sup>7</sup> Syre, Steven. Picturing lower costs. *The Boston Globe*. January 25, 2011.

<sup>8</sup> Paddock, Catherine. Medicare Will Not Pay For Hospital Mistakes And Infections, New Rule. *Medical News Today*. August 20, 2007. © Medical News Today <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/80074.php>

<sup>9</sup> Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Title III, Subtitle A; Part 3, Sec. 3025. Hospital readmissions reduction program. May 1, 2010.

Patient Centered Medical Home pilot programs have also demonstrated significant declines in inpatient admissions and readmissions, improved quality, lower costs, and overall better value through adoption of medical homes. For example, Geisinger Health System saw a 15 percent decrease in hospital admissions for a savings of \$3.7 million. Community Care of North Carolina experienced a 40 percent reduction in Medicaid hospital admissions.<sup>10</sup>

Employers are also developing innovative programs to manage health costs, many in partnership with local insurers. Boeing partnered with Regents Blue Cross in Washington to work with three clinics to build "Ambulatory ICU" models for 700 predicted high cost employees and dependents. This program resulted in a 28 percent decline compared to baseline in hospital admissions.<sup>11</sup> IBM and UnitedHealthcare have collaborated on a primary care medical home initiative in Arizona<sup>12</sup> with the goal of enhancing patient access to quality care and improving the care of chronic conditions.

Insurers are also making a move toward global payment and value-based care reimbursement. Blue Cross Blue Shield ("BCBS") of Massachusetts is driving a move toward global payments.<sup>13</sup> Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois ("BCBSIL") and Advocate Health Care signed an accountable care agreement<sup>14</sup> to improve performance and delivery of quality healthcare service. BCBSIL is also partnering with the Illinois Hospital Association to reduce readmission rates, as Illinois ranked 44<sup>th</sup> among states for Medicare 30-day readmission rates.<sup>15</sup> Commercial insurers in Michigan are collaborating to use BCBS of Michigan's Physician Group Incentive Program for medical home to manage chronic diseases through the CMS Innovation Center.<sup>16</sup>

Based on these results, it is clear that the emerging payment and care delivery models have significant implications on current and projected capacity for inpatient, acute care market

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<sup>10</sup> Fields, D., Leshen, E., and Patel, K. Driving Quality Gains and Cost Savings Through Adoption of Medical Homes. *Health Affairs*, May 2010; 29(5):819-826. Appendix Exhibit 1.

<sup>11</sup> Milstein, A. and Kothari, P. Are Higher-Value Care Models Replicable? *Health Affairs Blog*, October 20, 2009. <http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2009/10/20/are-higher-value-care-models-replicable/>

<sup>12</sup> cmeans. IBM, UnitedHealthcare collaborate on medical home initiative for Ariz. Docs. *Healthcare IT News*, February 9, 2009. <http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/ibm-unitedhealthcare-collaborate-medical-home-initiative-ariz-docs>

<sup>13</sup> Weisman, Robert. Blue Cross CEO says providers must control costs or else. *The Boston Globe*. January 23, 2011. © 2011 Globe Newspaper Company.

<sup>14</sup> Jaspen, Bruce. Blue Cross, Advocate raise bar on accountability. *Chicago Breaking Business*. October 6, 2010. <http://chicagobreakingbusiness.com/2010/10/blue-cross-advocate-deal-raises-bar-on-accountability.html>

<sup>15</sup> Page, Leigh. Illinois Blues, Hospital Association Partner to Reduce Readmission Rates. *Becker's Hospital Review*. February 2, 2011.

<sup>16</sup> Paul, Shannon. Michigan Health Insurance Payers Collaborate in National Program to Improve Health Care. *Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Blog: Blues Perspectives*. November 17, 2010. <http://bcbsmblog.com/2010/11/17/michigan-health-insurance-payers-collaborate-in-national-program-to-improve-health-care/>

providers. Closer alignment, collaboration, and clinical integration with physicians by hospitals will be critical to long-term success, in demonstrating better value through improved outcomes, lower costs, and reduced variation in care. Physicians make or break the care model, and new incentive models are also directly impacting physician practice patterns and utilization. These market forces will drive decreased inpatient utilization by physicians, creating more capacity at existing facilities or restructuring existing capacity to meet reduced inpatient demand (i.e., smaller acute care/inpatient footprint).

In summary, the traditional volume-based demand and utilization projection methodologies in use today do not account for these innovations in care delivery and payment models. These models focus on chronic disease management and care coordination that are designed to keep patients out of the higher cost, acute care inpatient setting and therefore consume fewer resources. Decision-making based on this outdated approach will result in an overestimation of future inpatient need. This will drive unnecessary capital investment and create additional inpatient capacity that will continue to underperform financially and clinically in a value-based reimbursement environment.

Sincerely,

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## Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley

<sup>VP</sup>  
Katie Bata, ~~Director~~ of Human Resources, Sherman Hospital

I'm Katie Bata and I'm the Sherman Hospital VP of HR. This proposal will harm Sherman Hospital's efforts to recruit and retain qualified clinical staff as well as exacerbate systemic nurse staffing shortage problems. This means higher health care costs and lower quality of care. Furthermore, since hospital bed utilization is not increasing in the region, a new hospital will create few new nursing jobs. Based on a duplication of services, there will be some redistribution of the health care workforce, however, which will result in increased staffing costs, creating less efficient care delivery.

A qualified nursing staff is critical to the success of any hospital, and Sherman is no exception. We are investing in our nursing staff in many ways including through our commitment to obtain magnet status. Magnet hospitals are recognized for the strength and quality of their nursing staff, for their high level of nurse job satisfaction, a low staff nurse turnover rate and appropriate grievance resolution mechanisms. Since moving to our new location, we have reduced our staffing vacancy rates by hiring qualified clinical staff. We are proud of the excellent care our nurses provide. They are integral members of our patient care delivery team, providing crucial information and feedback. To maintain this level of excellence we need to recruit and retain qualified nurses

A Huntley hospital will threaten many of our patient care staff recruiting accomplishments that we have achieved over the years and will hamper our ability to recruit and retain qualified nursing and patient care staff going forward. As I am sure everyone is aware, the overall industry is battling a nursing shortage with estimates of over 100,000 open nursing positions nationwide. Nurse staffing demand is nationally 6% higher than the available supply. In 2008, combined nursing home and hospital vacancies as reported by the national associations relayed an even larger shortage of over

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8 percent. The State of Illinois has identified an annual shortage of almost 2,000 RNs from 2006 to 2016. Also, based on the aging workforce and the need for more advanced RN training with expanded roles, a large and prolonged shortage of nurses is expected for years to come.

Establishment of a new hospital will increase competition for the limited number of qualified nurses and patient care staff, jeopardizing the ability of existing hospitals to maintain qualified nursing staff. Inadequately staffed facilities must resort to nurse staffing agencies, which are costly, impede continuity of care, and increase the risk of avoidable adverse events. As a result, quality of care declines while the cost of care increases.

The CON Board should deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.

RESOLUTION NO.021611

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of the McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

PASSED and APPROVED this 11 day of February, 2011.

AYE: 10

NAY: 3

ABSENT: 0

ATTEST:



Executive Director/Secretary of the Board

After moving from Wheaton IL to Sun City Huntley, we slowly and carefully transferred our physician health care from Central DuPage Hospital to Centegra Hospital physicians. We are very pleased with our current health care at Centegra. Our physicians' offices are located right next to the location of the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley. We have needed to use their excellent immediate care facilities and what a relief it is that they are so close. In the future, if anyone in our community will need emergency ambulatory care, it will be wonderful and vital that Centegra would be so close for us.

Like many in Sun City Huntley we are in favor of the proposed Centegra Hospital and encourage you to vote approval.

Centegra has been an excellent Health Care neighbor by sponsoring many local wellness fairs and seminars to help us manage our good health. The Centegra Wellness Center at Sun City under the direction of Nancy Turngren has been very pro-active providing services and education to our neighborhoods. Also, they have co-sponsored our resident-led Visually Impaired Support and Assistance Group that has helped many with low vision or blindness improve their daily lifestyles.

I am especially pleased that private investment bonds and funding mainly will finance the local construction. Added local jobs for our Huntley citizens will also be a benefit. There does not appear to be any additional tax burden or financing that I know of - which is a relief to our local taxpayers as well.

Centegra has been a good corporate citizen to our area, and I hope you will allow them to build this facility needed by our current community of 7,000 and the thousands who will be moving to the area once construction resumes in the many other housing and business developments planned for this area.

God bless you in your deliberations.

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KEN KOZY (PROJECT MANAGER, MBA, SIX SIGMA)

Ellen Beier

**I feel very strongly that building a Hospital in Huntley  
is an unfair project.**

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My husband and I are living in Cary close to the Crystal Lake south-east corner. Seven years ago, we were looking forward to a hospital that is closer to us, but were told there was no need. That was very confusing to us, since every time we went to Centegra's Emergency Room, we had to wait a very long time to be seen. I heard that complaint from several people, even saying that they had to spend the night and most of the following day in the Emergency Room as there were no beds available on the floor. I am happy to hear that Centegra realizes that they can not keep up with the demands. I am just not sure how a hospital in Huntley will help with the wait time at the McHenry campus, besides this will be an even longer drive for us. The 10 mile trip to McHenry can take anywhere from 30 - 45 minutes due to the traffic congestion. Let me tell you having a sick child or husband with you those minutes might as well be hours.

We have been living in Cary for 27 years and have seen the growth, not only in our town, but also the surrounding areas. I realize that there has been an increase in population in the Huntley area as well, with many young families making their home there, but it is the growing geriatric population you can find in the Crystal Lake and the established Cary area that are in greater need of additional services. I hate to put myself in that group, but it is what it is. The corner of Three Oaks Road and Route 31 seems to make a lot of sense to me, as it will not only serve Crystal



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**Centegra Health System – Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Project No. 10-090**

Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce  
Sandy Oslance  
President  
2114 W. Algonquin Road  
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My name is Sandy Oslance of Lake in the Hills and I am here in support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley as the president of the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce.

In my role as President of the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber, I represent 380 businesses employing 14,000 in the community that would be positively impacted by the proposed hospital in Huntley. I had the pleasure to attend their groundbreaking ceremony four years ago when Centegra described their long-term plan for responsible development of the land they purchased. The additional jobs and patients the new hospital will bring to the area will have a positive impact on the local businesses in the community including restaurants, retail stores and the many other services our area offers.

Centegra has always been there to support the community, through participation and sponsoring community venues and events. Through their community efforts, they have displayed that they are interested in the communities that they serve going well beyond the healthcare they provide.

Thank you for your consideration of Centegra's proposed Hospital in Huntley.

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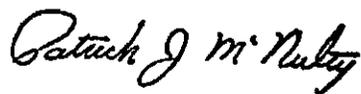
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Centegra has been a valued public health partner and an avid supporter of community projects for many years. McHenry County Department of Health has been fortunate to work with Centegra on many of these projects but two in particular have far-reaching effects for the entire public health system – that being, the 2010 McHenry County Healthy Community Study, the results of which will be presented to the community at McHenry County College on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the other is the MAPP initiative (“mobilizing for action through planning and partnership”) which is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. MAPP is a systems approach to understanding the public health needs, devising a plan to address those needs and then implementing that plan. Centegra has been an integral partner in the MAPP process with an active participation on issues such as access to care, cardiovascular health and a central information and referral network. As a community leader, Centegra has also partnered with the Department of Health in the H1N1 outbreak, children’s vaccination campaign and smoking cessation programs.

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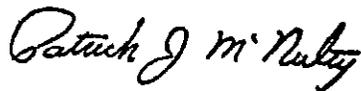
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## **Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **In support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project # 10-090**

Name: Spiridon Gerolimatos, MD  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Medical Director, Medical Imaging

Testimonial: My name is Dr. Spiridon Gerolimatos and I am an independent radiologist and the medical director for Medical Imaging at Centegra Health System. I proudly offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Centegra Health System is currently the leader in providing state-of-the-art medical imaging equipment and services to the people of northern Illinois. As we planned five years ago to extend Centegra's high quality services to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, we invested in several equipment acquisitions, including a 128-slice CT scanner. This financial commitment ensured people of our region would have access to the best-available technology near their homes. We also installed a 3.0 Tesla MRI in Huntley to round out our complete continuum of medical imaging. Now, as we look to the future, Centegra Health System needs to fulfill a promise it made to the people of the region to continue to provide improved healthcare access for all medical services. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will provide our patients the outstanding services and quality they deserve near their homes.

One of the main reasons I support Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley is because I know that Centegra will remain committed to delivering the newest technology to the people of our region. A beautiful new facility will be constructed; however Centegra understands the importance of putting the newest resources into the hands of the skilled physicians and Associates who deliver care to patients. That commitment to excellence is essential to the provision of high-quality healthcare, and Centegra embodies this dedication.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve project 10-090. Thank you.

## **George Teufel Testimony at the Centegra- Huntley Certificate of Need Hearing**

My name is George Teufel. I am the Vice President of Finance at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, which is located less than a mile from McHenry County. I have been in health care finance for 35 years.

I urge the Review Board to deny this application, because adding new hospitals to the community will dilute existing hospitals' resources, volumes and financial capacity. This will reduce our ability to meet the community need for high quality care in a cost efficient manner. Huntley already has access to a hospital within a twenty minute drive.

In an ideal world, it might be nice to have a hospital in every community. However, in the world we live in today, where health care costs are way too high, proliferation of hospitals to provide immediate access must be balanced with limiting expenditures which drive up health care costs to tax payers, individual premium payers and employers.

To fund the project, Centegra will borrow an additional \$183 million, which will more than double its current debt load to \$385 million. This is a large increase in debt for a system the size of Centegra. Centegra may face challenges in obtaining financing and meeting the high debt obligation. Less than two months ago Centegra formally "abandoned" the \$50 million major modernization of its Woodstock hospital, citing, in part, "that the hospital community as a whole was finding construction loans difficult to obtain." This doubling of Centegra debt may place Centegra's other hospitals at risk at a time when uncertain financial conditions and declining reimbursement rates will place greater economic pressure on all hospitals.

As you likely know, there is a proposal for a second new hospital in the area. Should both CONs be approved, the demand forecasts for each would be invalid, their ability to obtain financing would be questionable, and the financial performance of both hospitals and the financial stability of other area hospitals would be in jeopardy.

Construction of a new hospital in a community with access to a full range of outpatient services and nearby inpatient facilities flies in the face of health care reform, prudent use of resources, and health care trends. This unnecessary duplication of resources will needlessly increase health care costs for the community and adversely affect the financial stability of the existing area hospitals.

Ilene Steiner Testimony 2/16/2011

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My name is Ilene Steiner. I recently became a ~~planning manager for Good Shepherd, returning to Illinois after many years out of state.~~ In my twenty-three years as a health planner with national consulting firms and multi-state health care organizations, I have conducted many health care demand forecasts, feasibility studies, and impact analyses, including forecasts published in formal documents used for bond offerings to finance major hospital construction projects. I also have a master's degree in health planning from Johns Hopkins University.

I am concerned about the adverse impact that a new hospital will have on the nearby hospitals, including Good Shepherd. For this reason, I oppose this project. The application does not address the impact of the Huntley hospital on Good Shepherd, located less than a mile from McHenry County. I would like to offer my assessment of the impact of a Huntley hospital on GSH.

The population in the Centegra-Huntley market is indeed growing and aging, increasing the demand for health services. However, there is not nearly enough growth to support the appropriate occupancy level for a new 128 bed hospital without also taking volume from existing hospitals and adversely affecting performance, quality, and financial stability at existing hospitals. The proposed 128 additional beds will increase the acute bed count in McHenry by almost 50% over just a few years. This huge increase in supply will far outweigh the increased demand, resulting in low occupancy rates, underutilized resources, diminished quality, and increased risk to patient safety.

Located just a mile from GSH, McHenry County is a major source of patients for GSH, providing almost half of the GSH patients. The Centegra-Huntley service area significantly overlaps with the GSH primary service area. More than half of GSH patients reside in the Centegra-Huntley service area. GSH will be adversely affected by a 128 bed hospital located in Huntley in the next few years.

The applicant makes much of the issue that McHenry County residents leave the county for hospital services – as if this is a problem that needs a remedy. Outmigration is not due to lack of facilities or lack of available capacity within the McHenry County facilities. The fact that many McHenry residents choose to drive one mile across the county line to our hospital hardly seems to be a health care crisis requiring a \$200 million solution.

As indicated in the application, the hospital will not open for another five years. If there is such a great need for another hospital, why would the applicant delay the project? It doesn't take 5 years to build this hospital. Most applicants proceed from CON approval to occupancy in a much shorter time frame. Perhaps the applicant should defer until there is adequate demand and funding, and the project can move forward in an expeditious manner. The Board should not allow such a long period.

Even more troubling is that another CON application to serve a similar market has been submitted by Mercy-Crystal Lake. Should both the Crystal Lake and the Huntley applications be approved, the validity of the forecast volume of each will become invalid and the stability of the existing hospitals will be in serious jeopardy.

Dr. McHenry testimonial

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Sample: Feb 1/2010

Last April I was delighted to share Centegra's vision for increasing access to healthcare for the Southern McHenry County and Northern Kane County areas when Centegra Health System purchased Key Medical Group of which I was a member. Key Medical Group was a successful internal medical practice that was well respected in the community. Together, Centegra Primary Care and Key Medical Group have moved to the next level of patient satisfaction and quality healthcare. That integration demonstrates Centegra's continued commitment to providing access to the full continuum of care from wellness to comprehensive medical care to the residents of our community. Joining Centegra allowed us to join a health system committed to meeting the needs of the residents of greater McHenry County. Centegra provides services in multiple, convenient locations, including hospitals, Immediate and Primary Care Centers, Health Bridge Fitness Centers and more. Our patients are at the forefront of every decision. We believe our association with Centegra has allowed us to provide better continuity of care and enhanced access to local state-of-the-art services, including those at the Huntley Campus, such as digital mammography, 128-slice CT scanning and higher resolution MRI. Together, Centegra and Key Medical Group have moved to the next level of patient satisfaction and quality healthcare. This integration also has allowed us additional access to capital, technology, physician and provider talent. We truly believe that our partnership with Centegra has enhanced what we can provide for our employees as well as our patients. I fully support Centegra's plan to expand its Huntley Health Campus.

in our community



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February 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**RE: Letter of Support, Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I support Project # 10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Huntley and the surrounding communities make up one of the fastest-growing areas not only in McHenry County, but in the entire state. Based on this, I believe there is a need for a full-service hospital in this area.

The Algonquin - Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District provides not only traditional fire and rescue services to our District, but also paramedic ambulance service including transport to the nearest hospital. A new hospital facility constructed at the proposed site would significantly improve the transport time for many critically ill or injured patients from our District. These communities are currently underserved by healthcare facilities, leaving local residents and workers with significant travel times to existing area hospitals.

I support and urge the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project # 10-090.

Sincerely,

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**Project # 10-090**

Good Afternoon. My name is Mary Anne Weltch. I am the Development Director of Turning Point, the comprehensive domestic violence agency and shelter for McHenry County.

I am here this afternoon to express Turning Point's support of the proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Turning Point has partnered with Centegra for many years to provide life-saving services to residents in our County experiencing domestic violence crisis. The team of crisis workers at Centegra work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, just as our advocates do to connect victims to us so we can intervene and appropriately respond to the crisis. Domestic violence always carries with it the risk of lethality. Thirty-six percent women who go to the emergency room do so because of domestic violence. It is the leading reason why women need emergency care. It is more prevalent than car accidents, muggings or rapes by a stranger combined. Centegra's dedicated staff understands these facts just as we do, so they call us to come to the emergency room or to the hospital when patients come in following domestic violence injury. In short, we depend on the staff at Centegra to help us serve victims.

There is a pressing need to expand hospital services to the southern part of our county. Our past experience with Centegra offers the promise of excellent service with confidential, compassionate care.

Turning Point is very pleased with the location of the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley. We look forward to Centegra's expansion helping us to reach even more women and children in domestic violence crisis.

Gordon, Trent

Director, Business Development and Strategic Planning

My name is Trent Gordon and I am the Director of Business Development and Strategic Planning at Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington, one mile from McHenry County. I oppose this project because there are more cost effective means of providing additional access to health care than building brand new expensive inpatient facilities. Many health care services continue to shift to the outpatient arena, where they can be provided at lower cost to patients. More complex services, such as open heart surgery and neurosurgery, will continue to be inpatient services but the applicant is not proposing such services.

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It is simply incorrect to state that hospitals create more access to area residents through building new inpatient facilities. Numerous organizations have recognized this in McHenry County, including Centegra. In the last five years, Advocate Good Shepherd has opened two ambulatory centers in McHenry County. Our Algonquin outpatient center offers primary care physician services, specialty care physician services and imaging services. This center is located less than five miles from Huntley and many Huntley residents receive their health care at this facility. Good Shepherd also has

an outpatient center in Crystal Lake, less than 20 minutes from the proposed Huntley facility. At our Crystal Lake outpatient center we offer primary care physician services, specialty care physician services, imaging services and immediate care that is staffed by Good Shepherd board-certified emergency medicine physicians. We believe that these outpatient centers are a less costly, more efficient way to bring high quality health care services to the residents of McHenry County. We also offer sub-specialized services. We offer Maternal-Fetal Medicine consultations and pediatric cardiology consultations at these facilities.

Even Centegra has recognized the shift to outpatient services and has responded by providing residents access to care through new immediate care and imaging services in Huntley and Crystal Lake. The applicant does not reference the negative impact that will surely occur to these facilities if this new hospital is built. It is quite possible that the emergency department of the proposed hospital will reduce volumes at the Centegra immediate care in Crystal Lake due to the close proximity. Other area hospitals such as Sherman and Provena St. Joseph offer immediate care centers that also serve the residents of McHenry County.

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In summary, I urge the Board to deny this application because there are better ways to serve the residents of McHenry County than building a brand new hospital. Thank you.

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Brian Shahinian  
Executive Director  
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RE: Project #10-090

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to share my 100% support of Centegra Health System's proposed hospital in Huntley, project number 10-090.

My name is Brian Shahinian and I have been the Executive Director of the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) for nearly 24 years. As an extension of 13 local park districts and municipal recreation departments, NISRA provides 750 year-round community therapeutic recreation programs to over 1,600 different children and adults with disabilities. As an agency that provides healthy and therapeutic recreation services to individuals with various physical, cognitive, emotional and medical disabilities, NISRA maintains a working relationship with the healthcare system in McHenry and Kane Counties.

  
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Centegra's commitment to the quality of health care extends beyond the physical boundaries of its facilities and into the community through its collaborative values and partnerships with other organizations. In my tenure at NISRA and participating in various health and wellness initiatives, I've personally witnessed the caring, trustworthy and professional relationships that Centegra has developed with local businesses, not for profits, community health care agencies and residents in the County. Centegra has supported public health and wellness services by supporting NISRA and many other service organizations by sponsoring fundraising events, referring patients to community services and sharing its facility and manpower. Centegra provides exceptional care for patients while in the hospital and connects them with exceptional care in the community upon discharge.

*Providing recreation programs for people with disabilities residing in the Barrington Park District, Cary Park District, Crystal Lake Park District, Dundee Township Park District, City of Elgin, Hampshire Township Park District, City of Harvard, Huntley Park District, Village of Lake in the Hills, Marengo Park District, City of McHenry, Wauconda Park District and the City of Woodstock.*

Centegra has actively demonstrated its effectiveness and involvement in this community for nearly 100 years. It's administrators; medical professionals and support staff are active members in this community as service club members, community leaders, volunteers and good neighbors. They are personally committed to the overall quality of life in McHenry County and surrounding areas. The health and wellness of a community relies on much more than simply the existence of a local hospital, but rather, a healthcare system that is an integral part of the community through outreach, participation and collaboration. That is exactly what Centegra Health System has demonstrated in McHenry County consistently over the years.

All of us at NISRA are please to have earned the support of the Centegra Health System. We look forward to working with Centegra in the future to meet the growing medical, health and wellness needs of southern McHenry and northern Kane County. Again, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association is in 100% support of Centegra Health System's proposal.

Thank you.

*Support for Project #10-090*

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My husband, infant daughter & I moved to Algonquin in 1965 and bought a home on N. Main Street....also known as Route 31. It was a nice, lazy highway without very much traffic. The population was near 2000 then, but now has grown to over 30,000. The lazy Main Street is no longer quiet. We have moved to another area of town. That's growth in McHenry County.

- In 1966 our son was born and the only real choice I had for a hospital was to go to Elgin, IL. I chose Sherman Hospital which was almost 14 miles away.
- There were no ambulance services back then...one had to drive for medical care or 'take care of things' by ones' self. The only ambulance was a private one coming out of West Dundee and the wait time was anywhere from ½ hour on upward if they were 'busy'.
- Around 1973 the Jaycees in Algonquin were seeking to start an Emergency Ambulance Service and were looking for volunteers. The local Fire Department was not interested in assisting in this endeavor, so the Jaycees started looking for volunteers. Since I was a Registered Nurse, I became one of those volunteers and a Charter Member of the Algonquin Area Ambulance Service. The name was later changed to the Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Emergency Ambulance Service and now is under the auspices of the Fire Protection District.
- **July of 1974** marked the beginning of ambulance service to the two communities. In preparation we had marked the mileage from the intersections of Route 31 and Route 62 to each of the existing hospitals where we were able to transport. Sherman and St Joseph in Elgin were about 13 miles each and the 'old' Woodstock Memorial was 17 miles. There were no other hospitals.
- **1977** marked the year when the first Paramedics went into training at Sherman Hospital from our town, including me. Twelve of us 'graduated' and became certified as Paramedics. I served as a volunteer paramedic for 25 years so I know my communities well.
- **In subsequent years**, new hospitals were added to the area. Advocate Good Shepherd in Barrington, Northern Illinois Medical Center (Centegra) on Route 31 in McHenry, Humana (now Alexian Brothers) in Hoffman Estates, and the new Centegra Woodstock Campus on Route 14. **There still was no hospital for the Southern part of McHenry County or the Northern portion of Kane County.**
- **From 1986-2001** I worked as a Corporate/Occupational Health Nurse for Arnold Engineering in Marengo. **The closest hospital for anyone to seek care was in Belvidere, 12 miles to the West or St. Anthony in Rockford (approximately 24 miles).** The hospital in Belvidere has since closed its doors, leaving St. Anthony as the only choice in many cases.

- **With** the positioning of the new Centegra-Woodstock location on Route 14 we now had another option, even though the mileage was still over 14 miles to get there.
- A new hospital located near the Route 47 corridor, in my *experienced* opinion, would make obvious good sense. It would give access to hospital medical care to an entire geographical area not being served at the present time.
- My children and grandchildren live in Union, IL, just a few miles east of Marengo. For their sake and for all the residents of the Southern part of McHenry County or Northern portion Kane County, **I am supporting the location of a new Hospital in Huntley.**
- In 2003 I began working part-time as a Registry Nurse with the 'Wellness Group' of Centegra Health System and continue at the present time to do so. I have examined my own feelings since I am employed by Centegra to see if my support might be prejudiced in their favor. I have determined that it would not make a difference whether I worked for them or not.....**I TRULY BELIEVE THE LOCATION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IN McHENRY COUNTY *MUST BE* IN HUNTLEY DUE TO ITS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION & THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS NOT CURRENTLY BEING SERVED.**



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Clayton Ciha  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi. I am Clayton Ciha. I have worked for Alexian Brothers for 12 years. I currently serve as the Administrative Director of the Alexian Brothers Neurosciences Institute.

I would like to talk to you today about the type of specialized care we offer at Alexian Brothers and why that care is endangered if there is redundancy of health care in this region.

I direct all brain-related services at the two hospitals in the Alexian Brothers Hospital Network. These programs include acute stroke care, pediatric neurosurgery, magnetoencephalography, epilepsy, interventional neuroradiology and Stereotactic neurosurgery, also known as Gamma Knife.

We also have two outpatient offices. One is at the St. Alexius campus in Hoffman Estates, near the intersection of I-90 and Barrington Road. Because of that location, we are able to serve the far northwest suburbs, including McHenry County. We offer outpatient services for stroke, memory disorders, movement disorders, neuropsychology and epilepsy. And our clinical research trials department tests medications for illnesses such as Alzheimer's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

Alexian Brothers devotes a tremendous amount of resources – in personnel and technology – to the Institute. Our technology must keep up with the ever-changing world of neurological research and treatment. And, we go head-to-head with medical centers across the nation to recruit the small number of doctors who excel in the neurological field.

Because of the nature of these very specialized types of care, we have to rely upon – and serve – a large geographic area. In order to build a strong practice and invest in the best physicians and technology, we need to draw patients from the entire far northwest suburban region.

The Alexian Brothers system also depends on attracting patients from the entire region for care at our hospital system. That's why Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in McHenry County would undermine not only St. Alexius but also our Neurosciences Institute. It would bring an unnecessary duplication of services to the region.

Centegra's desire to build a basic, limited-service hospital is a real threat to St. Alexius and our specialty Neurosciences Institute services. More than 10 percent of St. Alexius

patients come from southeastern McHenry County. These patients are a short drive away from us, and rely on us to provide comprehensive medical care, including advanced neurosciences. St. Alexius is just one of the regional medical centers that serves this area and would be hurt by this new hospital.

I ask that the Board consider the major negative ramifications that this new Centegra hospital would cause and deny the certificate of need. We have a great regional medical system right now – let's not make it weaker and more costly to everyone.

Thank you.



# Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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Dear Board members and participants,

My name is Dr. Giangrasso and I am the Medical Director of Emergency Medicine at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less one mile from McHenry County. Due to another commitment I am not able to attend this hearing but wanted to make my views heard. There is already sufficient Emergency Department services in McHenry to well serve the current and future population and we do not need additional Emergency Departments in McHenry County. Building expensive new inpatient facilities with emergency departments is an expensive proposition. My department is proud to serve McHenry County patients every day, both through the hospital's emergency room and Good Shepherd's immediate care center in Crystal Lake.

Existing hospitals in the area have more than enough capacity to serve the emergency needs of McHenry County residents. Last year, Good Shepherd was able to serve additional emergency patients 99.9% of the time. This means that we were rarely on bypass and for only 5 hours all

year had to direct ambulances to other hospitals due to capacity constraints in the emergency department. Three hospitals serving the area were not on bypass at all during 2010, including Centegra-McHenry, Alexian Brothers and Northwest Community. Three other hospitals (Centegra-Woodstock, St. Alexis and Sherman) averaged only 10 hours on bypass for the entire year. Existing hospitals, such as Good Shepherd and Centegra, also provide urgent care at their five immediate care centers and various ambulatory centers located throughout McHenry County. Over 85% of the patients seen in our Crystal Lake immediate care by board-certified emergency medicine physicians are McHenry residents. They have chosen to receive their care in our immediate care setting rather than seeking care in one of the three emergency departments. This is not because the existing hospital emergency departments are at capacity, but, rather, they recognize that they can receive this care in a non-hospital based setting.

I'm also concerned at the limited number of services that will be provided at the proposed hospital and how that will impact patient care. Patients experiencing life-threatening symptoms such as a heart attack or stroke will have to be stabilized at the proposed hospital and then be transferred to a full-service hospital that can service these patients. Patients would be

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better served bypassing this hospital and going straight to a facility that can handle all their needs, without having to transfer them.

In summary, I urge the Board to reject this application as it will be an expensive duplication of services that are not needed. My department and I look forward to continuing to serve the acute needs of McHenry County residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Giangrosso, MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "JG" being prominent.

Joe Giangrosso, MD

Parenzan, Marilyn

Director, Quality

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Good afternoon my name is Marilyn Parenzan and I am the Director of Quality at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. This project will dilute volumes among hospitals that will negatively impact patient quality and patient safety. There are numerous studies by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality and the Institute of Medicine demonstrating that hospitals with higher volumes of particular cases tend to have better outcomes than those hospitals with lower volumes. This proposed hospital will add nearly 50% more beds to McHenry County. As you know, our hospital is located less than one mile away from McHenry County. There's little doubt that adding another hospital with that many beds in the region will negatively impact the volumes of area hospitals and may impact quality of care. Clinical staff need adequate patient care experience to maintain competencies.

I'm sure that when Sherman forecasted their volumes for their new hospital, when St. Joseph forecasted their volumes for their new bed tower and when St. Alexius forecasted their volumes for their new children's hospital, they forecasted certain volumes not only for financial reasons but

also to ensure adequate staffing and training of staff. This proposed hospital would jeopardize those financial and staffing projections. It's important for McHenry County residents to feel like they have adequate access to health care resources, but it's more important that residents feel like they have access to quality health care resources. There is bed capacity at both Centegra hospitals and the Mercy hospital in Harvard. A more prudent approach would be to add beds to those facilities.

To summarize, one purpose for the Review Board looking at utilization and the appropriate allocation of resources is to ensure quality care. Approval of this project may jeopardize that care because it will significantly dilute volumes across a number of hospitals. I urge the Board to deny this proposal. Thank you.

My name is Tina Hill and I am the McHenry County Board member from District 5 which encompasses the proposed location of the new Centegra Hospital in Huntley. I support Project #10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. The economic impact will be immediate and widespread with 400 construction jobs and 140 full and part-time positions.

Even in these economic times, Huntley is still one of the fastest growing communities in the County and in the whole State of Illinois. These communities in southern and southeast McHenry County are greatly medically underserved, letting to increased travel times for health care needs.

The McHenry County Board, last night, approved a resolution supporting this endeavor which I also voted yes with my colleagues.

Economic development has been a high priority of the County Board and this is a perfect fit for the needs of our constituencies. *I urge the Illinois Health Facilities Planning and Review Board to approve Centegra Hospital-Huntley, Project #10-090.*

*I can make myself available for any further clarification or information.*

*Tina R. Hill*

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## **PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY of Eugene R. "Gene" Dawson PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY) FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Eugene R "Gene" Dawson, Project #10-090 (Centegra Hospital-Huntley)

Good morning. I'm Gene Dawson, Barrington Township Supervisor. Thank you for the opportunity to let me speak about why I am in opposition to the hospital project that Centegra has planned for Huntley.

I'd like to point out two main reasons why I think Centegra's plan is not a good idea.

The first reason is proximity: There are many health care providers very close to this proposed hospital.

For example, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital is located less than a mile from the McHenry County line, so it obviously serves many people in McHenry. In fact, many of the county's residents are closer to Good Shepherd than they are the proposed Centegra hospital.

Good Shepherd isn't the only regional medical center that serves southern McHenry County. Residents also can choose between Sherman Hospital, St. Alexius and Provena St. Joseph, all of which provide comprehensive care far beyond what Centegra proposes to offer at its basic hospital.

The second reason why investing in a new hospital simply does not make sense for this area is health care costs.

The proposed Centegra hospital is an example of a needless expense that would further exacerbate the budget problems that our federal and state governments face. Hospital systems depend on a large amount of government – and taxpayer – money paid through public insurance. They should be wise stewards of these government funds and not propose health care facilities in areas that are already well served.

For those reasons – and more – I oppose this project and ask that the board deny Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need.

Thank you.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Ed Schock, Mayor of the City of Elgin**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. For those of you who don't know me, I'm Ed Schock, Mayor of the City of Elgin. I'm here today because two of the main providers serving Huntley and other area communities are located in nearby Elgin. These hospitals are very accessible to the McHenry residents that they serve with each facility located just six or eight miles from the county line. As I am sure you will learn from a closer look at this proposal, the vast majority of residents of McHenry County live less than 20 minutes from Provena and Sherman.

These hospitals have just completed significant capital investments in their facilities to provide state-of-the-art health care to patients in Northern Kane County and McHenry County. A little more than a year ago Sherman Hospital opened its brand-new regional medical center just off Interstate 90 on Randall Road. The new hospital offers advanced care in several areas, such as a cutting-edge cardiology program that includes open heart surgery, a comprehensive cancer care center, a Joint Commission accredited primary stroke center and the new Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. Provena built a new bed tower that includes 99 private patient rooms and a Heart and Vascular Institute that has the region's only hybrid cath lab. Provena also provides comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation and inpatient mental health services. These improvements anticipated serving the long-term needs of their entire service areas, which spread well into McHenry County.

I am proud to see these accomplishments in the local delivery of health care. And, I know that each hospital's mission is to serve the whole region by providing high-quality specialized health care with access for all regardless of their ability to pay. These hospitals have sufficient capacity to serve Northern Kane and McHenry counties for years to come. This includes residents who live in communities such as Huntley, Algonquin and Lake in the Hills. This is why I don't think it makes sense to spend money to build a new hospital especially given all the significant strain that the cost of health care is placing on our state, federal and even county governments, as well as on our regional employers and their health plan beneficiaries.

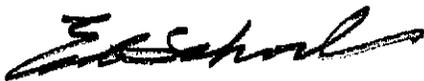
The recession has placed additional strains on economic development and has really changed the real estate development landscape. While many might consider any development as positive development, we have to think about development differently when it involves duplicating health care services.

We are here today because of the CON process. It is a Certificate of Need, not a certificate of want. And to be honest, the seniors in our communities need to think about how to make sure Medicare benefits are comprehensive and that they are here to stay. Access to services is excellent in Huntley and I hope that people can appreciate that.

Health care is a regional planning issue. Kane County and McHenry County are neighbors and it makes for stronger communities and a better use of scarce dollars when we work together.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject the CON permit application of Centegra Health System to build a hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ed Schock, Mayor  
City of Elgin

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Marietta Abraham, MD  
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Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Medical Director of CPC Immediate Care

### **Testimonial:**

My name is Marietta Abraham. As the medical director for the Centegra Immediate Care, it is an honor for me to give this testimony in favor of a Centegra Hospital-Huntley Campus, project #10-090.

It is clear from my work each day in Huntley that a new hospital is needed to provide advanced care and treatment to residents of southern McHenry and northern Kane counties. Eighty-eight percent of the patients that we currently treat at the Immediate Care Center in Huntley come from our proposed primary service area for the new hospital.

I believe that Centegra will work collaboratively with the Village of Huntley to meet the needs of a growing population in Huntley, LITH, Algonquin, and other neighboring communities because we have done that through our existing facilities on the Huntley campus. The people of McHenry County know and trust, not only the Centegra name, but all it has come to represent, which is quality patient care, provided with integrity and excellence as our foundation.

New State data shows there is an inpatient bed need in southern McHenry County and Northern Kane County due to population growth. With Centegra's tradition of meeting the needs of the community, who better to answer this need than a trusted health system?

Centegra Health system has continued to support growth in healthcare services by providing an answer where there is need. Some of the answers include Health Bridge Fitness Centers and the Immediate Care centers. As a result, the community has benefited from the advanced technologies of onsite X-ray, CT and MRI that have allowed my colleagues and me to treat the acute needs of patients in the community.

I would like to believe that in the immediate care, we are an extension of Centegra's commitment to the community in southern McHenry County and look forward to what a full service emergency department, level II nursery, non-invasive cardiology services, a dedicated women's center and a helipad for transport of critical patients can offer our patients & our community. It makes me proud to start and end my day knowing that we at Centegra practice a compassionate approach to healthcare to serve the patients that walk in our door.

Marietta Abraham, MD-2/16/2011



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Testimony of: Major John Price  
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Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen, I am Major John Price, Director of The Salvation Army of McHenry County. My organization serves here in Huntley at Grafton Township Office.

I speak today in favor of the proposed Centegra Hospital. Centegra Health System is a state of the art Health Care System and they consistently rank among the nation's best hospitals for quality care, excellent service delivery, patient satisfaction.

My family and I have sought medical care with Centegra, care which has been among the best received anywhere in the world. I know, I've lived in several states and overseas while in the military. Centegra's care is professional, compassionate and provided by skilled personnel, among the best in their field.

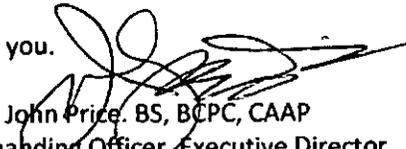
Centegra is uniquely positioned to fill an ever-increasing void in available care for the Southeastern corner of McHenry County. This care includes full-service emergency care, a Level II Nursery, advanced imaging and specialty care.

Huntley is one of the fastest growing communities in McHenry County. From 1990-Present the population of Huntley has grown by nearly 500%. Nearly 200% of that growth in population has been since the Year 2000. The need for a full-service hospital here has never been greater. It only makes sense that Centegra Health System would build its newest hospital here in Huntley because Centegra is already providing outpatient and immediate care in Huntley. A new hospital allows residents to stay in the community for care.

That brings me to my final point: Centegra Health System brings community: community service and involvement, giving back to the community, providing hundreds of jobs for skilled medical personnel who live in the community, pay taxes, support our parks and schools, roads and raising their families.

Centegra is a great place to work, a great neighbor for the entire community. Centegra leadership is dedicated to its staff, patients and community, giving back, making a difference in the communities where Centegra serves. This concern is evidenced by over 260 community events in 2010 alone. This top down corporate commitment permeates the organization. Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to vote "Yes" when asked to approve the Centegra Huntley Hospital Project.

Thank you.

  
Major John Price, BS, BCPC, CAAP  
Commanding Officer, Executive Director

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Kelley Clancy**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

I am Kelley Clancy, Vice President of External Affairs for Alexian Brothers Health System and I'd like to tell you why I'm against Centegra's Certificate of Need to build a hospital in Huntley.

I have worked in the health care field for much of my career, and have focused on community health for the last two decades. I've admired the philosophy and intent of the state board to keep balance and integrity in the Certificate of Need process. The board traditionally will not approve a project unless there is actual need for it in the community, out of concern that a project might needlessly duplicate services.

From the point of view of Alexian Brothers Health System, which runs St. Alexius Medical Center and Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Centegra has not proven that there is an actual need for this project. Further, this new hospital would duplicate services in an area that already is served by several regional medical centers that have an overabundance of hospital beds.

When Centegra asked the state to expand its hospital in Woodstock, Alexian Brothers Health System publicly supported it. We're willing to support projects when there is a need for more health care services in the region. But this proposal for a hospital in Huntley does not meet that standard.

In just the last few years, Provena St. Joseph Hospital, Sherman Hospital and St. Alexius have all finished or received approval for major investments in their facilities. In all cases, the pledge made by these hospitals to serve residents in the entire northern Fox Valley area was instrumental in receiving state approval.

In the case of St. Alexius, we're breaking ground next month for our new children's hospital. It will provide services that few hospitals offer outside of the city of Chicago, such as several pediatric sub-specialties. Expensive – yet necessary – health care projects like this are not sustainable on their own – they rely on the support from serving patients from throughout the region.

We know that hospital bed demand is down and will continue to drop because of the requirements of federal health care reform. And, it's obvious that the home building boom of several years ago has come and gone. Just because Centegra wants to add more hospital beds to the area, they can't create, on their own, the people to fill them.

If Centegra's hospital were to be built, it would be needlessly expensive for everyone, including taxpayers.

Every hospital has fixed costs, such as keeping the required number of professional staff on site 24-7, keeping up the building, paying energy bills. These costs are the same whether a hospital is operating at capacity or has very few patients. These costs get passed through to public and private insurance companies, and we all end up picking up the tab for underutilized facilities.

I urge the state board members take all of this into account when they make their decision and deny Centegra's application.

Thank you.

Lee, John

Physician practicing in the area

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Good morning/afternoon. My name is Dr. John Lee and I am a board-certified anesthesiologist practicing at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less than one mile away from McHenry County. I disagree with the premise of this project that additional beds are needed in McHenry County. Constructing a 128 bed hospital in McHenry County will increase the number of beds in a relatively small county at a tremendous cost. It would also mean that Centegra would own three of the four hospitals in McHenry County. I can't think of any other place in Illinois where one system has three hospitals in one county that make up over 90% of the beds.

I'm also concerned whether Centegra could adequately staff this new hospital with the appropriate number of physicians. A 2010 study by RAND Corporation, a leading health care research firm, found a current shortage of 3,800 anesthesiologists in the United States and projects a possible shortage of 12,500 anesthesiologists by 2020. This shortage in anesthesia professionals is just as important as the shortage in primary care

physicians. Just because a health system builds a new hospital doesn't mean that they can effectively staff it on day one.

Also, I know that Sherman just built a replacement hospital in Elgin and that both St. Joe's in Elgin and St. Alexius have had big construction projects on their existing campuses. All of these projects were approved by the Board. The Centegra hospital project threatens not only to harm where I practice, Good Shepherd, but also will undo the hundreds of millions of dollars put into these hospitals. Instead of creating greater quality in health care facilities, approval of this hospital will undermine the Board's previous actions with respect to other area hospitals.

I am here today asking that the Board to not approve the Centegra application to significantly increase the number of beds in McHenry County when it is not needed. Thank you.



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**Project # 10-090**

**Public Hearing; Huntley Village Hall**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

Good morning (afternoon), my name is Chip Bartel, Finance Director of the Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. I stand before you today, not as a patient, loved one of a patient, resident of Huntley, nor as an Executive with the Boy Scouts of America. But rather I stand before you as an advocate for the four-thousand plus families and youngsters served in McHenry County, by the Boy Scouts of America.

As an executive of a major non profit here in McHenry County, I want to share with you a different vantage point than your typical proponent. I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Centegra and its advocates throughout several different facets of community based service. Centegra has proven to be a strong advocate of our Annual Disguised Citizens event in shining a light on fellow citizens that have strong community minded character attributes. Our relationship with Centegra has elevated our awareness and re-oriented our strategic planning as well as aided us in the technical and marketing roles we as non profits play in McHenry County. This partnership has had a direct impact on the character & citizenship building of the youth right here in Huntley. Their dedication and unwavered support of the human services and social organizations throughout McHenry County is a blessing. Because of their dedication, thousands of families and youth have had been impacted; whether that's through the Boy Scouts of America or one of the several other groups they support. They are truly a compassionate and committed team, investing not only in the technological advances of medicine, but in the families and communities we call home.

Centegra can play a vital role in this community, from unmatched health care to new job development to unprecedented community service. This is clearly an organization that can offer more than just great health care. It is an organization that becomes part of the community it resides in, collectively creating a culture that gives back to others through servant leadership and steadfast community service. They are an organization that cares, and an organization that we all can trust. I am honored today to be able to stand in front of you and support Centegra hospital and its wish to call Huntley, "home". Thank you.

Chip Bartel

Finance Director



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Matt Stilson, Emergency Department Director  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Dr. Matt Stilson, and I am board-certified emergency physician. I serve as the Emergency Department Director at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. In that role, I oversee the Emergency Department at the hospital, as well as Sherman's Immediate Care Centers in Algonquin, Elgin and South Elgin.

Sherman Hospital's new, state-of-the-art Emergency Department serves more than 49,000 people each year. We have physicians specially trained in emergency medicine as well as certified trauma nurse specialists. We are also certified as an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics.

I was surprised when I heard that the State Board was considering an application for a new hospital in Huntley. Given Sherman's regional capabilities, excellent access from nearby communities and capacity for the future, I do not see a need for additional facilities.

Ambulances serving people who live in Huntley and the surrounding areas bring the vast majority of their patients to Sherman, because we are so close, and because we have a large, capable, and brand-new Emergency Department. With our location near the border of Kane and McHenry Counties, we are perfectly positioned to serve McHenry County residents.

Additionally, the most important factor for people in life-threatening situations is not how close their home is to a hospital, but how long it takes EMS and paramedics to reach them and stabilize them. And, Huntley is less than 14 minutes away from Sherman, a very reasonable transport time for patients needing emergency services.

Sherman works very closely with the EMS community. We have served as the area resource hospital for the training of paramedics for more than 25 years. Our new Emergency Department was designed with a dedicated entrance for ambulances, and because of our 24-hour communication network with paramedics and emergency transports, we always begin treating emergency patients before they even arrive at the hospital.



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Sherman is a major trauma and cardiac center so we also have the technology and the medical expertise to act quickly and effectively 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our surgery and cardiac catheterization suites are located immediately adjacent to the Emergency Department for quick transfers. And, unlike smaller, more limited community hospitals, we have the diagnostic treatment capabilities of a leading regional medical center.

Sherman's heart and vascular center, for example, is among the best in the region. The department features nearly 50 cardiac specialty physicians, and as a whole has performed more than 12,000 open-heart surgeries over the past 35 years. Additionally, Sherman Hospital is a STEMI (Heart Attack) receiving hospital, meaning that all heart attack patients in the Huntley area have to be transported to Sherman for definitive management (opening the coronary arteries in the catheterization lab). This would not change with the newly proposed hospital as the new proposal does not include a catheterization lab for these services. These patients would have to bypass the proposed hospital to be taken to Sherman for management.

Sherman is also certified as a Primary Stroke Center, and offers a state-of-the-art, comprehensive cancer care center and a new center for advanced liver and pancreatic care.

Given Sherman's size, capabilities and level of care, I think building additional hospitals in the area is an unnecessary expenditure of money, and would only detract from – rather than enhance – medical service for our region's residents.

Thank you.

*Matthew R. Stehman MD*



**ALEXIAN**  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**Of Dan Isacksen**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi. My name is Dan Isacksen, and I am the Chief Financial Officer of the Alexian Brothers Medical Group. Our medical group is affiliated with the Saint Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. We know residents in the northern Fox Valley are served well by several hospitals in the area and we oppose Centegra's plan for a new hospital in Huntley because it would duplicate health care services.

Our physician group has more than 30 primary care physicians who treat patients at 11 offices. One of our locations is in Elgin, only a few miles from the McHenry County border. In addition, our physicians staff seven immediate care facilities and occupational health facilities and are involved in specialty services. The specialists affiliated with our practice address the neurosciences, breast health, cardiovascular and geriatric issues, to name a few.

St. Alexius is just one of several regional medical centers in the far northwest suburban area. For example, Advocate Good Shepherd, Sherman and Provena St. Joseph also offer comprehensive care. Hospitals that have had projects approved in the last several years – namely St. Alexius, Sherman and Provena St. Joseph – all promised the board that they would serve a regional population that includes southern McHenry County. In fact, all the hospitals depend on that population to support the kind of high-quality specialty care that residents have come to expect.

If the Centegra project is approved, however, the new hospital would weaken all of the current regional medical centers. In effect, the Centegra hospital – which would offer basic, limited care – would make it tougher for all the other facilities to provide specialized services such as open heart surgery and advanced pediatric care.

As we all know, the financial resources that can be devoted to health care, whether they come from government or private insurers and patients' pockets, are finite. Spending these scarce resources on a duplicative facility would only weaken the financial support for the established, excellent network of health resources available today. I am confident the board will take these points into serious consideration and reject Centegra's certificate of need.

Thank you for your time.



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Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
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Re: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

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I am writing to express our support for the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. Hospital services are needed in the Huntley area and Centegra is the health system best suited to provide these services.

Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care and outreach it provides. It's All About Kids is a local 501(C)3 that financially helps local families that have a child with cancer. Over the years Centegra has, not only, helped us financially but they have referred families to us that we have then been able to help.

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Because of the community's need for hospital services, the improved access to healthcare and the responsibility that Centegra Health System exhibits throughout McHenry County we urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Kielpinski".

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**Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**  
**February 16, 2011**  
**Dr. Lorenc, Vice President, Medical Staff Affairs**

My name is Dr. Ted Lorenc. I'm an internal medicine physician with Centegra Health System and also Vice President of Medical Staff Affairs. On behalf of myself and members of our medical staff, I give my full support to Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

I wanted to touch very briefly on an important factor to why a new hospital in Huntley is important to meeting the medical needs of the community.

Statistics from both the federal and state governments demonstrate the need for a full-service hospital in this area.

- The proposed service area for Centegra Hospital – Huntley includes census tracts that have been designated by the US Department of Health and Human Services as **Medically Underserved Areas** and **Health Manpower Shortage Areas**.
- It also includes census tracts that have been designated by the State of Illinois as having **Medically Underserved Populations**.

To some in this room, those designations don't mean anything. But to those of us providing care each and every day; to hospitals throughout the region; and to healthcare advocates those are critically important factors in determining where healthcare needs are not being met.

Regardless of what other hospitals may say for competitive reasons, it is clear that the residents and communities we propose to serve with Centegra Hospital Huntley are in need of increased access to care. This is especially noteworthy when considering the region's strong population growth and concentration of senior citizens.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to heed the designations of the federal and state government and to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR HADLEY STRENG  
SUPPORT FOR CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning. My name is Hadley Streng and I am the Director of Planning and Business Development for Centegra Health System.

I would like to discuss how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital – Huntley addresses bed need as determined by the Health Facilities and Services Review Board in its CON Rules.

The Health Facilities and Services Review Board has divided the State of Illinois into a number of "Planning Areas." McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, A10, while the adjoining area of North Kane County is identified as a separate planning area, A11.

For each of the planning areas, the Health Facilities and Services Review Board has calculated inpatient bed need. The current monthly "Revised Bed Need Determinations" report indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Medical-Surgical ("Med-Surg")/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds.

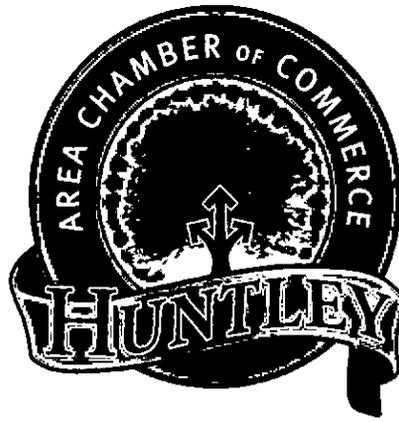
The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County's Med-Surg/Pediatric bed need is the highest of any planning area in the State of Illinois. Interestingly, the planning area with the second highest Med-Surg/Pediatric need is North Kane County. The total current Med-Surg/Pediatric bed need identified for the McHenry and North Kane County Planning Areas is 144 beds, which is nearly all of the 171 Med-Surg/Pediatric beds needed in the entire State of Illinois.

The site for Centegra Hospital - Huntley is located in McHenry County, but it is only two miles from Kane County. In fact, the Huntley zip code, 60142, in which the proposed hospital site is located, includes portions of both McHenry and Kane Counties. Additionally, the market area for our proposed hospital will include portions of both McHenry County and the North Kane County Planning Areas.

Centegra Hospital – Huntley will not complete its second full year of operation until mid-2018. By that time, due to an increasing population that is among the highest in Illinois, the Med-Surg/Pediatric bed need for McHenry County will have further increased.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information about the significant need for inpatient beds in this rapidly growing area.



Hello I'm Rita Slawek, President and CEO of the Huntley Area Chamber of Commerce. I represent more than 320 business members and their employees and I support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.

Centegra Health System is an Executive Club Member of our Chamber, and has consistently provided the highest level of support to the community and our Chamber.

The Chamber and its Members encourage the expansion and retention of area businesses. We also work closely with the Village of Huntley and other community organizations to attract reputable businesses and organizations in an effort to generate employment opportunities and continue the economic growth and development of our community.

Our chamber works hard to promote the area's economic growth and supports our business community members. This Centegra hospital project makes great business sense. It has been thoroughly planned to meet the healthcare needs of our growing and aging community.

Full-service hospital services are needed in the southern McHenry County area and Centegra has the health system best suited to provide these services.

With a Sun City Huntley senior community in excess of 9,000 residents, the hospital will be a huge benefit to this population. For some of these residents, the distance it takes to currently get to a hospital may be the difference between life and death.

I choose life and I hope you choose to support the life of this project.

Thank you.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Representative Fred Crespo (D-44)**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello, my name is Fred Crespo, and I am the Illinois Representative for the 44<sup>th</sup> District. My district includes parts of Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Streamwood, Hanover Park, Elgin and Bartlett, and it is directly affected by Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital in Huntley. After reviewing the issue, I am here today to express my opposition to the new hospital.

Health care has always been a major focus for me, both professionally and personally. I currently serve on the Alexian Brothers Mental Health Center Board, I was the chairman of the Health and Safety Council during my time as a Hoffman Estates trustee, and my wife is a registered nurse.

As a legislator, it is my duty to look out for the best interests of my constituents. I can tell you that Centegra's proposed hospital does not benefit the people of the 44<sup>th</sup> district.

The northern Fox Valley region has more than adequate health care from hospitals such as St. Alexius, Provena St. Joseph, Sherman and Advocate Good Shepherd. All of these hospitals provide a comprehensive range of services to their patients.

In contrast, Centegra's proposed hospital is merely a duplication of services and takes away from the current hospitals' ability to offer comprehensive care. Judging from the lack of growth in the far northwest suburbs, it is unlikely additional hospital beds will be needed anytime soon. If more hospital beds are needed in the near future, it would be more effective for the existing facilities to expand rather than build an entirely new hospital.

I'm also concerned that this duplication of health care services will increase the burden on Illinois' budget deficit. Governments pay for more than half of the hospital care in the U.S. This project is an unnecessary expenditure that will drive up health care costs, which means the government – and, more importantly, taxpayers – will end up paying more.

I'd also like to address the issue of jobs. It might seem like this project would benefit the area by bringing in a lot of new jobs. Centegra's proposed hospital, though, would create very few health care jobs because there is no need for more hospital beds. That means the multitude of "new" employees would come from the existing hospitals in the area that would see fewer patients.

I cannot support Centegra's proposed hospital because it duplicates services, weakens current health care providers and increases costs for everyone. On behalf of the residents of the 44<sup>th</sup> District, I urge the board to reject Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital in Huntley. I appreciate your time today, and I thank you for your consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely



Fred Crespo  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Tom Nitz, Vice President, Ancillary Services, Sherman Health**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Tom Nitz and I am here today on behalf of Sherman Hospital to oppose Centegra's proposal for a hospital in Huntley. I think many in this audience will find my topic quite interesting as I am here to talk about what Centegra has said in recent years about the prospect of new hospitals in the area.

Centegra opposed a proposal by Mercy Health System to build a new hospital in Crystal Lake when that proposal came forward ... and again, in 2007, Centegra opposed a plan by Vista Health System to build a new hospital in Lindenhurst. Here's what I find really troubling:

Many of the core arguments that Centegra presented in opposing those two hospital proposals are the same as the testimony that you are hearing today in opposition to Centegra's current plan to build a hospital in Huntley. The arguments were compelling then and they remain so today. A new hospital is not needed in the area, given the convenient access to nearby providers that all have ample capacity to serve area residents for years to come.

What were those arguments? I would like to read from the public record what Michael Easley, CEO of Centegra, said about Mercy Health System's proposal for a hospital in Crystal Lake. I quote: "If the proposed hospital were approved, and if they were to become operational, it would result in a loss of admissions and outpatients to Memorial and NIMC, as well as other hospitals in the neighboring communities. As a result, our hospital, as well as others, may fall below the Health Facilities Planning Board's utilization standards, and experience decreased profit margins, which might force us to curtail or discontinue vital services that may be free services to our community members." End quote.

In that same testimony back in 2003 and 2004, Mr. Easley mentioned that his health system had recently received state approval to expand. He said that modernizing and expanding Centegra's two existing hospitals was a better approach than for Mercy to build a new hospital. The service area at issue does, in fact, have the great benefit of the large modernization projects that have been very recently completed by Sherman and Saint Joseph at their local facilities.



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Again, in 2007, Centegra offered public testimony against a new hospital, this time in Lindenhurst. It made very similar and compelling arguments to those you are hearing today. Susan Milford, vice president of strategic marketing and planning for Centegra noted at the Vista public hearing that Centegra's McHenry hospital was just five miles from the planning area border (the Lake / McHenry county line) and that Centegra, while located in McHenry, served patients in the same Lake County communities Vista planned to serve with its proposed hospital. She noted, and I quote: "The proposed hospital will need to carve out a market in an area already served by existing hospitals." End quote.

Yet today, Centegra is proposing to do carve up this market which is already served by other providers. While a Huntley hospital may seem like a good idea to the residents of Sun City, the truth is those residents live nearly as close to Sherman Hospital as they do to the Huntley site. Also recognize that Huntley is at the far edge of the development in McHenry – out toward the soy and corn fields. Elgin is a better central location to efficiently serve the region.

Another argument Ms. Milford made in 2007 was about the unnecessary expense to build a hospital that wasn't needed. To oppose the Vista hospital, she said, Quote: "Moreover, with construction costs of \$100 million, it cannot be credibly argued that this is the most efficient use of already scarce resources." End quote. Here we are today, just four short years later, at what we hope is near the end of a devastating recession, with all levels of government facing record deficits, and Centegra is here to propose spending \$233 million for an unnecessary hospital at a time of even more scarce resources.

We all should have the same concern today. A new, unnecessary hospital could weaken all hospitals in the area. And today, with the economy struggling to recover, the housing market in a shambles, and the prospects for population growth in this area far diminished from what they were a few years ago, it seems that Centegra's statements about the lack of need for a new hospital in the area ring even more true today.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR ROWENA WERMES  
In Support of CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

#10-090

Good morning, my name is Rowena Wermes. I am a Project Manager with Centegra Health System.

I'd like to discuss several issues that relate to the perceived impact of Centegra Hospital – Huntley upon other hospitals.

As you have heard, this project is important because it addresses this historic and projected rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This rapid population growth is one of the key reasons why the Health Facilities and Services Review Board's bed need determinations show a need for additional beds in the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric, Intensive Care and Obstetric categories of service.

According to population figures and projections from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, also known as DCEO, McHenry County has experienced significant recent population growth, and this population growth is expected to continue. Population statistics from DCEO are utilized by the Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health in developing their population projections for determining bed need. DCEO estimated that the population in McHenry County increased by 10% from 2005 to 2010 and that it will increase by an additional 12% from 2010 to 2015.

In projecting bed need and utilization of all services at Centegra Hospital – Huntley, we considered population projections through mid-2018, which is the end of the hospital's first two complete fiscal years of operation. DCEO projects that the population in McHenry County will increase by more than 8% from 2015 to 2020, which is an annual population increase of 1.6%, thus increasing the bed need figures for mid-2018 beyond the figures shown in the "Bed Need Determinations" for 2015.

I also want to provide several reasons why the establishment of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not impact the current utilization of existing providers.

First, there is a current identified bed need for McHenry County which will continue to increase as the population grows.

Second, population growth and the aging of the population projected to occur by mid-2018 for both the Planning Area, which is McHenry County, and for the identified Market Area will increase existing utilization among all hospitals in the area currently providing

Medical-Surgical/Pediatric, Intensive Care, and Obstetric Categories of Service as well as provide utilization for Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

In summary, based on the DCEO population growth projections and the aging of the population, the establishment of Centegra Hospital-Huntley will not significantly impact current utilization in existing area hospitals)

Our CON application includes a Market Assessment and Impact Study prepared by Deloitte Financial Services. That study includes a discussion of the lack of impact of the establishment of Centegra Hospital - Huntley on current utilization of existing area hospitals, concluding that "all existing hospitals within the A-10 Planning Area which have Medical-Surgical/Pediatric, Intensive Care, or Obstetric Services will maintain or exceed their existing patient volume between now and FY18."

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

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**Babzett Sherfield**

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**Testimony by Babz Sherfield**

**My name is Babz Sherfield. I am a resident of Woodstock in McHenry County.**

**I am here to oppose Centegra from building a new hospital in Huntley. Centegra already has a hospital in the cities of McHenry and one in Woodstock, where I reside.**

**In fact, Centegra had plans and made a commitment to the Woodstock community to build a women's pavilion for the Woodstock hospital. I was surprised to learn that Centegra just decided to abandon this \$50 million dollar Women's project, and is now going to spend that money and more on a new hospital in Huntley.**

**Why has Centegra decided to abandon this important project for Woodstock? This was a much needed project for our community. I know that Huntley is more affluent than Woodstock. Is this a good reason to abandon this much needed project.**

**I understand that Centegra demonstrated the need for the Women's Pavilion in a process similar to what Centegra is pursuing now at this hearing for a hospital in Huntley. I understand that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board agreed with the need for the \$50 million dollar Woodstock women's pavilion and awarded Centegra a Certificate of Need for the Women's Pavilion .**

**A lot of time, effort and money was used to plan for the Woodstock women's pavilion.**

**Well, my questions are : What happened to the need for the Women's Pavilion in Woodstock? Why should Centegra abandon its commitment to meet that established need for women's health services in Woodstock and be allowed to spend even more money to build a hospital in Huntley.**



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My name is Audrey Reed. I am a member of the Sherman Hospital Board of Directors. Throughout my career, I have been involved with a number of Elgin-based social service agencies and am familiar with the dynamics, challenges and advances of the Hispanic community of Elgin. I am concerned that the proposed hospital in Huntley will not only hurt Sherman, but it will also adversely affect access to safety net health services to vulnerable populations in the area. It's important to note that the areas with the largest Hispanic population are not in Huntley, Algonquin or Lake in the Hills—those areas from which Centegra's proposed hospital will draw the majority of its patients. Rather, over 40% of Elgin's population is Hispanic, and almost half (47.3%) of the residents of Carpentersville are Hispanic.

I am proud of Sherman's strong presence in the Hispanic community, and its commitment to closing the gap in health care disparities among minority populations. A new hospital in Huntley will negatively affect the great strides Sherman has made in providing vital safety net services to this population.

As it currently exists, the U.S. health care system leaves millions without insurance and ranks poorly on health system performance and equal access to health care. However, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health has sought to eliminate these disparities by improving access to care and expanding health care professionals' linguistic and cultural competence, especially among those working with Limited-English-Proficient (LEP) minority communities.

I'm also proud that Sherman Hospital is years ahead in terms of providing exceptional services and care to the Hispanic populations of Elgin and Carpentersville. Because of our large Hispanic patient base, our physicians and staff are continually exposed to and educated on cultural competence in treating the Hispanic population. Additionally, we offer services designed to eliminate health disparities by increasing access to health care and addressing the unique needs of the Hispanic population. By understanding, valuing, and incorporating the cultural differences of our sub-cultures, our clinical staff supports health care delivery that responds appropriately to and directly serves the needs of the Hispanic community in our area.

In fiscal year 2010, we provided nearly \$3 million in charity care and over \$41 million in unreimbursed Medicare and Medicaid care. In addition, we provided over a half million dollars in subsidized health services. Some of these safety net services include:

- Colonoscopy and other cancer screening,
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I hope that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board understands that the commitment that Sherman has made to the diverse communities it serves will be greatly undermined if Centegra's proposal is approved. I urge you to please reject their proposal.  
Thank you.

Eileen K. Breitzke  
Testimony in support of IHFPB # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley

I have seen the plans for where Centegra wants to build their new hospital and for all intent and purposes it is in my back yard. I am very pleased by this. Centegra takes care of the community, and I am so happy they want to bring more services to this area. When my first husband passed away, my old college friend Bill helped me to navigate through all of the paperwork, and he helped me to move forward. We reconnected, fell in love and were married. A true love story.

A few months after we were married, Bill was diagnosed with brain cancer. He was treated at the Centegra Sage Cancer Center in McHenry with radiation and chemotherapy. The people at Centegra took such great care of Bill. They were all very personable, sharing stories and smiles. While this was a devastating time for us, the care and concern shown by all members of the cancer center helped ease our pain.

We were also greatly relieved to find that Centegra had vans that could take Bill to his daily appointments at the hospital. It would have been overwhelming to try and make all his appointments while the world collapsed around us. It was such a relief to not make that 45 minute drive in the dead of winter. Centegra provided much needed transportation during this difficult time.

Since Centegra took care of us during that time, Bill wanted to show how thankful he was. He saw that there are so many other people going through this grief and heartache. We wanted to help them, and we knew Centegra would assist us in doing just that. We donated the funds necessary to purchase a new patient express van. Bill would be so proud and even overwhelmed to see the van he provided helping those in crisis. We also donated the funds to provide massage therapy for other cancer patients, so that they could be just a little more comfortable.

Centegra is a wonderful organization that works very hard to provide the best care possible to its patients. As a patient of Centegra, I have experienced their passion first hand. I would be so happy to see this project become a reality. I live near the location for the new hospital, I am relieved to know that the services I might need are so much closer.

The families in this community are of all ages. As a parent and a grandparent, I know how important it is to have a hospital close by. This project is what the region needs, and Centegra is the organization to do it.

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February 15, 2011

My name is Dr. Solomon Secemsky, I am a cardiologist at Sherman Hospital in Elgin. I am also a member of the Sherman Health board of directors. I am here today, to express my opposition to the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

As a doctor, at a nearby hospital, I can truthfully say, adding another hospital to the area is, not only a waste of funds, it is simply irresponsible. Centegra's proposal calls for a small limited service hospital; which does not offer the same range of services, as the established providers in the community, such as Sherman hospital and Provena Saint Joseph hospital.

I have been a practicing cardiologist for the past 30 years. Cardiology is a field of medicine, that necessitates urgent and specialized care. Limited service hospitals, such as the one proposed, cannot even offer patients, a basic angioplasty, one of the most common cardiac procedures. In this case, Centegra proposes to build a hospital at the west periphery of the more populated area of McHenry County. This would draw heart patients further away from the critical care that they would need, if experiencing a heart attack, or other acute coronary incident, requiring immediate intervention.

If patients with immediate coronary care needs seek out treatment at Centegra's proposed hospital, their emergency care will be delayed, as they will, undoubtedly, have to be transferred for definitive treatment, to a nearby hospital, which can handle cardiac procedures. In fact, ambulances with EMS personnel, trained to triage patients, will bypass this type of hospital, when treating an acute coronary problem, in favor of a facility, such as Sherman Hospital. Time is not something heart patients have to waste, and delay in treatment, could mean life or death. As we know, when a patient is having a heart attack, time is muscle. The more wasted time before treatment, the more heart muscle is destroyed. This is why emergency departments have protocols with strict time limits, for patients who come in complaining of chest pain.

As a cardiologist, I feel strongly that Centegra is not looking out for patient's best interests, when trying to draw patients away from nearby, established and capable hospitals, which offer high quality critical care. Sherman hospital is staffed, with nearly 50 cardiologist and cardiovascular surgeons, who pride themselves on offering the best cardiovascular care to patients, including McHenry County residents, who are as close to an existing hospital, as they are to Huntley.

As a physician, I urge you to consider what is best for the health and well-being of area residents, and reject Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.

**Scott Powder**  
**Sr. Vice President, Strategic Planning**, *Advocate Health Care*  
**Centegra-Huntley Testimony**

*Ms. Avery and Mr. Urso*

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to address the board. I am Scott Powder, Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning for Advocate Health Care. Advocate is Illinois' largest healthcare system and we have been named one of the Top Ten Health Systems in the United States for Quality by Thomson-Reuters.

We strongly oppose this project based on the duplication of services and the unnecessary additional health care costs that it will impose on the communities in this region. At the heart of the issue is that every community hospital represents an investment of the community's resources – its time, its talent and its financial resources.

The communities we serve also invest their trust in us as not-for-profit institutions. For that reason, we must be good stewards of our limited health care resources. Those that work in the health care system every day know that we are moving away from a hospital-based acute care model to one that is much more cost-effective

We see it today in the explosive growth of outpatient procedures and the expansion of capabilities aimed at shortening the inpatient hospital stay, or eliminating the hospital stay altogether. Surgical services are an example of this trend. According to SDI, a healthcare industry analytics firm, from 2006 through 2009, the number of acute care hospitals in the United States by grew less than 1 percent, while the number of outpatient surgery centers

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grew by 17 percent. The growth of outpatient surgical centers is due in large part to advanced technologies that make it possible to provide surgeries that are less invasive, speeding recovery times and lowering the risk of infection. Outpatient care also has the benefit of being less costly, while improving outcomes, and that's something everyone can support. The applicant themselves are partners in ambulatory surgery centers in this same geographic area.

In our experience, as the largest provider of health care in the state, we have also found that the most cost-effective way to serve the growing needs of a community is to reconfigure or expand on an existing hospital campus. This allows us to spread the very high fixed costs of running a hospital over a greater base of patients, thereby lowering costs per patient served overall. By taking this approach, in combination with a community-based ambulatory service model, providers create an acute-care hub, with outpatient services acting as spokes that reach into communities with the greatest need.

Advocate Health Care's approach to meeting the needs of the communities we serve is a reflection of these realities. Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital serves as our hub in this region, while the spokes of outpatient services reach into Lake Zurich, Wauconda, Crystal Lake and Algonquin.

The lessons we've learned over the course of the past decade can be instructive to other care providers with similar missions as ours.

In 2007, we recognized that the population growth in Lake County was outstripping the availability of health care services.

Conventional wisdom at the time led us to initially propose the construction of an entirely new acute care hospital in Round Lake at about the same cost as this project. In the end, our strategic analysis concluded that it would be a far better use of resources and better for the community if we sought to invest in then-Condell Medical Center. Through that merger, Advocate was able to deliver the first Level I trauma center to Lake County, an expanded emergency department, Advocate Condell's new inpatient expansion is set to open on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and we are planning for new outpatient services as we speak.

The applicant's proposal clearly does NOT represent the industry's strategic best practices. Its quarter-billion dollar bricks-and-mortar price tag isn't part of the solution to today's healthcare challenges, but part of the problem.

We respectfully oppose this new community hospital construction project because of the costs it represents to the very communities it seeks to serve. There exist today solutions in and for our industry that demonstrate a better, more cost-effective way forward than saturating the geography with additional acute-care hospitals. Thank you.



JOHN R. PERKINS  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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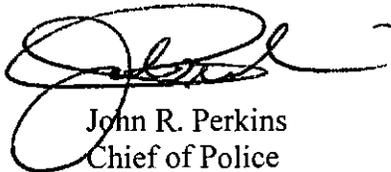
As Chief of the Huntley Police Department, it is very exciting to consider the proposal for a full service hospital in our Village. In my opinion, northern Kane County and Southern McHenry County are in urgent need of a hospital. Presently, local residents must travel to either Elgin or Woodstock to find a full service hospital.

Similar to The Joint Commission accreditation that hospitals must achieve, the Huntley Police Department is a nationally accredited organization. Our agency met the required standards and was awarded full accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2010. Huntley is one of only two agencies in McHenry County and three from Kane County that are accredited.

We accept our obligation to continue the quest for professional excellence but one area that is lacking is a partnership with a local hospital. With no local facility, crime victims and traffic crash victims must be transported out of town for trauma treatment. As a result, police officers must travel to conduct follow up investigation work. The extra down time often leaves the department short on street officers.

A local hospital will improve the quality of service we can provide in many ways. Children that are physically or sexually abused can meet with an advocate and begin their forensic interview sooner and closer to home. Individuals that are being held in our jail can be treated less than a mile away thus greatly reducing the opportunity for an incident of escape. Blood draws for fatal crashes or DUI arrests can be completed in a timely manner without the lengthy drive. Domestic abuse victims can receive treatment and return home sooner to stabilize an upset household. Finally, when my officers are injured medical help is close.

Centegra Health Systems is a highly respected organization. I look forward to partnering with them in the future to improve the overall quality of life in the community.



John R. Perkins  
Chief of Police



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Marcy Traxler  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Marcy Traxler, and I serve as Director of Pediatric Services at St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. St. Alexius has a special interest in the care of children, one of the most vulnerable populations in our region. I am here to oppose Centegra's hospital plans because if the project is approved, it would imperil the work we do at St. Alexius.

This spring, the Alexian Brothers Health Network is poised to break ground on a \$117 million project to add a children's hospital to our Hoffman Estates campus. This will be a regional center providing care from pediatric and obstetric specialists.

As more children are being diagnosed with chronic illnesses, including asthma and diabetes, our network has responded by bringing coordinated care for these patients together under one roof.

Likewise, the rate of premature births has increased and these children require highly specialized intensive care services known as Level III Neonatal Intensive Care or NICU. Level III is the highest level of care as designated by the State of Illinois. It is designed to care for the smallest, sickest babies and is staffed 24/7 with highly trained pediatric subspecialists known as neonatologists and specially trained nurses.

Less than a year ago, the health facilities planning board approved this expansion based on extensive population and needs assessments. If the board approves a community hospital in southern McHenry County, that hospital would draw patients away from St. Alexius. It would make it much more difficult for us to serve this growing need for local specialists for children and their mothers.

The nonprofit Alexian Brothers Health Network is committed to providing care to all residents, whether they have insurance coverage or not. We have seen a surge in children who are uninsured or are receiving care through Medicaid. Nearly 60 percent of pediatric patients seeking specialist care through Alexian Brothers Health Network are on Medicaid. The addition of a Centegra facility focusing on patients with private insurance would certainly undermine Alexian Brothers' mission to serve the most needy among us.

I strongly urge the board to support the strength of the excellent healthcare networks that already serve our region and reject Centegra's proposal.

Thank you.



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**February 8, 2011**

**To: Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board**

My wife and I have been residents of Sun City Huntley for more than six years. We moved from the City of McHenry where we had lived for thirteen years. We most definitely support Centegra's plans to build a new hospital and medical offices in Huntley - adjoining their already active Immediate Care Center (which we have been visiting frequently), Medical Offices and the Health Bridge Fitness Center. We have been patients and volunteer within the Centegra Health System for twenty years and are most grateful for the high quality care and

services received over the years.

Expansion of the site on Haligus Road is a perfect fit at a desirable location serving a growing Huntley community and environs. Consider the nearby rezoned land parcels in Huntley and contiguous towns for residential and commercial development - ready to kick off again as the economy improves.

Also consider nearby infrastructure improvements such as the widening of Illinois Route 47 and complete interchange at Route 47 and Interstate 90. The Route 47 corridor north of Interstate 90 continues to develop as the population expands. Furthermore, revitalization of the downtown Huntley area and new Metra service likely at Coyne Station Road receive the support of an involved community.

We have observed very proactive leadership within the Village of Huntley and commend them for their fiscal responsibility and overall planning within the Village to support future growth. They recognize a need for the Centegra expansion which fits well within their Master Development Plan. Right now the nearest hospitals serving Huntley are Centegra Hospital - Woodstock and Sherman Hospital, Elgin.

Finally, consideration should be given especially to a relatively permanent population base of nearly 8,000 people at age-restricted Sun City Huntley, with most

residents over the age of 60 requiring more frequent and often immediate medical care.

Time is of the essence. Centegra signifies once again its dedication and foresight to provide medical services within reach of an expanded population - a testimony to their Community Mission and Outreach - **'Well beyond expectation'**.

Sincerely,

MELVIN H. LONG

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**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Michael Eesley  
CEO, Centegra Health System

Good morning. My name is Michael Eesley, and I am CEO of Centegra Health System, a position that I have held for the past nine years. I am proud to be part of an award-winning health system that is so rooted in McHenry County and committed to the people it serves. Our hospitals have played an integral role in the lives of area residents for nearly 100 years, and we hope to continue serving the community by receiving permission to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

During the 12 years that I have worked for Centegra, we have witnessed steady population growth in McHenry and Kane Counties. At Centegra Health System, we have grown accordingly.

Our plan to bring a hospital to southern McHenry County and northern Kane County was not designed overnight. Five years ago, we identified a need in the southern portion of McHenry County. That's when we purchased 110 acres of land for our healthcare campus in Huntley. We promised to provide increased access to care as the area's population continued to grow.

In 2008, we opened Centegra Immediate Care-Huntley. Since then, thousands of residents from Huntley, Lake in the Hills, Algonquin, Lakewood, Crystal Lake and surrounding communities have benefited from top-notch healthcare and wellness services right in their own backyards.

If approved, Centegra Hospital-Huntley will be a 128-bed community hospital with 100 Medical/Surgical beds, 8 Intensive Care beds, and 20 Obstetric beds with a Level II Nursery. All beds will be in private patient rooms. The hospital will have a comprehensive Emergency Department, non-invasive cardiology services and a dedicated Women's

Center. Centegra Hospital-Huntley will be designed to meet the area's current and future needs.

Centegra Health System has long been a leading economic force in the greater McHenry County area, which is why we have received numerous awards from nearby chambers of commerce and we have been named a Business Champion by the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation. We currently employ more than 3,700 Associates and if we receive approval for construction of a new hospital in Huntley we will proudly welcome 1,100 more to our family. Furthermore, we have estimated that the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley will have an economic impact of \$152 million on area communities and bring more than 800 new jobs to the community during construction.

Centegra provided health education and wellness services at 252 community events in 2010, and our 14 local board members help us remember the importance of caring for area residents who are in the greatest need of services. We are a leading provider of charity care in the area, last year providing more than \$53 million in community benefits to the greater McHenry County region. Building upon that commitment, we are always looking for ways to give back to the communities we call home.

We play an active role in the Family Health Partnership Clinic, the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association and the Pioneer Center, to name a few organizations. Their efforts are focused on providing wellness and care to those in greatest need.

Centegra seeks to grow in accordance with the area's identified needs. We respect the role of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board and its mission to promote the orderly and economic development of health care facilities in the State of Illinois that avoids the unnecessary duplication of facilities. The Review Board's most recent bed need figures show that McHenry County has the greatest need for additional medical/surgical beds of all the planning areas in the state,

and northern Kane County has the second greatest need. Our proposed hospital in Huntley is ideally situated to serve the recognized needs of McHenry and northern Kane Counties.

We have carefully addressed the Review Board's criteria for the establishment of a new hospital and have submitted an application in compliance with the criteria. We know from the State's population projections that the need for hospital services will increase in the years ahead for the areas we propose to serve. Population growth is an important factor in assessing the demand for healthcare services under the Review Board's criteria, and we have documented the rapid population growth in Huntley and surrounding communities.

The support for this proposal has been overwhelming from community leaders, patients, area residents, physicians and other caregivers. You will hear from many of them here today. We look forward to the opportunity to present our plans in greater detail and to do our part to be on the leading edge of medical advancements for the communities and residents of greater McHenry County for many years to come.

Thank you.

## **Testimony in Support of Centegra Hospital Huntley**

**Mayor Chuck Sass  
Village of Huntley**

Good Morning and welcome to Huntley. It is with great pride that I stand here today on behalf of the more than 23,000 residents of our Village and offer our wholehearted support for Centegra Hospital Huntley. With my testimony, I am also including for the record a Resolution of Support approved unanimously by the Huntley Village Board on January 27, 2011.

Since Centegra first announced its vision for a hospital in our community I have heard from area residents and businesses who are excited about the plans. It is clear that so many others recognize what those of us in Huntley have known for many years: Residents here and in surrounding communities need improved access to healthcare!

Huntley and southern McHenry County has been at the heart of regional population growth for the past decade and more. As Village President since 2001, I have watched our community grow exponentially and worked tirelessly to manage growth and to make our Village attractive for both residents and businesses alike.

According to the 2008 Special Census, Huntley's population grew at an annual rate of 19.1% between 2000 and 2008. In total that is more than a 300 percent increase since 2000. And as you will hear from my colleagues in the neighboring communities of Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Gilberts and others, we are not alone. These are the exact communities the proposed new hospital is designed to serve.

Huntley is home to the largest active adult community for those 55 and over in the state with more than 10,000 residents in Del Webb's Sun City. We are also home to a large number of young families with young children. This combination of residents makes having a full-service hospital in our community, with easy access, that much more imperative.

From the State Department of Public Health's own data, our communities are underserved and in need of additional hospital beds. Centegra is the healthcare provider that has stepped up to the plate to meet this need.

They invested in our community with millions of dollars to build an immediate care facility, physician offices and outpatient services. No other health system in the region has recognized the need in our region and taken the necessary steps to address these needs. Centegra is committed to our community.

We stand strongly behind the proposal for Centegra Hospital Huntley. We ask that those who claim a hospital isn't needed to look around this room at the supporters, look at the

population of our communities and look at the needs outlined clearly by state health officials.

Now is the right time. Huntley is the right place for a new full-service acute care hospital in McHenry County. Thank you.



WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley is interested in ensuring the availability of quality healthcare to all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Huntley has had the opportunity to collaborate with Centegra Health System in the development of a state-of-the-art Immediate Care Center, primary care physicians' office, and fitness center and believes that the proposed project will yield benefit, not only for the Village of Huntley, but for the entire region, and that Centegra is the best suited to serve the community through this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Huntley commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

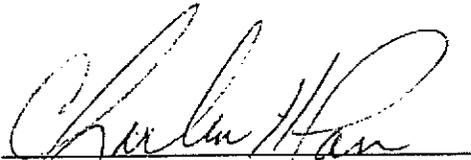
PASSED and APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

AYE: Trustees Fender, Kadakia, Kanakaris, Mercer and Piwko  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Trustee Leopold  
ABSTAIN: None

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Village President



**Opposition to Centegra's Proposed Huntley Hospital**

**Rick Floyd, President & CEO, Sherman Health, Elgin, IL**

Good morning. My name is Rick Floyd, President & CEO of Sherman Health, which is based in Elgin, Illinois. Sherman is a regional medical center that has been serving Chicago's northwest suburban communities for over 120 years. We have served Huntley since the village was founded. Sherman's position regarding the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley is that the region simply does not need more hospital beds at this time. And if there is no need for more beds, why in the world would anyone spend \$233M on more beds? Let me share a few key points that will be supported in greater detail by other speakers today:

Population and housing growth have declined significantly since the state last estimated bed need. In fact, the McHenry County 2010 US Census data released yesterday show that the state overestimated actual population growth by 9%. We're still growing, just not as fast as predicted. Therefore, there is in fact no need for more hospital beds in McHenry County, today or in the foreseeable future. As we all know, a return to the strong growth rates of the past is not expected anytime soon.

All the hospitals in the area, including Centegra's own hospitals, have unused beds. Several have many unused beds. Regional hospital utilization rates are flat and are expected to drop precipitously as the federal government implements healthcare reform and we all try to reduce unnecessary admissions to hospitals.

A new hospital will inevitably draw patient volumes away from all the existing hospitals, weakening them. When we unnecessarily duplicate expensive services, we place at risk our region's traditions of excellence and innovation in patient care. Further, by diluting the existing, shrinking volume of hospital activity over more sites, we weaken the healthcare safety net, which is so important to the most vulnerable among us.

With our state's budget deficit standing at \$15 billion, and our nation's budget deficit expected to hit a record \$1.6 trillion this year, we must remember that governments pay for over half the healthcare in America through Medicare and Medicaid. Ultimately we, the people, and our children, will end up paying for wasteful spending.

The proposed hospital is a limited service hospital. This means that patients suffering heart attacks and other serious conditions will need to be transported to the existing full-service hospitals, where state-of-the-art care is already available, bypassing the limited service hospital because it will not have angioplasty, heart surgery, and other critical services. Make no mistake; this proposed limited-service hospital will not be able to help many in their critical time of need.

Over three-quarters of Centegra-Woodstock's patients come from the communities surrounding the proposed facility. If Centegra builds a new hospital in Huntley, will it close its Woodstock Hospital? If

Centegra closes its Woodstock Hospital, what happens to the Woodstock campus? Wouldn't it be more cost-effective to renovate Woodstock rather than build a new hospital?

While the proposed project would create construction jobs during the life of the project, it will create few new healthcare jobs. Since regional hospital volumes are flat and expected to decline, we would simply be moving healthcare jobs from the existing hospitals to the proposed hospital.

Several of the existing hospitals, including Sherman, have received permission from the state's Review Board to make substantial investments in hospital infrastructure. Let us all harvest the benefit of those expenditures before we make new expenditures.

In summary, the proposed limited service hospital is unneeded, expensive, would harm all the existing hospitals, would damage the health care safety net for the area's most vulnerable, and would constitute a waste of \$233M at a time when we must all find ways to avoid unnecessary spending. I urge the state's Review Board to reject the application. Thank you.

VILLAGE OF LAKE IN THE HILLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 05

Resolution in Support of Approval of Centegra Hospital - Huntley

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of the McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth and to enhance service to communities in the region including the Village of Lake in the Hills, the third largest municipality in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital - Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County;

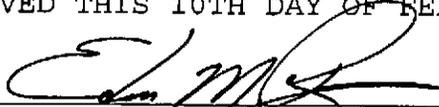
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Village of Lake in the Hills commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011 by roll call vote as follows:

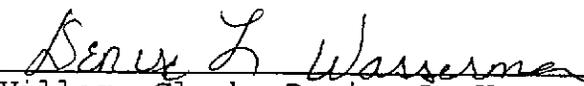
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Trustee Stephen Harlfinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011

  
 Village President, Edwin M. Plaza

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
 Village Clerk, Denise L. Wasserman

Published: February 11, 2011

## CERTIFICATION

I, DENISE L. WASSERMAN, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Village Clerk of the Village of Lake in the Hills, McHenry County Illinois, and that as such Village Clerk, I am the keeper of the Resolutions, Ordinances, records, Corporate seal and proceedings of the President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Lake in the Hills.

I do hereby further certify that the attached Resolution No. 2011-05 entitled "Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency" was passed by the Board of Trustees at the February 10, 2011 meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake in the Hills is a true and correct copy of said meeting.

I do further certify that the original, of which the attached is a true and correct copy, is entrusted to me as the Clerk of said Village for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful custodian and keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my name as Clerk and caused the seal of said Village to be affixed hereto this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

Denise L. Wasserman  
Denise L. Wasserman, Village Clerk  
By Nancy Sujet, Deputy Village Clerk  
Village of Lake in the Hills  
McHenry County, Illinois

(SEAL)



**Pam Cumpata  
President, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation  
Testimony in Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley**

Good Morning, I am Pam Cumpata, President of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts this morning.

As the business advocacy group with the mission to promote the economic health of McHenry County, through retention, expansion and attraction of commerce and industry, the announcement by Centegra Health Systems to build the new hospital in Huntley will be a great benefit to our economy.

The McHenry County Economic Development Corporation's board of directors is a dedicated group of area business leaders who focus on how to expand economic prosperity in the county. The volunteer board members approved a resolution of support for Centegra Health System's proposed project to develop a new hospital in Southern McHenry County. (resolution is attached)

Here in McHenry County, we find ourselves in the unique place of witnessing a tremendous population growth. Huntley alone has tripled since 2000. If we want to sustain that growth, we must be prepared to deliver quality jobs.

That is why I was so encouraged to hear the proposal of the construction and operation of a new hospital in Huntley. The project will deliver 800 jobs during construction and 1,100 permanent jobs during operation. It is also worth noting that a new hospital will bring significant economic benefit to the community and increased direct spending throughout the County.

In addition, a new hospital in Huntley will undoubtedly spur business development, such as restaurants for employees, ancillary services for the hospital itself and myriad of other development opportunities for the ever-growing population.

Although I stress the need for jobs in McHenry County, I do not want to minimize the clear need for increased access to health care. Even by looking at a map, you can see that McHenry County lacks a health care facility in close proximity to the southern portion of the County.

The Centegra Hospital in Huntley would serve some of the area's largest and fastest growing communities, including Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, Lakewood, Southern Crystal Lake and Huntley. Huntley is the right place for a new hospital and that this proposal meets the need for approval.

Thank you.

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL  
OF CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY**

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has filed an application with the Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) for approval of a Certificate of Need for the Construction of a Hospital in Huntley, Illinois (Project Number 10-090); and

WHEREAS, the Southern portion of McHenry County is the fastest growing region in McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has identified the planning area in which McHenry County is located (planning area A-10) as one of only three planning areas in the entire State of Illinois that has a shortage of acute care hospital beds to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley, Illinois will allow Centegra Health System to address the identified bed need in the area of the McHenry County that needs it the most, based upon the rapid population growth in the area; and

WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the state's bed need for Health Planning Area A-10, Centegra's proposed hospital would serve Health Planning Area A-11, less than two miles to the south. According to State figures, this planning area (Northern Kane County) is the second of three areas in the State where additional hospital beds are needed. Therefore, two of the three planning areas in Illinois with identified hospital bed shortages would be served by Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Huntley will result in the creation of approximately 1,100 new jobs in healthcare and as many as 800 jobs associated with the construction of the facility and will therefore greatly benefit the economy of McHenry County both directly through the creation of jobs but also indirectly through Centegra's reliance upon local providers of goods and services that are ancillary to health care; and

WHEREAS, Centegra has an existing health care campus in Huntley that has served the region through an immediate care center and other health care services and the construction of a hospital on this existing campus will result in an efficient use of limited health care resources of the community; and

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System has faithfully provided health care services to the residents of McHenry County for nearly one hundred years since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914. During that time Centegra has collaborated with virtually every level of government from the County to Cities, Villages and Towns. Centegra has also supported other not-for-profit entities, service organizations, schools and other community groups. On the basis of this faithful service Centegra Health System has established itself as the best suited to provide the full-service hospital that is needed in Southern McHenry County; and

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation is a public/private business advocacy group with the mission to: promote the economic health of McHenry County, through retention, expansion and attraction of commerce and industry which is conducive to an optimal quality of life for its citizens, to aid in the creation of primary jobs through assistance and attraction and to facilitate an economic development structure which enables individual communities within this county to realize opportunities to promote the same common good for their residents; and

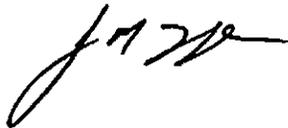
WHEREAS, Centegra Health System's construction of a new hospital in Huntley will as noted, create jobs and stimulate the regional economy and therefore will help to promote the mission of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Directors of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation commends and supports Centegra Health System's proposal to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois, and urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to promptly approve Centegra's request for a Certificate of Need which will allow the project to become a reality;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Courtney Avery, the Administrator of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761

Adopted by majority vote of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors, and McHenry, Illinois on the 25th day of January, 2011.

Jim Thorpe, Chairman of the Board



Attested by:



Sue Dobbe, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY FOR SUSAN MILFORD  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL - HUNTLEY  
February 16, 2011

Good morning, I am Susan Milford, the Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing, Planning and Wellness Services at Centegra Health System.

I would like to tell you how our proposal to establish Centegra Hospital - Huntley meets the CON Rules regarding Bed Need and Service Demand based on Rapid Population Growth.

McHenry County is designated as a single planning area, known as A-10. The Health Facilities and Services Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued "Bed Need Determinations" through 2015. The current monthly "Revised Bed Need Determinations" indicates that McHenry County has a need for 83 Med-cal-Surgical/Pediatric beds, 27 Obstetric beds, and 8 Intensive Care beds in 2015.

The establishment of the Obstetric and Intensive Care Categories of Service with the number of beds proposed for this project are in accordance with the formula calculation for planning area need that is stated in the CON Rules.

McHenry County has a rapidly increasing population, among the highest in Illinois.

Because of the rapidly growing population in McHenry County as well as in the market area that we identified for this hospital, we were able to project the demand for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service based upon rapid population growth in the target market area, as specified in the CON Rules. This review criterion permits us to document population growth based upon population projections that may extend as much as 10 years from the date the CON application is submitted.

The second full year of operation of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will not occur until mid-2018. Although that will be several years later than the most recent Adjusted Bed Need figures, it was possible to determine Calculated (Adjusted) Bed Need for the Medical-Surgical/Pediatric Service for mid-2018 using the State's own methodology that was used to calculate the 2015 Bed Need figures.

We found that the State's Bed Need Determination will show a need for 104 additional Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds by mid-2018 due to the rapid population growth experienced in McHenry County. This is 21 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds more than shown in the current "Revised Bed Need Determinations."

Another of the CON Rules specifies that we must project utilization of Centegra Hospital - Huntley by service for each of its first two years of operation.

During our second full year of operation, Centegra Hospital - Huntley will have met the occupancy targets specified in the CON Rules for the Medical-Surgical, Intensive Care, and Obstetric categories of service, as well as all State Guidelines for utilization of its ancillary services, such as Surgery, Emergency Department, and Imaging modalities.

In view of the current and projected Bed Need in Planning Area A-10 and the target market area for this project, the establishment of Centegra Hospital - Huntley will be in conformance with the Rules of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board and be an asset to our community for generations to come.



**ALEXIAN  
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St. Alexius Medical Center

Public Hearing Testimony  
of  
Edward M. Goldberg, President and CEO  
St. Alexius Medical Center  
Project # 10-090 (Centegra Hospital-Huntley)  
February 16, 2011

My Name is Edward M. Goldberg, and I am the President and CEO of St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. I am here today to voice my opposition, the opposition of St. Alexius Medical Center and the opposition of Alexian Brothers Health System to Centegra Health System's plans to build a new, and we believe un-needed hospital in Huntley.

The proposed hospital is located 30 minutes on Interstate I-90 from St. Alexius Medical Center, in a community that we and other facilities have served for many years. The proposed hospital does not appear to be providing any programs of significance that are not already provided by St. Alexius and other area hospitals, and therefore Centegra-Huntley will be duplicative.

I would like to briefly touch on four issues:

First, and as the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board is aware, St. Alexius is a primary provider of both Medicaid Services and charity care services to the less advantaged residents of the far northwestern suburbs. Last year, 19.9% of the patients admitted to St. Alexius—one in five—were Medicaid recipients, and nearly 3½% were without any medical coverage, and were provided their care without cost. The provision of care to the less fortunate is integral to the Alexian Brothers' mission, and we are proud of that. The reality, however, is that while we take pride in the care that we provide to the financially disadvantaged, we must also provide services to privately insured patients in order to maintain our commitment to the disadvantaged. With the newer housing developments in the Huntley area, we look in that direction for the financial stability that we so desperately need.

Second, St. Alexius is in the midst of a \$117 million dollar modernization program that was approved by the Illinois Health Facilities Review Board less than a year ago. That project's justification included our ability to continue to attract patients from the Huntley area.



Charie Zanck

Chairman, Centegra Health System Board of Governors

Chief Executive Officer, American Community Bank & Trust

Support for Project 10-090

Good morning. My name is Charie Zanck and I am wearing several different hats today. I am the chairman of Centegra Health System's Board of Governors, the chief executive officer of American Community Bank & Trust, and resident of the Woodstock area in McHenry County. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for a new hospital in Huntley.

The role of the Centegra Board of Governors is to oversee the overall strategic vision of the Health System, to ensure responsible fiscal management of the resources with which we have been entrusted, and to guide Centegra's long term planning to ensure that our patients and the communities we serve have access to the highest quality medical care.

When we analyzed the proposal to invest \$233 million in an acute-care hospital on our Huntley campus, the Board responded with overwhelming support. It was clear from the area bed need data, the travel times to area hospitals and, most importantly, the population growth we have experienced in southern McHenry County, that a new hospital was not only needed, but was necessary.

As the chief executive officer of American Community Bank & Trust, we designed and built our bank on a strong foundation of a few essential core values that drive all of our business decisions. These values include a commitment to understanding and meeting the needs of our customers, delivering the talents of the best people in our industry, working with a sense of urgency and incorporating trust and integrity in every decision we make. That same approach and philosophy permeates and drives Centegra Health System.

**Commitment to Needs:** The proposal for a new hospital in Huntley is a direct response to the needs of our patients and community residents. The State has outlined a bed need for our service area and this plan is designed to meet that need.

Having the Best People: High quality, specialty care is a hallmark of the Centegra system. We are proud to call our medical staff, caregivers, administrative team and volunteers the very best and brightest part of our Centegra family.

Recognizing urgency: We are fortunate to see growth and investment continue in our communities, and we understand the need and the urgency to bringing much needed inpatient care close to home for so many area residents.

And finally, trust and integrity: For more than 100 years, Centegra Health System has been a trusted, invested partner in McHenry County. We have supported countless organizations with charitable giving, volunteer time, and expertise. Our numerous free wellness and screening programs have provided valuable health care to many patients and families in our area.

Centegra has earned the trust and loyalty of tens of thousands of area residents, and our effort to be thoughtful and strategic in meeting future needs is apparent in the proposal we are discussing today.

I am proud to be a part of the Centegra team and my commitment to its success has been reinforced by many heartfelt stories shared by residents and patients since we announced our plans late last year. Centegra is committed to doing our part to meet the needs of these patients well into the future.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to share my enthusiastic support for a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley.

Thank you.



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**Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley, 10-090**

**Terry Dunning, Chair, Sherman Hospital Board of Directors**

My name is Terry Dunning and I am the Chairman of the Sherman Hospital Board of Directors. I am here to discuss Sherman's opposition to Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley. Sherman has been an integral part of this region since its founding over a century ago. I've personally been a part of this community for nearly my entire life and as a member of the Sherman Hospital Board for over 20 years. For me, Sherman has always been a focal point of upper Fox Valley— continually there to provide invaluable health care services to everyone whenever needed. It serves its communities regardless of their ability to pay and regardless of their race or ethnicity.

As a leading provider of health care to residents of the region, Sherman continually strives to offer innovative health care to area residents at both its inpatient and outpatient facilities. We designed our brand new state-of-art facility new replacement facility to do so in what was a growing area for many years to come. We are aligning with some of the best academic medical centers in the State and we have been able to expand our specialized services in stroke care, cancer care, heart and vascular care, pediatric services, and women's health; and are now planning a Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. The proposed Huntley hospital is a critical



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threat to Sherman's ability to continue with these innovations and to set the quality bar higher for the communities we serve.

Centegra contends a hospital in Huntley is necessary due to projected growth. As we are the main provider in this service area, we are well aware of the growth dynamic in McHenry County. In choosing our replacement site, we situated our hospital closer to McHenry County and in the middle of our service area to better serve patients. The CON Board approved our hospital based, in part, upon projected growth in this area. Since the recession, growth has stagnated and there are no signs that it will return to pre-recession levels in the near future. While we acknowledge the technical bed need assessed for Planning Area A-10, there is an excess of 258 med-surg beds in the area.<sup>1</sup> Given this excess and the bed capacity of hospitals within just a few miles of the county line, it would not be prudent for the CON Board to approve a new hospital at this time.

Sherman is within 20 minutes of a large portion of the proposed hospital's primary service area in McHenry and 15 minutes from Sun City-Huntley. Additionally, there is sufficient capacity at Sherman and other existing hospitals in the area to accommodate the projected

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<sup>1</sup> A-7, A-9, A-10 and A-11 all have hospitals within 30 minutes of McHenry County and several of these hospitals are within 30 minutes from the zip codes targeted by the proposal. The capacity of hospitals that are just a few miles from the patient base residing in McHenry County cannot be ignored.



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demand for years to come. In fact, our large site will accommodate other health care uses and expansion as warranted.

The provider community is facing a negative economic climate and many challenges with health care insurance reform. In this environment, a smaller, more conservative project, like the modernization proposed for Centegra's Woodstock hospital which Centegra abandoned last month in favor of this proposal would seem more appropriate; a much more judicious use of financial resources than the establishment of a new hospital; particularly when there is convenient access to hospitals with rooms available to accommodate the health care needs of the community exists.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our opposition to the proposed hospital in Huntley and respectfully request the CON Board to deny Centegra's application for a CON permit for this project.



FAMILY HEALTH  
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CLINIC

**Centegra Hospital – Huntley Public Hearing  
Project #10-090**

Good morning. My name is Suzanne Hoban and I am the founder and Executive Director of the Family Health Partnership Clinic in Woodstock and McHenry.

Our clinic's mission is to provide healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured of the area. These are the working poor, the temporary workers, the unemployed and those who simply cannot afford the insurance offered to them. We do not receive state and federal dollar for our work – we are dependent on the community to help us provide primary care that is so critical to the health of the area.

Because we are not government funded, nor do we accept Public Aid or Medicare, we must forge partnerships with others in the community to ensure that all have access to primary care. One of our strongest partners has been – and continues to be – Centegra Health System. They have been the leader in demonstrating their commitment to the community.

That commitment started at the top when Mike Eesley, then COO, came onto the Clinic board and saw firsthand the pivotal role we played in the healthcare community. As he transitioned into CEO, Mr. Eesley and the board of Centegra looked for ways to partner with us to better deliver efficient and cost-effective care. This took many forms, including helping develop a seamless patient flow for the uninsured who required further testing or diagnostics which the clinic could not provide.

Centegra has made a strong effort to incorporate the Clinic's well being into their community mission, and has actively worked to recruit physicians and nurses for us. One notable effort involved the recruiting of new physicians to volunteer at the Clinic on Centegra's salaried time while they built their practices. This allowed the physicians a different view of the community, helped patients in need, and reinforced Centegra's mission.

We are pleased with Centegra's plan to bring high quality care to the southern portion of McHenry County. This attention to need – over profit – has been consistently demonstrated by Centegra through their involvement with our clinic, as well as the many other activities they foster which are not profit centers, but instead address community concerns. This is the true definition of community centered health care and we are proud to support Centegra in its efforts to deliver that.

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William D. McLeod  
MAYOR

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Bill McLeod, Mayor of the Village of Hoffman Estates**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Bill McLeod, and I am Mayor of the Village of Hoffman Estates. I am here to testify today because I am concerned that the construction of a new hospital in Huntley would have a negative effect on the quality and cost of health care in our region.

Our area is currently served by an outstanding network of regional medical centers. Here in Hoffman Estates, St. Alexius Medical Center has provided quality care to our residents for more than 30 years.

Patients come from throughout the west and northwest suburbs to be treated at St. Alexius. The medical center features a full scope of services, and – along with other hospitals in the region such as Sherman Hospital and Provena St. Joseph Hospital – St. Alexius is making additional investments to further increase the level of care it provides.

Unfortunately, Centegra's proposed hospital would likely make that level of care untenable by drawing away jobs, patients and other resources St. Alexius needs to operate.

Right now, there are plenty of open hospital beds in the west and northwest suburbs. Using those beds makes much more sense than constructing a completely new facility. Our current hospitals have the capacity to keep up with any growth in the region, and, if needed, could add additional beds at minimal cost.

The need for a new hospital is simply not there and, thanks to the recession's effect on population growth in our region, it likely won't be any time soon. Because there is not sufficient demand, a new hospital would create an unnecessary duplication of services, resulting in higher costs for everybody.

One final point: Centegra says a new hospital would create additional jobs, but those "new" jobs would only come from established hospitals that already serve the area.

A new Centegra hospital would create needless duplication of services, increase costs and weaken the outstanding health care system in this region. That's why I urge the board to reject this proposal from Centegra.

Thank you.

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Harry Leopold  
13105 Cold Springs Dr.  
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Support of Project 10-090

My name is Harry Leopold and I am a trustee for the Village of Huntley. I am proud to support Centegra Health System and its proposal to build Centegra Hospital-Huntley. Centegra is the right health system and Huntley is the right location for a new hospital in McHenry County.

This hospital will be a great addition to our Community; Centegra offers state of the art medical services, varied employment opportunities, total health and wellbeing education, and a neighborhood partnership of caring. With our current population of 29,000 people in Huntley soon expected to grow to 45,000, we need great medical care close to home. Between 2010 and 2018, Huntley's population is projected to grow by 20 percent. Algonquin's population is expected to increase by 17.6 percent and Lake in the Hills is expected to grow by 16.7 percent in the same time frame. Our total area population is expected to be 270,886 people by 2018. I believe this merits a hospital.

~~Regional roadways in the area are already congested and the people of my region deserve immediate access to healthcare in case of emergencies.~~ I look forward to being able to quickly access emergency services, cardiology services and women's services right in my community.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Centegra Hospital-Huntley and Project 10-090. Thank you.

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**Testimony in favor of project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Chris Newkirk, Board of Governors

I am excited to be here today to express my support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Like others you've heard from today, I too have a deep connection to McHenry County. I am a lifelong resident of the area, and I feel that I truly understand what it means to live and to serve here.

My deep understanding of McHenry County includes its healthcare history. My family played an integral role in creating the original McHenry Hospital. They, along with many of their friends and neighbors, saw the need for a hospital, and they worked to bring community members precisely the care they needed. While the year was different and most modern technologies were non-existent, I certainly see parallels between the situations. Both then and now, we see communities where residents lack healthcare close to home. It is imperative that we too succeed in bringing a hospital to those who need it.

I am also very familiar with Centegra Health System, as I am a former Chair of the Centegra Board. I still play an active role on that Board today. I can vouch for the utmost integrity of the health system and its commitment to the county. It is because I sincerely believe in the health system's mission that I continue to be involved.

My family and I love McHenry County, and we try to give back to the community in every way we can. Right now, I view my support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley as one of the best ways that I can help this community. It is no secret that Huntley and the surrounding communities are underserved.

The application before you clearly meets the rules of the state for approval and will go a long way toward meeting the healthcare needs of this community for years to come. I ask the Board to approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Thank you.

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**Radiation Oncology**

Hello, my name is Dr. Jim Ruffer and I co-chair the Cancer Committee at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, less than one mile from McHenry County. By training I'm a radiation oncologist and I have practiced at Good Shepherd Hospital for over a decade. I stand here to oppose Centegra's application for a brand new hospital because it will not offer any unique oncology services to the residents of McHenry County and the surrounding locale. I'm proud to say that nearly half of Good Shepherd's oncology patients come from McHenry County. These patients choose to come to Good Shepherd, not because of a lack of cancer services available from the Centegra or Sherman systems, but because they recognize the quality of care provided to our local community by Good Shepherd physicians and nurses very close to their homes.

In reflection of this excellent quality of care already available to our local community, I'm proud to state that the Good Shepherd Center for Cancer once again received "Approval with Commendation" following a rigorous evaluation by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. Our Center not only met the basic standards of the Commission on Cancer approval program, but also excelled in seven areas where Commendation was awarded. We offer the latest in radiation therapy services including Varian RapidArc radiotherapy and high dose rate brachytherapy, each of which dramatically reduces the amount of normal, non-cancerous tissue exposed to radiation.

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**Radiation Oncology**

The numbers of cancer diagnoses in McHenry County and across the United States are on the rise, yet Centegra's new proposed hospital does not offer this burgeoning population any unique or new treatment options. Statistics show that approximately 50-60% of cancer patients will need radiation therapy at some point in their treatment. This treatment option is already available at a number of convenient local facilities, including our own. This proposal, by the Centegra System, does not add to the quality or convenience of care for these patients.

Let me reiterate that this hospital will introduce no unique services to the community that are not already being provided by a number of existing facilities within close driving distance of the proposed site. In summary, I respectfully request that the Board deny this request for a new hospital as it does not appear to identify or fill gaps of any unfulfilled needs for the growing number of McHenry County residents with a cancer diagnosis.

## **SUPPORT FOR PROJECT #10-090**

My name is Dr. Frances Glosson and I have been employed in the Centegra Health Care System for 35 years in a variety of roles. I have a background in critical care nursing and have a doctorate focused in leadership, learning, service and research. I have lived in McHenry County since 1973; however, the Glosson family has roots in this county dating back to 1852.

Centegra has been serving this county for a very long time and has had a positive impact on the overall health of the community as evidenced in recent healthy community studies. **Centegra is a perfect organization to open a new hospital in Huntley.** I can report to you that Centegra is a vision and values led organization. The governance of the organization, the physicians, leaders and all 3800 Associates are true servant leaders. As I said Centegra is values driven, committed to serving the community's healthcare and wellness needs with genuine respect, passionate caring, and a joyful spirit. Their emphasis on wellness and community outreach and most importantly, quality of healthcare makes them the obvious choice in expanding services **here in Huntley, Illinois with a new hospital.**

Centegra is positioned to serve this area in an integrated manner based on their ability to offer the full continuum of care. I look forward to the day my grandchildren, Matt and Maggie, who live less than a mile from the proposed Huntley hospital site can seek services from this well established and led organization. It is of great comfort to our family that Centegra would be so accessible for their health needs. My son was diagnosed with cancer two years ago and when he needs immediate care it will be ideal that a Centegra hospital is literally just around the corner **in his neighborhood.**

I have witnessed and can declare with certainty that **Centegra is the right choice** for this community. Healthcare is delivered in a **team approach** and Centegra excels in this area having created a nationally recognized learning organization. Leadership and learning are essential elements as we continue to operate and excel in the new healthcare reform arena. Centegra is also a leader in collective community leadership contributing to the overall health of every citizen through multiple diverse programming.

As I mentioned, Servant Leadership is the leadership style emphasized by Centegra leaders to enhance service to others and improve the engagement of the workforce. This style of leading provides a holistic approach to work; promoting a sense of community; and the sharing of power in decision making. The healthcare of the future will continue to require this type of leadership approach. Centegra has been a pacesetter with this leadership platform which will continue **at the new Huntley hospital.**

At Centegra the associates are characterized by performing meaningful work; clarity of the organization's direction, performance accountability, and having a safe, trusting, and collaborative environment. I can attest to this after 35 years and we will build on this strength **at the Huntley hospital.**

Please endorse the plans for the Centegra Huntley hospital. **Again, it is the perfect choice.**

I support **SUPPORT FOR PROJECT #10-090**

*Frances Glosson*

**Hector Flores on behalf of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project #10-090**  
**February 16, 2011**

Let me introduce myself. My name is Hector Iyan Flores. I am the lead Interpreter/Ambassador at Centegra Hospital Woodstock. I have been working at Centegra for about six and a half years now. I have personally witnessed the strides that Centegra has taken in order to ensure that we are providing great service and overall excellent medical care to all the people that live in our community.

As interpreters, we offer the best language service in the area. We are pivotal in the assistance of communication between patients whose primary language is Spanish and the medical personnel in the hospitals and other Centegra satellite facilities. We have significantly increased our interpretation services to having twenty-four hour coverage at Centegra Hospital – Woodstock and 18-hour daytime coverage and nighttime call at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to meet patients' needs. We have set forth a great effort to ensure that we understand the cultural customs of our patients in order to provide healthcare services in a respectful manner. As a result, patients choose the Centegra hospitals for their care.

From my perspective as someone who is dedicated to serving the diverse population of our region, a new hospital in Huntley will be an extension of the already established programs to address the unique language and cultural needs of all area patients. In McHenry County, more than 11% of area residents are of Hispanic descent and those numbers continue to climb as the population increases.

By hiring the right personnel, implementing the proper training and following the Centegra Values, all area residents, regardless of their native language, are able to put the hassles of barriers behind them and focus on their care and recovery. At Centegra, we strive to improve the community as a whole, and this sentiment will be expressed fully if a new Huntley hospital is opened.

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**PAMELA J. ALTHOFF**  
STATE SENATOR • 32ND DISTRICT

January 24, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of Centegra Health Systems' application for a new hospital to be located in Huntley, Illinois. Since 2000 the increase in the southeastern quadrant of McHenry County's population has been 24.8% while the state of Illinois' population has grown at only 0.48%. The need for a full service acute care medical facility is readily evident. Centegra not only provides excellent health care for all of McHenry County but has already established an Outpatient and Immediate Care campus in Huntley. The expansion of services with a new hospital is just the next logical step.

Centegra, as you are well aware, is the preferred choice provider for McHenry County and has consistently provided quality healthcare as the need arises. During the CON hearing for Mercy Health Systems back in 2004, the CON board noted and suggested a better location for any hospital in McHenry County would be further south and west of Crystal Lake, Illinois. Centegra took them at their word. This new hospital would then serve some of the largest communities in McHenry County including Huntley, Lake in the Hills and Algonquin.

And let's not forget, during these extraordinarily challenging fiscal times, the economic benefits this project will bring to the area; benefits like thousands of JOBS, increased tax revenue and direct spending. A project of this magnitude would be a tremendous boon for the area.

Centegra has proven itself to be an excellent community partner that truly cares about the people and families they serve. I have had numerous positive experiences with this health system, both personal and professional, and have absolute confidence in its ability to bring a top-notch hospital to southern McHenry County. I respectfully request the Board give Centegra's application strong consideration.

Regards,

  
Pamela J. Althoff  
State Senator, 32nd District

PJA/cd

Project #10-090

Testimony of Andy Andreski/  
President, McHenry County Board of Health  
2200 N. Seminary Ave.  
Woodstock, IL 60098

My name is Andy Andreski, President of the McHenry County Board of Health. I am also a local resident and business owner of 1776 Restaurant in Crystal Lake.

I would like to express my full support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System. Centegra's plans call for meeting an established need for additional healthcare services in southern McHenry County. It is clear that their committed to the community makes them best-suited to provide these needed medical services.

The job of the McHenry County Board of Health is to promote health, wellness and emergency preparedness. McHenry County residents are touched every day in many ways by the McHenry County Board of Health services. Every time we eat in a restaurant, need assistance for healthcare, or get our children vaccinated for school, the Health Department is involved to make us safer and healthier.

Centegra has been a primary partner of ours for decades.

For the past 100 years, Centegra has played a critical role in improving the health status of our broad community. A recent example of this was during last year's H1N1 flu epidemic. Centegra led the way in providing access so thousands of residents could be vaccinated. They proactively partnered with us to reach out to schools and opened their facilities so we could reach more community members.

McHenry County is in need of additional medical services serving our growing southern communities.

I fully support Centegra Health System's proposal to build a new Centegra Hospital in Huntley and urge the board to approve the application.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Andreski", is written in a cursive style across the bottom right of the page.

Project #10-090

## Testimony – Centegra Hospital Huntley

Judy Andronowitz  
982 Donnelly Place  
McHenry, IL 60050

February 16, 2011

My name is Judy Andronowitz, Director of Nursing Support Services for Centegra Health System. I have been with Centegra for over 20 years and I am extremely proud today to represent Centegra's 819 nurses who as we speak are at the bedside of our patients serving them with passionate care and joyful spirits. Our nursing Associates are actively engaged in quality improvement processes and evidence-based nursing practice to ensure the very best care for each of our patients. We foster professional growth and career advancement for nursing Associates through active participation in professional and educational activities. Each year we host over 250 undergraduate and graduate nursing students from 13 schools, developing future nurses to serve our community, and we partner with five schools for BSN completion programs for the development of our current nursing team. Centegra Health System is actively on the nationally recognized Magnet journey for nursing excellence. We promote the health of our community through active participation in health-related events and the role modeling of health. The clinical nursing teams have responsibility, authority and accountability for providing outstanding patient care and achieving the best patient outcomes. Through our nursing shared governance councils, our nurses and other clinicians have a strong voice in how care is provided within our system to ensure high quality outcomes for those we serve. We currently have over 50 nurses actively working on the design of our cutting edge, fully integrated, high-tech electronic medical record which will further enhance quality and patient safety, timely care and patient satisfaction. The mission of the Department of Nursing at Centegra Health System is to provide care that is of the highest quality. As we treat the physical and mental needs of our patients, we also consider their spiritual and cultural beliefs. We encourage our nurses to maintain a balance between work and family life so when they care for our patients they can do so with a joyful spirit. Our patients are our neighbors, friends, families and loved ones. It's personal, we take it to heart, and we deliver excellence in all we do. Centegra has been part of this community for nearly 100 years. We are fully committed to bringing the best care to the Huntley area, because this IS our community.

I support the Centegra Health System's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090.





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**BROTHERS**  
Neurosciences Institute

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Robbin Arnfelt**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Robbin Arnfelt and I am the Regional Manager for Business Development for the Alexian Brothers Neurosciences Institute.

I oppose Centegra's attempt to build a hospital in Huntley because it would duplicate health care services and undermine regional specialty programs like those we offer at the Neurosciences Institute.

In my position, I act as a liaison between our neuroscience specialists and other physicians throughout the region, who need to refer their patients for neurosciences care. There is a shortage of neurosurgeons who perform the complex and comprehensive procedures that our neurosurgeons do. This means that our programs serve the neurological needs of residents (both adults and children) from throughout the northern Fox Valley – including Huntley and Crystal Lake. Our specialties include stroke, epilepsy, dementia, Gamma Knife and neurosurgery.

Our programs are on par with the academic medical centers in the city of Chicago, thanks to Alexian Brothers' dedication to recruit top specialists and obtain the most up-to-date technology and equipment.

St. Alexius is able to offer this hard-to-find care to southeastern McHenry County because we are a regional medical center, just like Sherman, Provena St. Joseph and Advocate Good Shepherd hospitals. Residents in the Huntley, Lake in the Hills and Algonquin areas are fortunate to be so close to so many outstanding hospitals.

Right now, all of the hospitals in and around McHenry County have plenty of hospital beds available because the projected growth for the area in the last few years hasn't materialized. And, area hospitals have made commitments to the state that they will serve the entire region. Not only that, but the goal in health care these days is to have quicker, and fewer, inpatient visits. And, by 2018, we should expect lower patient demand because of the changes required by federal health care reform.

If this new hospital were allowed, the health care system in this area would be overbuilt. And that spells trouble for programs like ours, which would be weakened. When St. Alexius suffers, our Institute does, too. And, worse, so do the residents of the entire region who depend on specialized health care.

It doesn't have to be this way. I hope the Board realizes Centegra's plan is not viable for an area that already has plenty of open hospital beds. I ask that you reject this application for a certificate of need.

Thanks.

Kim Barker  
608 Ridgewood Drive  
Cary IL 60013

Hello, my name is Kim Barker, and I am a McHenry County resident. I'm happy to be here today to express my opposition to Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley.

There are several hospitals around the northwest suburbs. But, I have a strong connection to one in particular, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. I have been a devoted Advocate Good Shepherd patient for many years now. I trust the hospital's physicians and staff with all of my health needs, and, in my experience there, Advocate Good Shepherd continues to exceed health care excellence. I can only imagine that there are many other people who share the same sentiment.

Advocate Good Shepherd provides a level of health care that residents in the area depend on. Its extensive range of services is not something that every hospital offers, and it's certainly not something Centegra's new hospital will be able to provide its patients. Whether it's a major surgical procedure or a round of physical therapy, Advocate Good Shepherd patients receive quality care for all of their various health needs.

As a woman, Advocate Good Shepherd's focus on women's health is something that is of great importance to me. The hospital has a renowned birthing center and Breast Cancer Center along with everyday health care services catered to women. No matter what my need might be, I take comfort in the fact that Advocate Good Shepherd will be able to provide me with the necessary care.

My greatest concern is that Centegra's proposed hospital will hurt Advocate Good Shepherd and all of the other nearby hospitals. The hospitals in our area are outstanding facilities. A new hospital would only take away from their ability to offer comprehensive care. If health care services were scarce in this region, I could understand the reasoning behind a new hospital. However, McHenry County residents receive adequate and high-quality care.

These regional hospitals are too important to the residents to be hurt by an unnecessary hospital entering the community. That is why I urge you to reject Centegra's proposal.

Thank you for your time.

*Kim Barker*

**Jefferson Batt  
2412 Dakota Ridge  
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In Support of Project #10-090**

February 16, 2011

My name is Jeff Batt, a partner of McHenry Financial and the founding President of the Rotary Club of McHenry-Sunrise. As a long standing and active member of our community, I support project #10-090 and Centegra Health System's proposal to bring a new hospital to southern McHenry County. Centegra has been an excellent citizen in our community. There is a need for a hospital and its clear Huntley is the right location.

On New Year's Day 2010 my Grandmother had surgery at Centegra Hospital – McHenry to repair a broken knee cap from a fall she had taken the day before. My Grandmother suffers from severe dementia and was a “challenging” patient to say the least. The care that the doctors and nurses took with my Grandmother during her surgery and recovery has made me a raving fan of Centegra and their standard of healthcare.

I strongly believe Centegra is the right organization to provide our community with another excellent resource for health care.

Jefferson Batt  
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February 4, 2011

Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: **Project#:10-090—Centegra Hospital Huntley**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Centegra Health System has asked that I write in support of their project to bring a full-service hospital to southern McHenry County. I am most happy to do so since I believe the project is not only needed but would be an outstanding addition to an area that is fast-growing but without access to comprehensive healthcare for its residents.

Since the statistical support for this approval is known to you through the application process, I would only like to add that Centegra Health Systems serves residents in my legislative district and has an outstanding reputation. When I recently attended the announcement of Centegra's intent to seek approval for this project, I was extremely impressed with the state of the art fitness center that was filled with area residents who are enthusiastic about services currently available and the possibility of a full service hospital in that location. Such a project would bring jobs and tax revenue for McHenry County as well as comprehensive health care.

My experience with the Centegra system has also shown them to be an outstanding community partner. They and their staff participate in area charitable endeavors including the one very dear to me and my wife, Dee—Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois (HPNI). HPNI has partnered with Centegra in an inpatient hospice program located at Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock. That project could not have come to fruition without the dedication of Centegra to make it a reality. Centegra has also contributed to HPNI in other ways through their contribution to the new Pepper Family Hospice Home and Center for Care in Barrington, Illinois and through sharing two of their top executives with HPNI as members of the Board of Directors. This represents a real commitment to partnership, and Centegra has everyone's utmost respect for their willingness to serve.

I am aware that there must be a limited amount of healthcare resources, and that not every project can become a reality. This project, however, is an important one for McHenry County residents and is one that I fully support. I would be grateful if your board could give Centegra's application every consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark H. Beaubien".

Mark H. Beaubien  
State Representative, District 52

**Dr. Terrence J. Bugno  
2719 Red Barn Road  
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Centegra Board of Governors  
Radiation Oncologist, Centegra Sage Cancer Center  
McHenry IL**

**February 16, 2011**

**Public Hearing on the Centegra Health System Application to build:  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL – HUNTLEY.**

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My name is [xxx KAY PRESHLOCKxxx] and I am speaking on behalf of Dr. Terrence Bugno, member of the Centegra Board of Governors and Radiation Oncologist on staff at the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

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I strongly support the Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project. It is the right answer to an unmet healthcare need, situated in the right place, being 'birthed' at the right time, and pursued for the right reasons by our System – anchored in McHenry County Illinois --- building on the Promise which Centegra Health System Made in 1995 --- that the PATIENT is the CENTER of what we do, who we are, how we work (from a BASIS OF INTEGRITY) – and providing modern technologic advances delivered through compassionate personalized care.

This IS CENTEGRA – it's history, it's mantra, it's charge.

My career path has brought me to McHenry County on two occasions – the first in the 1980's, the second as of 2000. What a difference a few decades makes! I have grown to be passionate about CENTEGRA – as physician, a cancer doctor, former medical director of Radiation Oncology Services, a Board Member and a resident of McHenry County. We continually contribute to the health and welfare of our own residents. I wish to speak to access, quality, technology, 'heart' and 'stewardship' in my remarks.

As an Oncologist specializing in radiation medicine arriving to McHenry County in the mid 1980's, state of the art services were fragmented, often inaccessible and requiring compromises by hard working families to 'go elsewhere' ... Wisconsin, downtown Chicago, collar county university and academic centers and yes, even Mayo Clinic.

Scared of the big "C" ... worried about limited options or choices... daily sacrifices were made --- because you did the 'right thing'. Priorities and values drove many out of the area for specialized care. It's just the way it HAD to be. Caring physicians aligned with NIMC and Woodstock Hospitals helped to bridge the gap and provided fundamental services --- closer to home, inspired by the "war on cancer" national directive on Community Cancer Programs.

Come 2000 and my return to this area --- new realities --population expansion, growing and aging families, rising prevalence of acute and chronic illnesses despite medical advances --- and with it ---a real need for comprehensive Cancer Care. Awareness of, and proper planning for, dedicated multidisciplinary cancer services 'right in our own county' ultimately birthed the Sage Cancer Center in McHenry-- with collaboration amongst physicians, diverse healthcare providers, consumers and generous support from all sectors of the business community. The result? Improved access and benefits for our residents.

In my area - Radiation Oncology - we acquired progressive high tech equipment and procedures -- linear accelerators, Tomotherapy, High dose rate radiation, sophisticated planning software systems -- and, we were able to attract many 'best and brightest' minds to our Center --- academically credentialed but choosing to live, work and give their talents to McHenry County residents.

We've met the needs in the diversity of Cancer Services offered across the continuum of care --- from screening & prevention, diagnosis, individualized cancer treatment programs, clinical trial access, aftercare support including survivorship, and when appropriate --- palliative and hospice care. Being there throughout that patient's cancer experience. High technology, progressive cancer care -- distinguished by professionals who believe in 'high touch' personalized approach with 'heart'.

Our success is measured beyond our excellent patient satisfaction surveys, through testimonials who tell us: "They treated us like their own family! We felt right at home!"

I can attest that Centegra Health System is 'well beyond expectation' in it's delivery of Cancer Care Services for McHenry County . We've answered with 'high tech' state of the art diagnostics, leading edge radiation oncology and infusion services -- and a solid nationally accredited program. Our 'team approach' interconnects our System, medical providers with our partnering community. Expansion to the Huntley area affords many more individuals access to 'what we do best' in cancer care.

As a member of Centegra's Board of Governors (who happens to be a physician)... I have watched this Healthcare System demonstrate keen understanding of, and leadership to acquire, deliver and steward appropriate Inpatient and Outpatient accessible facilities for McHenry County. It takes it's mission seriously and responsibly.

I have both observed and participated in our executive team's 'common sense' yet insightful steering through the maze of changing Healthcare with high moral and ethical

character, decision-making, and 'doing things for the right reasons'. Our Board's responsibility towards behavioral health for McHenry County, new initiatives in Cardiovascular, Cancer, Degenerative and Chronic Diseases as well as Women's Health, newborn and pediatric care and in community education, patient access and self empowerment are very evident.

The board, executive team and it's hundreds of associates embrace our mission, vision, values in the conduct of our activities. We do our best, and seek, retain and support our dedicated workforce. There is a healing culture, a 'team' born of local residents living, working, caring and involved ---- In realizing our charge as the leader for Healthcare for McHenry County. Ours is a culture of Servant Leadership .

We've recognized the changing scene for the growing population in our southern corridor ---- and have already established a presence including Health Bridge & Outpatient Center which has been well received and incorporated into the fabric of this area.

We do note that healthcare is NOT defined by a building, but a continuum of integrated services. It is imperative that we win our community's confidence that we are 'right around the corner' – ready, able, attentive – with quality healthcare initiatives... easy access.... experienced leadership... compassionate caring and genuine respect ... and ..... involved! ...

As an Oncologist, Centegra Board Member – and McHenry County Resident ---- I know that Centegra is THE dedicated service provider who's answering this call –for the present --- for the future. The next step in the satisfying that growing expectation for onsite healthcare is... Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

We have studied healthcare needs, done our due diligence and explored various options . Despite the imposing present economy, healthcare trends and life stressors living in McHenry County- Illinois, Centegra genuinely believes it's culture, it's 'roots' and demonstrated responsible stewardship during these trying times - can bring substantial benefit to those who live, work and play right here – and achieve the vision.

I believe that our mantra to be a destination system with Mayo's clinical and Ritz Carlton's service reputation is what this Huntley area relates to, and best aligns with in its Healthcare Needs for now and the future. This Centegra Hospital Huntley initiative is the 'best' answer and I urge it's approval.

Thank you.

*Severin J. Bugno MD*  
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February 16, 2011

Daniel Byars, Director, Patient Support Services, Centegra Health System  
1111 Greenfield Circle  
Geneva, Illinois 60134

Re: Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090

I strongly support the proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley; project number 10-090 because Centegra Health System is well-suited to meet the area need and able to provide the most effective integrated healthcare network for the residents of the greater McHenry County area.

Changes to the Medicare payment system and other healthcare reforms that become effective in July of 2011 will move all hospitals toward a more health facility – community integrated approach to providing health services. Examples of these reforms include: Medicare payment methods that reward preventative service such as providing pneumonia and flu shots to vulnerable populations and payment strategies that penalize poor outcomes such as patients being readmitted to a hospital within 30 days of being discharged.

Because of the need for greater effectiveness of health services, the future of Health Care in the McHenry County area, as well as, the entire country requires the effectiveness that is delivered by a highly integrated approach to health services. This integrated approach would be enhanced if a new full-service hospital were built upon the existing Centegra campus in Huntley.

Based on its 100+ years of providing care, Centegra has well established collaborative relationships with the network of health services providers that serve the residents of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. Because of Centegra's existing broad base of inpatient and outpatient services as well as its well established relationships with physicians, allied health professionals, nursing homes and other health service providers in the area, the Centegra Huntley- Hospital would ensure the most effective integrated healthcare network for the greater McHenry County area.

In conclusion, I enthusiastically support the proposed Centegra Huntley – Hospital because it will meet area need and provide health services to the greater McHenry County area in the most effective manner.

Don Calcagno  
3002 Pine Meadows Circle  
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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Don Calcagno  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi. I'm Don Calcagno. I'm speaking to you today as a northern Kane County resident who is opposed to Centegra's plan to build a community hospital in Huntley and as a hospital executive at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

I've watched this area grow quite a bit over the years. At some point, we thought the growth would never stop, but it did. The Great Recession made sure of that. Now, I wonder if we'll ever see new houses built in those nearly empty subdivisions around southern McHenry and northern Kane counties.

That's why I was amazed by Centegra's plans to use future growth as the main reason for building a new hospital in the Huntley area. It just doesn't make sense.

At first I was puzzled about Centegra's plans ~~to build a hospital~~ to build in an area that's already well-served. As I became more aware of the Review Board's rules, however, the reason became apparent. The Board's rules state that an Applicant must document need through patient referrals. Centegra clearly cannot obtain sufficient letters from physicians to justify the need for this hospital. In addition to Advocate Good Shepherd, we have other regional medical centers nearby that offer comprehensive care. And a couple of them made major improvements in the last few years.

For example:

- Provena Saint Joseph Hospital recently added a new bed tower at its hospital in Elgin and has carved out a specialty in its heart and vascular institute.
- About a year ago, Sherman Hospital in Elgin replaced its facility with a \$325 million complex at Randall Road and Interstate 90 that will serve the region for many decades.

In both cases, Sherman and Provena sought the state board's approval for their projects. They promised the state that they would serve as comprehensive, regional hospitals for the area, which includes southern McHenry County. When the Review Board approved these projects, these hospitals indicated that they would serve significant numbers of McHenry County patients and sized their projects appropriately to serve these communities. The Centegra facility, if built, would simply be duplicative of facilities the Board has just recently approved.

I believe that adding Centegra's hospital to the mix would be detrimental to all hospitals in the region because the new facility would weaken current hospitals' ability to offer comprehensive care. It would dilute patient volumes and quality.

McHenry County residents already have a wide choice of convenient health care providers. I ask that you reject Centegra's proposal for a community hospital in Huntley.



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*Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*

**William Cox, MD, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley,  
Project #10-090**

My name is Dr. William Cox and I am an orthopaedic surgeon and co-founder of McHenry County Orthopaedics. My practice has offices in Crystal Lake and Huntley, and I am also a board member at Centegra Health System. I am proud to offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

As a surgeon who specializes in sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery, I believe healthcare accessibility is an issue for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Cook County. I believe Centegra Hospital – Huntley needs to be built for the same reason our practice has established our Huntley offices – patients deserve to have high-quality care close to home.

An acute-care hospital in that region would provide immediate medical access for people who suffer serious orthopaedic injuries as well as those who have heart attacks, strokes or other life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

Centegra is already improving the wellness of the region by providing Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center and clinical services on its Health Campus in Huntley.

I trust Centegra's leadership to provide outstanding care for our patients for years to come. That is why I support Centegra Hospital – Huntley as the right place and now as the right time for a new hospital. Thank you.

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Laura Dickoran

On behalf of Mercy Health Systems.

Centegra is the wrong project in the wrong location. The need for competition in McHenry County for health care services is now - please do not allow this

monopoly. Having the privilege of having worked for both health systems I know the need for another hospital in McHenry County. The location proposed by Centegra is not where the greatest need exists. Having been an ER nurse @ Centegra McHenry I know the need for a new hospital.

We spent many nights in bypass due to lack of inpt. beds for hospital admissions thus clogging the ER and causing long ER wait times. to be seen one of the largest EMS providers affected by Centegra McHenry being in bypass was Crystal Lake, so I know the direct need for a hospital in Crystal Lake. Please deny the proposed Centegra Hospital in Huntley as it is the wrong project in the wrong location.

Kari Downey  
298 New Haven Drive  
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McHenry County

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Kari Downey  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Kari Downey, I live in McHenry Country and I want to let you know why I oppose the Centegra hospital project in Huntley.

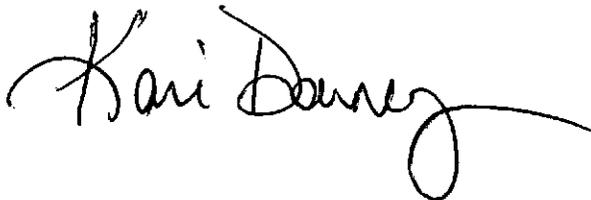
I felt strongly about this because I believe we simply don't need another hospital in our area.

The biggest reason is from personal experience: my family and friends already leave McHenry County for services that would not be provided by the new Centegra Hospital. Thus, we'd still be leaving the county regardless of whether this hospital is built.

And the Centegra Hospital duplicates services we already have, such as those provided at Advocate Good Shepherd. While once robust, growth in our area has stalled, and shows little sign of increasing, more duplicated services just don't make sense. A new hospital will dilute our resources without adding benefits.

I'd recommend that we all save the money. Any time a new facility is built, it will draw on government funding to help pay the bills. Given the state of government budgets these days, it makes more sense to be prudent, and to focus on what we need, not something that we might need in a couple decades.

I ask you to please reject the Centegra proposal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kari Downey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.



**TO:** Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

**FROM:** Terrence P. Egan, President/CEO

**RE:** Support for Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital-Huntley

**DATE:** February 11, 2011

My name is Terry Egan and I am President and CEO of Hearthstone Communities. We offer a continuing care retirement community that has been serving the healthcare and residential needs of older adults since 1903. Our residents include those living independently, as well as seniors requiring assisted living or skilled nursing care. **Since the opening of Woodstock Hospital in 1914 Centegra Health System has been a trusted partner in providing for the acute health care needs of our residents.**

**The long term collaboration between Centegra and Hearthstone continues to this day not only when our residents need emergency or acute care services, but also when patients from the community are discharged from the hospital and require post-acute care in nursing facilities such as Hearthstone.** We currently work with Centegra associates on "Critical Pathways", a clinical collaboration on quality measures to insure that patients who are sent from Centegra to Hearthstone for post-acute care, receive the highest quality care in the most efficient manner.

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Hearthstone Communities fully supports Centegra Health System's proposal for a new 128 bed hospital in Huntley.

Senior Living Campus  
920 N. Seminary Avenue  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
815.338.2110

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350 Christian Way  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
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*Offering hope, healing and purposeful living to older adults and children in the context of Christian communities.*

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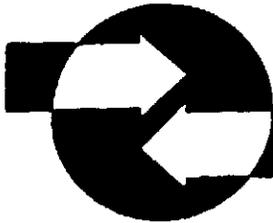
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## TURNING POINT

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February 8, 2011

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Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
RE: Project No. 10-090, Centegra Hospital-Huntley

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed hospital in Huntley by Centegra Health System in Project No. 10-090. Hospital services are needed in the Huntley community and Centegra is the health system best-suited to provide these services.

I know Centegra Health System takes its responsibility to the community very seriously and continues to look for ways to improve the care it provides.

Centegra Health System has long been a valued partner for Turning Point through our collaboration with the McHenry County Crisis Line, and their team that serves victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Centegra Health System contacts Turning Point when victims of domestic violence come through emergency rooms or are receiving hospital services. We depend upon the staff of Centegra Health System as they help us to fulfill our mission to **confront violence against women and children in McHenry County.**

Given the community's need for hospital services and the improved access to healthcare this project will provide for southern McHenry County and surrounding areas, I strongly urge the board to approve the application by Centegra Health System for a new hospital in Huntley.

Sincerely,

Jane Ann Farmer  
Executive Director

In fact, even if Centegra's hospital is approved, many patients will end up traveling that distance anyway since Centegra's proposes to build a community hospital. The facility will only be equipped to provide people with basic care. Any patients with major medical conditions will be sent to one of the nearby hospitals for further medical attention. Therefore, for many patients, Centegra's hospital will only be an extra step in the medical process. We can't forget that delays in medical treatment are not good for patients or their families.

Contrary to Centegra's statements, McHenry County is well-served by several nearby hospitals. I ask that you consider the area's current access to health care facilities before the approval process for Centegra's proposed hospital continues.

Thank you.

*Gisa Lawkes*

**Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

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**In support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley Project # 10-090**

Name: Spiridon Gerolimos, MD  
Address: 4201 Medical Center Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050  
Company: Centegra Health System  
Title: Medical Director, Medical Imaging

Testimonial: My name is Dr. Spiridon Gerolimos and I am an independent radiologist and the medical director for Medical Imaging at Centegra Health System. I proudly offer my support for the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Centegra Health System is currently the leader in providing state-of-the-art medical imaging equipment and services to the people of northern Illinois. As we planned five years ago to extend Centegra's high quality services to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, we invested in several equipment acquisitions, including a 128-slice CT scanner. This financial commitment ensured people of our region would have access to the best-available technology near their homes. We also installed a 3.0 Tesla MRI in Huntley to round out our complete continuum of medical imaging. Now, as we look to the future, Centegra Health System needs to fulfill a promise it made to the people of the region to continue to provide improved healthcare access for all medical services. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will provide our patients the outstanding services and quality they deserve near their homes.

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I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve project 10-090. Thank you.

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I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve project 10-090. Thank you.

**Lisa Glosson, MD, in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090**

My name is Dr. Lisa Glosson and I am a family practice physician with Centegra Primary Care-Woodstock. I am here today to implore the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board to allow Centegra Health System to fulfill a promise it made to my patients. That promise was to improve healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Centegra Hospital-Huntley is the solution to our region's need for greater access to healthcare. I sincerely hope my patients will be able to receive emergency services, noninvasive cardiology care, women's services and access to a helipad if they need to be transferred to a Level I Trauma Center.

As the population increases there will be more people in need of family practice, internal medicine and pediatric physicians who will serve as the front-line providers of healthcare. Centegra Health System is THE health system that is committed to recruit and support the physicians that our growing population will need.

I know that southern McHenry County and northern Kane County need improved access to healthcare, and Huntley is the right location. Please give Centegra Health System the Certificate of Need to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

Project #10-090

LYNN GRIESMAIER RN MS  
533 Bristol Way  
Cary, IL 60013

WE have a problem in McHenry County. Our county has women who are diagnosed at a later stage of breast cancer than almost all other counties in IL. We diagnose about 3-4 women a week. From age 26 to 93, rural to neighborhood, fit to not so fit women. The profile isn't set. It can happen to any woman. Centegra has recognized the severity of this situation and has implemented an action plan to address it. We have taken the lead on establishing the first Comprehensive Breast Health Program in McHenry County. Following National Standards for Breast Programs, we are providing access for all women to come forward to have state of the art digital mammography, breast ultrasound and MRI. We provide onsite radiologists who meet with every patient who comes to us with a breast issue. We then provide a multidisciplinary approach under the direction of our 2 medical directors, that allows a patient to benefit from the expertise of all our breast specialists to help manage through their very personal journey back to health.

Even my role as the only Breast Health Navigator in McHenry County, is an indication of how sensitive Centegra is to meeting the needs of very fearful women facing one of the biggest challenges of their lives, knowing they have a touchstone with my position, to be there every step of the way with them.

Outreach and education about breast cancer awareness is extremely important. Our commitment to take this out to the community is demonstrated in many ways such as the first Tuesday of the month when Family Health Partnership takes over the mammography department at our Woodstock Hospital and our technologist do mammograms while their nurse practitioner examines patients in our treatment rooms. If a positive diagnosis is made, we keep the patients in our system and continue to provide treatment whether it is surgery, chemotherapy or radiation therapy. In other words, we take care of patients and we love what we do.

Having a specialized women's center such as at what we plan for Huntley, will allow us to expand offering this great commitment to women, knocking down the barriers, so they know they can expect comprehensive breast treatment, with the most competent physicians, latest technology and high touch care that reflects the values that make us Centegra.

Thank you.



**ALEXIAN**  
**BROTHERS**

St. Alexius Medical Center

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**

**of Linda Gump, St. Alexius Vice President, Administration**

**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hi, my name is Linda Gump. I am the Vice President of Administration at St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. I am the person that is responsible for submitting the IDPH annual bed report. I am here to urge you to reject Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in Huntley.

There are currently six regional medical centers – including St. Alexius – within about a half-hour of the proposed Centegra site in southern McHenry County. Each of those hospitals has plenty of open beds to care for more patients. Given that existing hospital capacity can easily keep up with any potential growth in the area, it makes no sense to spend hundreds of millions of dollars on a brand new limited care facility. It will duplicate services and increase health care costs for everyone.

Many of our existing hospitals have already invested in improvements to increase and expand care. Sherman Hospital and Provena St. Joseph have new or newly upgraded facilities that are well-positioned to serve the Huntley area.

And, as you may be aware, Alexian Brothers is ready to break ground on a new children's hospital on the campus of St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates. Alexian Brothers will be able to offer coordinated care among pediatric subspecialists as well as care for the tiniest infants and their mothers. This facility, located near Interstate 90 and Barrington Road, was approved by the state because it will serve a large geographic region, including southeastern McHenry County.

The six-story patient tower is scheduled for completion in early 2013. At 209,000 square feet, the tower will feature 96 additional patient beds, a pharmacy, MRI facilities and expanded pediatric facilities. It will also include an extension of same-day surgery and emergency department observation areas.

At a cost of \$117 million dollars, that expansion represents a significant investment that St. Alexius is making in our hospital and in our community.

A duplicative new hospital would undermine the long-term plans and investments of our regional medical facilities. It would, ultimately, adversely affect the level of health care available to the residents of our communities.

That's why I ask that you deny Centegra's certificate of need for this project.

Thank you.

with you how we plan to meet and exceed the needs of the community. Open Forums begin Monday, Jan. 31 and continue through Friday, Feb. 4. A schedule of the times and locations is listed below. I look forward to seeing you there!

*Dr. Nathan Kechesch*

Date	Site	Time	Location
Monday, January 31	Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center-Huntley	Noon	Conference Rooms
	Centegra Health Bridge Fitness Center-Crystal Lake	3pm	Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3
Tuesday, February 1	Centegra Specialty Hospital-Woodstock, SS	8am 10am 3pm	Atrium
Wednesday, February 2	Centegra Hospital-McHenry	8am 10am 12:30pm 2pm 6:30pm	Classrooms    <i>Complimentary Meal</i>
	Centegra Hospital-Woodstock	8pm	Conference Rooms <i>Complimentary Meal</i>
Thursday, February 3	Centegra Hospital-Woodstock	8am 10am 2pm	Conference Rooms
Friday, February 4	Centegra Hospital-Woodstock	1am	Conference Rooms <i>Complimentary Meal</i>
	Centegra Hospital-McHenry	2:30am	Classrooms <i>Complimentary Meal</i>

## Community

### Mercy Physicians

On December 29<sup>th</sup> an application for a Hospital in Crystal Lake was submitted again to the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board by Mercy. The last time Mercy submitted a CON application to build a hospital at this location, people affiliated with the project were sent to prison because it was later determined that the approval of the Mercy project was obtained through a bribe being paid to one of the board members. As a Health System we have provided services to our community through the support of independent physicians, employed physicians and Mercy physicians each of which has been provided privileges within our health system. Although for years we have treated our competing health system physicians as though they were part of the Centegra family, we have learned that the following Mercy physicians signed notarized statements in which they promise to take ALL of their patients to the proposed Crystal Lake Hospital in the event that it is ever constructed. It is interesting that less than 15% of these patients live in Crystal Lake and most of the patients come from communities surrounding our hospitals.

K. Albright, MD  
J. Asbury, MD  
G. Bistriceanu, MD  
S. Campau, MD  
M. Chatterji, MD  
R. Chitwood, MD  
R. Cook, MD  
T. Crawley, MD  
J. Cundiff, MD  
P. DeHaan, MD  
J. Favia, MD  
J. Fojtik, MD

M. Gavran, MD  
D. Goodman, MD  
R. Gulati, MD  
D. Henning, DO  
Y. Hussain, MD  
N. Kakish, MD  
S. Karna, MD  
M. Karney, MD(half of pts)  
M. Krpan, DO  
G. Livingston, MD  
M. Loqman, MD  
R. MacDonald, DO

A. Mirza, MD  
D. Mitra, MD  
R. Persino, MD  
P. Phelan, MD  
M. Riggs, DO (half of pts)  
B. Ronquillo, MD  
E. Shen, MD  
R. Soorya, MD  
R. Srinivas, MD  
D. Tarandy, MD  
R. Wittman, MD  
R. Zaino, MD

Testimony in support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090

Jason Sciarro  
Centegra Corporate Office  
385 Millennium Drive  
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

My name is Jason Sciarro, and I am the President and Chief Operating Officer for Centegra Health System.

I want to address a couple of the opposition issues that have been raised today.

- The proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley has been defined by opposition as a “limited service hospital”. Community hospitals are the backbone of health services for suburban and rural communities across the country. Proximity to care is extremely important and arguably the most important factor in determining a patient outcome. Centegra Hospital – Huntley will be a Level II Trauma Center and provide the proximity to care that is necessary for this fast growing population.
- Both Centegra Hospital McHenry and Centegra Hospital Woodstock have achieved national accreditation for chest pain services. Centegra Hospital Huntley will follow this trend. In fact, there are only 11 hospitals in the state of Illinois that currently have this designation. Besides Centegra no others are represented in the room today. This designation certifies that our facilities have implemented national recognized – evidenced based - clinical practice that is proven to save lives even in the absence of cardiac intervention. This is one example of how hospitals do not need to provide every service to have positive effects on patient outcomes.
- While it is arguable who provides the majority of convenient services to McHenry County, it is certainly clear who is stepping up to provide the necessary services. From health and wellness, to general medical and advanced surgical - and the only provider of behavioral and mental health services in the county - Centegra serves critical health care needs locally. Let’s not be fooled by the opposition who oppose Centegra Health System. We, in fact should applaud Centegra for its unwavering commitment, in the face of opposition, to do what is right for the communities in which we serve and live each and everyday.
- And lastly, a lot has been said today about health care reform. Healthcare reform is not about building or not building new hospitals. Healthcare reform is about providing integrated healthcare services – locally. Understanding the needs of your local community is the first step in being able provide these services. No one understands the needs of our community better than the people that are in the community everyday. Our support by the people of McHenry County is unwavering. The very people who live in our communities and the healthcare provider who has been providing service to these communities for over 100 years understands these needs and this is why we are proposing Centegra Hospital Huntley. We began this journey 5 years ago providing outpatient and immediate cares services to this community closely followed by our state-of-the-art wound care services and then, and only then did we propose this hospital project. Centegra Hospital Huntley is exactly what is needed, in the exact place it is needed and at the exact time it is needed.

**Rachel Sebastian in Support of Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project, #10-090**

128 Ashton Lane  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

My name is Rachel Sebastian and I am the Vice President of Service Line Operations with Centegra Health System. In my role I am responsible for the overall strategic leadership of Centegra Health System's Service Lines. I strongly support Centegra's proposal to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to improve healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Centegra Health System's leaders are passionate about their commitment to the patients we serve. We continually assess the needs of our communities and discuss ways to improve our services according to changes in the population.

It is important to note that McHenry County's current ratios of beds to population are far below those of the State of Illinois. Based on 2010 figures, McHenry County had 0.65 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds per thousand population, while the entire State of Illinois had 1.79 Medical-Surgical/Pediatric beds per thousand. Similarly, McHenry County had 0.10 Intensive Care beds per thousand population, while the entire state had 0.25 beds per thousand, and McHenry County had 0.12 Obstetric beds per thousand, while the entire state had 0.21 beds per thousand population. I believe the people of McHenry County deserve at the very least the same access to healthcare as other Illinoisans receive. Centegra Hospital – Huntley is the answer.

Centegra has demonstrated a real commitment to the community's healthcare needs throughout its history. Just a few years ago Centegra filed a CON application for our Open Heart program, a program that was specifically designed to meet the needs of residents and their families who had to travel outside the county for treatment and care. Centegra did not propose this project until there was a demonstrated need locally, but when the need was clear, we acted quickly. The Open Heart program is successful, it serves a critical need and it is making a real difference in people's lives.

The new hospital in Huntley reflects Centegra's ongoing commitment to serving local needs; it also reflects the organization's strong sense of stewardship with an eye toward the growing demand for medical services in the fastest growing portion of the County. This is the right project, at the right time in the right location and I am hopeful that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board will approve this application.

Thank you.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Project # 10-090**

Name: Connie Secor

Address: 2618 Constance Lane, Marengo, IL 60152

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director, Surgical Services

My name is Connie Secor. As the Director of Surgical Services for Centegra Health System and as a community member living in Marengo, I am pleased to have the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley.

Centegra Health System's Surgical Services departments provide comprehensive services for both ambulatory and in-patient populations for the communities of McHenry County and beyond. Performing nearly 14,000 surgical procedures annually, our combined 15 operating rooms serve more than 110 surgeons, covering more than 15 different service line specialties. These service lines include our open heart program at the Centegra Hospital - McHenry campus and a weight loss surgery program at our Centegra Hospital – Woodstock campus. We are proud to say that our weight loss surgery program has been designated as a Bariatric Center of Excellence from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

In addition, our ancillary service areas provide combined visits of more than 16,000 annually in our Endoscopy and Ambulatory Treatment Departments. These service areas play a critical role in the provision of care to citizens throughout McHenry County and surrounding communities. We are very proud of the excellent care we provide and that our associates remain committed to providing the highest level of service to our patients.

As a community member, I am very excited that Centegra is building upon its excellence and continues to bring important medical services to the communities in need. Thank you for your time and consideration of this much needed hospital and the many services it can bring to the community.

**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley****Project # 10-090**

Name: Sheila Senn

Address: 148 Glenbrook Trail McHenry IL 60050

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Behavioral Health Services

## Testimonial:

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for Centegra Health System's proposed project in Huntley. I stand before you today as an Associate of the health system, as a resident of McHenry County and as an advocate for those who suffer from Mental and substance abuse illnesses. During my 15 years with Centegra, it has been my calling to care for those individuals who are marginalized and underserved and work toward the reduction of stigma associated with Mental Illness and substance abuse.

I am proud to be a part of Centegra Health System as this organization shares these same values. While other hospitals have chosen to reduce or entirely eliminate Behavioral Health Services, Centegra has maintained services for those in need in our community. The decisions to maintain such services have been made exclusively on the basis of what our community needs not on the impact to our financial bottom line which incidentally is negative. In the spirit of our mission to serve our community, we have partnered with other community agencies to coordinate services and meet the changing needs of McHenry County. A recent example is our involvement with the suicide taskforce in McHenry County. It saddens me to report to you today that the number of residents who have ended their lives by suicide in this past year has doubled since 2008. As the number of suicides mounted last year, we worked with many community agencies to offer free education to our residents related to suicide prevention. We educated our physicians and Associates regarding the group most at risk and common signs and symptoms.

I think most of us would agree that the past few years have been some of the most economically and emotionally challenging for our country and our community. Unemployment and foreclosures have taken a toll on our community at the same time that access and resources for Mental health and substance abuse services have been seriously diminished. Though there has been a complete elimination of support from the state for acute psychiatric services, we have maintained our acute care services. Acute psychiatric services are not optional services, they are essential and should not be

compromised. These services are a person's very last option. They are provided when nothing else will do to insure the safety of the individual or others. We continue to care for people because it is consistent with our mission and simply, the right thing to do.

The Huntley hospital will provide an additional access point for people to seek entry into the most appropriate level of mental health or substance abuse services. We provide truly integrated and informed services to our community. I am very proud to be a part of such a sophisticated approach to care. I hope that you will consider the entire scope of the health needs of our community and recognize the extent to which Centegra has shown its total commitment to the care and wellbeing of those we serve.

February 16, 2011

Dr. David A. Shinherr  
14440 Trinity Court  
Woodstock, IL 60098

**Supporting Centegra Hospital – Huntley, project number 10-090**

My name is Dr. David Shinherr and I'm a Woodstock resident and Executive Director of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Centegra Health System.

Centegra's orthopaedic surgeons have advanced education in their areas of expertise and integrate the latest orthopaedic treatments to provide our patients the best quality care. We offer advanced procedures to treat injuries and problems of the hand, shoulder, back, hip, knee, and foot. The surgeons on our medical staff deliver new approaches to hip replacement, knee replacement and finger joint replacement and spinal surgery.

In addition to outstanding orthopedic care Centegra Health System offers the complete continuum of rehabilitation services. From skilled nursing and home health care to outpatient therapy, Centegra is committed to providing McHenry County with the best rehabilitative care. One thing that I think is important to note is the fact that Centegra Health System maintains the only Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit in McHenry County, which allows patients to rehabilitate following a brain injury either from a stroke or trauma close to home. Centegra also operates the Neuro-Rehab Center a very unique clinic in Crystal Lake which is essentially the outpatient version of the acute inpatient unit where patient continue their progress in order to return to the highest level of function following these life altering disease processes. The Neuro-Rehab Center is one of approximately 18 similar clinics in the entire state of Illinois.

Because of my background in chiropractic care, I was also thrilled when Centegra added chiropractic medicine to the Centegra Orthopaedic Care continuum. The addition of complimentary and alternative medicine as part of the patients "health care team" insures collaboration amongst the patient's primary care physician and ancillary providers is another way Centegra provides outstanding care to our patients.

At Centegra Hospital - Huntley, Centegra Orthopaedic Services will continue to provide the highest levels of treatment and care through a complete continuum of specialized orthopaedic and rehabilitative programs and services for people of all ages.



David A. Shinherr, DC

Dee Tallon  
609 Handel Lane  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
Project #10-090

**Testimony of Dee Tallon in favor of Centegra Health System's application for a CON**

Good Morning. My name is Dee Tallon. I am the clinical manager of OB at our Woodstock campus, and most recently named Interim nurse leader. I'd like to share with you why Centegra Health System is not only an excellent healthcare provider -- it is also an outstanding employer to our Associates. My own experiences as both a Centegra Associate and a leader have overwhelmed me with warmth, spurred me to grow and have helped me maintain a healthy balance between my career and my family life.

I was welcomed as a new nurse leader just 13 months ago. Before joining Centegra, I was living in Kentucky. I remember being surprised when I received our new leader welcome package from Centegra Health System Chief Executive Officer Michael S. Eesley at my home just days after accepting their offer. The package included a nice welcome letter from Mike, a DVD that talked about Centegra's values, and a nice leather binder. It was such a nice welcome before I even arrived. My husband is the dean of a business college, and he was impressed, too! Perhaps a bit jealous since he has never been treated this way.

On my first day at the Family Birth Center, I was welcomed with a breakfast by the staff and physicians. Staff members made a scrapbook including pictures of them and their stories, so I could immediately get to know my team. The welcome was overwhelming. Since my husband still lived in Kentucky, I remember calling him to share I felt like they'd rolled out the red carpet for me. I have been a nurse leader for more than 15 years and I can tell you that Centegra's culture is completely unique. I have time to build relationships and see how happy Associates provide better patient care. I am so impressed with this staff. This is by far the best group of people I've ever worked with. Throughout the hospitals, people have smiles on their faces and acknowledge each other.

As a nurse, I appreciate how hands-on caregivers are asked to contribute to process improvement at Centegra. They take part in shared governance, which calls on the expertise of the nurses to improve practices and quality of care. I feel accepted, secure and confident in my role at Centegra Health System because of Centegra's supportive work environment. I love coming to work each day. I always want to tell my team and the people I report to, "Thank you for allowing me to bring my joyful spirit to work." When I think about extending the exceptional level of Centegra care to the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County, I get so excited I get goose bumps! I whole-heartedly support Centegra's plan and am ready to welcome 1,100 new Associates to our culture of excellence.

Matt Towler, Vice President of Support Services  
Centegra Health System  
Support of Project #10-090

Hello... I am Matthew Towler and I am the Vice President of Support Services for Centegra Health System.

My role within Centegra includes providing oversight and support to the operations teams that facilitate our construction services. If the Centegra proposal for Centegra Hospital – Huntley is approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, I will oversee the construction and occupancy of the new hospital.

This is very exciting for the people who reside in McHenry and Kane counties and are in need of improved access to Centegra's healthcare services. The planning and development of the new hospital facility has been in process since we first purchased land from Tom Halat. The new facility will be a necessary part of our plan to fulfill the Centegra mission to provide wellness for people in the communities we serve.

The bid process will utilize criteria of Financial Cost, Relevant Healthcare Experience, Relationship with Centegra and Alignment to Centegra's Mission, Vision, and Values, which will be competitively evaluated from the pool of respondents. Our philosophy is to make it a priority to hire skilled laborers and tradesmen from the communities we serve. Through the hospital construction process we look to create more than 800 jobs in the construction-related fields. These jobs have an estimated economic impact of \$152 million on area communities, with an anticipated additional \$45 million to be generated from the professional salaries and commercial sales that would be needed to support the construction work.

This is a very exciting time for me. To have the privilege to provide leadership to this project is a true honor. I look forward to the opportunity to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley to provide improved healthcare access for the people of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.

Thank you.

**Nancy Turngren, Manager of Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley**

My name is Nancy Turngren, and I manage The Wellness Center at Del Webb's Sun City Huntley, an active adult living community of more than 9,000 residents over the age of 55. Sun City is located in Kane County just north of I-90 just west of Route 47 in Huntley.

With the Sun City residents in mind, I strongly support the proposal of a new hospital in Huntley (Project #10-090). The location to our facility is ideal, and in addition, Centegra is already a valued wellness partner within the Sun City community.

As an active adult residence community, many in Sun City are healthier and stronger than their peers. Clearly however, the medical needs of an aging population only increase as the years pass. Easy access to quality health care, particularly for a senior community is imperative.

The proposed location of the new hospital is only minutes from Sun City. Many residents in fact already visit doctors and the immediate care facility on the Centegra Huntley campus. An extension to a full-service acute care hospital within minutes of this community of senior citizens would be a blessing.

Sun City has had the pleasure of truly partnering with Centegra to provide residents with much of the wellness care they need. The Centegra name is one many know and trust. Through The Wellness Center in Sun City, Centegra provides health screenings, customized nutrition counseling, health assessments and a wide variety of community health lectures.

Since The Wellness Center opened in 1999, residents have responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback. In fact, this feedback and the demand for more quality wellness services led to the extension of the center's hours and the expansion of available services. Now our residents have access to more in-depth services such as blood testing, osteoporosis screenings and behavioral health services, among others.

The Sun City residents would certainly benefit from a new hospital in Huntley, and particularly, one that would be operated by such a community partner. I encourage this board to approve Centegra's plans for a hospital in Huntley. I look forward to the access that a new hospital in Huntley would afford the Sun City community.

Thank you.

## **Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

Name: Laura Walczak

Address:

Company: Centegra Health System

Title: Director of Emergency Department

Testimonial:

My name is Laura Walczak, Director of Centegra's Emergency Department. I am honored to be here today to explain why I am in full support of Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley.

The Emergency Departments at Centegra Health System bring state-of-the-art care to the people of greater McHenry County. We treat each patient with dignity and compassion, and help families cope with difficult and sometimes traumatic situations.

Centegra Health System's Emergency Departments at Centegra Hospital – McHenry and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock handle a spectrum of emergencies, from cuts and broken bones to life-threatening conditions. Last year, more than 63,000 patients sought emergency care for lacerations, fractures, heart attacks, respiratory problems, traumas (such as injuries resulting from car, boating or farm accidents) and a variety of other injuries and illnesses.

The highly skilled Associates, physicians and staff in our Emergency Departments work with one of the best Emergency Medical Services programs in the state to be sure residents are never far from outstanding emergency care.

Centegra is committed to providing comprehensive emergency services so that any type of emergency can be addressed. The Emergency Departments at Centegra Hospital – McHenry and Centegra Hospital – Woodstock are designated as Level II Trauma Centers, which means they meet strict criteria set by the State of Illinois for providing high-level emergency care. Both hospitals are staffed 24 hours a day by full-time physicians who are board certified in emergency medicine. The hospitals also have trauma surgeons available. The specially trained nursing staffs are certified in trauma nursing, advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support. Both medical centers have immediate or quick access to X-ray equipment, CAT scanners, surgical facilities and intensive care units.

I look forward to the opportunity to bring additional services such as these to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County with Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

I strongly urge you to approve Centegra's proposed hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Andrew Ward  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. I'm Dr. Andrew Ward. I am chief of anesthesiology and director of the Algonquin Road Surgery Center in Lake in the Hills. I'm here today to urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject Centegra's certificate of need application for a hospital in Huntley. In fact, many of the arguments you will hear or have heard today in opposition to Centegra's proposal are the very same arguments Centegra used in 2004 and 2007 to oppose similar projects in the area. How times have changed.

The unnessesary duplication of operating rooms that Centegra proposes is my first objection to the Centegra proposal.

The Algonquin Road Surgery Center has provided surgery services since 2002 and is a joint venture between Centegra Health System, Sherman Health and surgeons who use the ASC as an extension of the medical practice.

Our facility is licensed for three operating rooms and one procedure room. After eight years of operation, we have never reached capacity and are still dramatically underutilized. In 2010 we served 2,644 patients. Each of the four rooms has capacity for about 1,800 cases per year, for a total of 7,200 cases. The result is that our operating rooms were only at one-third capacity.

The proposed Centegra hospital includes eight operating rooms. It strikes me as curious that this is considered a need, when our operation, of which Centegra is a partner, cannot sustain four suites. While we are the only multi-specialty surgery center in the area, the area hospitals also have similar capacity to do more surgical cases.

My second objection is to the wasted healthcare dollars. The significant capital outlays going towards the new facility should be invested in improving the quality and functionality of the existing campus. During this time of economic struggle, covering more lives through increased community outreach, improving efficiencies, and technology would seem a better use of these funds. This proposal does none of these things and severely impairs the ability of existing providers to work toward these goals.

Centegra's hospital would also continue to cost the community. No matter how many patients visit each facility, equipment must be maintained and upgraded. The buildings need to be kept up. Everyone needs to pay their large staff of nurses, other clinicians, maintenance and security personnel, managers and executives. Adding another facility like a hospital to an area that already has plenty of health care services will not improve health care delivery to patients.

I recently had the opportunity to visit with our congressmen and senators in Washington D.C. to discuss health care issues. It is largely agreed that superfluous and reckless spending is at odds with decreasing health care costs and bringing the Sustainable Growth Rate under control. Rising health care costs are threatening our nation's financial health. The politicians and the stake holders at the national level are in a political debate which focuses on a health care budget with sustainable growth but the truth is that federal government spending on health care is unsustainable. This CON Board cannot approve new hospitals that duplicate the capacity of our existing providers. It will put the bankruptcy of the Medicare trust fund on the fast track. We need a tighter, more efficient health care system to survive in this new financial reality.

We already have six hospitals in the region, which can serve our patients to 2018 and beyond. Medical advances like robotic surgery have and will continue to decrease length of stay and move more procedures to the out patient setting. By the time Centegra's hospital would open in 2018, demand for beds will be even lower because of these medical advancements and changes required by federal health care reform.

The lack of demand for operations at our top-notch facility is a strong illustration that we need to take a breath and be thoughtful about how we deliver quality care to patients. Duplicating resources does not promote better health care. It means higher costs for everyone.

I ask the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to reject the CON permit application of Centergra Health System to build a hospital in Huntley. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Ward, M.D.

Dr. Yvonne Yao  
Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley, Project #10-090

My name is Yvonne Yao. I have been practicing OB-GYN at Centegra Hospital Woodstock since 2000. I have always trusted Centegra Health System with my patients, even when I worked with a competing health system. I never hesitated to refer a patient to a Centegra facility when that was the best option for the patient.

The population growth in Huntley is very clear to me. When I joined Centegra Primary Care, I moved to the Huntley campus and saw swift growth in my outpatient practice. The new hospital in Huntley could service patients in the rapidly growing Lake in the Hills / Huntley area and also patients from parts of Crystal Lake that are further from Centegra Woodstock.

Patients in Huntley have voiced a desire to have a full-service hospital closer to home. With increasing traffic and in bad weather, a Huntley facility would make a difference in travel times for area residents.

I feel that Centegra is the most trustworthy healthcare provider in the region. I trust Centegra. My patients trust Centegra. Please approve Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

**TOM ZANCK'S**  
**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CENTEGRA**  
**PROJECT NO. 10-090**

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Except for college and the military, I have lived in the McHenry County area since 1951. I resided in Lake in the Hills for many years and thereafter in the Woodstock area.

Unfortunately, on numerous occasions, my wife and family have had the need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to take care of our needs.

Centegra was instrumental in saving my wife's life by having an emergency room doctor promptly diagnosis toxic shock syndrome and, years later, she has been successfully treated for cancer challenges.

Centegra promptly diagnosed my heart attack and provided that immediate care I needed to allow me to continue to live a full and fruitful life.

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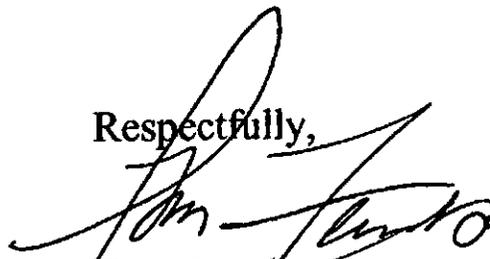
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It is my belief that Centegra's strategic choice of this Huntley site is an important step in providing quality health care for all the citizens of McHenry County and it should strengthen Centegra Health System as a whole.

I urge you to approve this application.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this application, I can always be reached at my office at 40 Brink Street in Crystal Lake, Illinois, by phone at 815-459-8800.

Respectfully,



Tom Zanck

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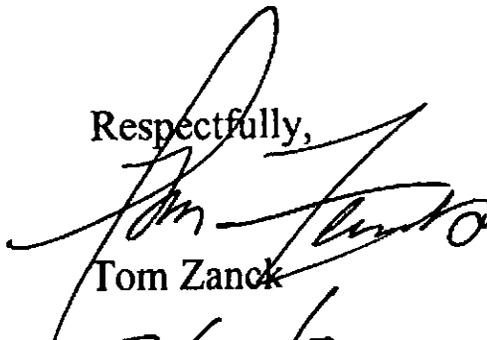
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Marianna Wolfmeyer  
3428 Skyway Drive  
McHenry, IL 60050

RE: Project #10-090

My name is Marianna Wolfmeyer and I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and Chaplain for Centegra Health System providing care through the Centegra Sage Cancer Center.

Centegra is committed to caring for people holistically - body, mind and spirit – a part of which is providing support services and opportunities to meet emotional and spiritual care needs. Counseling, care and support are offered in various forms throughout our system to associates, patients, families and groups at no cost. More often than not, I meet with people in difficult and challenging times which are filled with anxiety and distress. For example, after a cancer diagnosis or recurrence. When enduring difficult treatment and/or side effects. When facing end of life. At death and through bereavement. When I meet with people and they realize that they can receive support services at no cost, they are not only surprised (because as many often say, "Really, this just doesn't happen in today's world - nothing is free!") but sometimes they just cry, expressing real gratitude for receiving services that they know they need, but can't pay for. I am so proud to work for a health care system that not only talks about its interest in and responsibility for community health and wellness, but more importantly acts, by committing real resources and money despite challenging financial times, to employ me and others, including counselors, social workers and chaplains who in caring for people in very difficult emotional and spiritual times, profoundly impact community health and wellness for the better.

Centegra seeks to be flexible and adaptive in response to community needs. For example, recognizing that the needs of cancer survivors along the continuum of care could be further enhanced, an education and support program for men living with prostate cancer was recently begun in Huntley. Additionally the needs of cancer survivors post treatment are now being addressed through a program called Cancer Transitions, a six week research based program focusing on fitness, nutrition, and emotional and medical management. We are also excited about two grants from the City of Hope recently awarded to staff at Centegra Sage Cancer Center for training this spring, that will facilitate additional types of support services and programming for patients and caregivers. Centegra's mission, vision and values exhibit a real commitment to health and wellness. We will continue meeting our community's needs as we move toward future expansion.



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# ALEXIAN BROTHERS

St. Alexius Medical Center

## PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

of Scott Rowley, St. Alexius Medical Center Asst.VP of Administration

PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Hello. My name is Scott Rowley, and I am the Assistant Vice President of Administration for St. Alexius Medical Center. I have 26 years of experience in hospital administration, including five years with the Illinois Department of Mental Health.

I am against the construction of a new hospital in Huntley primarily for this reason: It would severely hurt the ability of our hospital and others in our area to provide patients with the quality medical care they deserve.

St. Alexius currently has no problem managing its patient load, and I believe other area hospitals would say the same. We know inpatient hospital bed demand has been steady or declining the northern Fox Valley area. And, population growth has been minimal in the last few years with little expectation for a home building boom.

Because there is not sufficient demand, a new hospital in the area would create an unnecessary duplication of services. In this case, more is not better. Duplication of services does not promote better health care in the region. Instead, it wastes resources and ultimately raises costs for everyone through higher public and private insurance costs.

Right now, several hospitals, including St. Alexius, provide comprehensive medical care to southeastern McHenry County residents. At St. Alexius, our responsibility is to provide critical medical care to underserved and uninsured populations that depend on us as their safety net.

In contrast, Centegra's proposed hospital would only provide a limited spectrum of care, and only to a narrow, affluent area. The hospital seems designed to "cherry-pick" the area's most profitable patients while avoiding the cost of serving those without the ability to pay for care. By drawing patients and resources from St. Alexius and other area medical centers, Centegra's hospital would undermine our region's ability to provide life-saving medical care to our disadvantaged residents.

Also, Centegra's proposed hospital would only provide the most basic services, meaning that patients in need of advanced care such as a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or cancer treatment would need to transfer to a full-service medical center like St. Alexius regardless.

If you're sick and require a major medical procedure, the last thing you want to do is transfer to another hospital. Adding an extra step to the process only wastes time and resources and detracts from patient care.

For all these reasons, I ask the board to reject Centegra's plan to build a new and unneeded hospital in the area. It would hurt hospitals and, ultimately, residents throughout the region. We cannot let this happen. Thank you.

**Testimony in Support of IHFPB Project # 10-090  
Centegra Hospital - Huntley**

Gail D. Rudolph  
Vice President, Development  
Centegra Health System

I live about two minutes from the proposed hospital site in Huntley. Over the last few years my family has utilized the emergency services at Centegra many times between my son's broken bones, my daughter's appendix and my husband's traumatic accident.

A year ago on January 18<sup>th</sup>, my fiancé at the time was helping a young lady with her car because he thought it was unsafe for her to drive. While he was working, a large tool slipped and hit him square in his left eye. The injuries were very severe.

I will never forget the sound of him yelling for me and how I knew something was wrong by the blood running cold in my veins.

When I reached him, blood was pouring out of his eye. I covered his eye with a clean towel because his hands were covered in grease. I helped him into the car and drove him over thirty minutes to the nearest hospital in Woodstock.

When we arrived the staff uncovered his eye. It had numerous lacerations, and it was crushed.

The team at Centegra not only took care of the injuries, they also treated our fears, both his and mine.

We spent the entire night at the hospital, and the Centegra team treated him as if he was family and reconstructed his eye. If it was not for their superior skills he would have an empty socket.

In an emergency, all anyone desires is getting their loved one to the hospital, and that drive to Woodstock felt like an eternity. A hospital at Algonquin and Haligus Roads would save the citizens of this area that gut wrenching drive of 20-30 minutes, even more if traffic is bad, to get the healthcare they need.

It is true, I work at Centegra, and I hear donors talk everyday about how they want to financially support Centegra because Centegra brings fabulous and convenient healthcare to our community.

Thank you.



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February 14, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator Illinois Health Care Facilities & Services Review Board

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to address the proposed building of new hospitals in McHenry County.

I find myself opposed to these new additions for the following reasons.

First, let me present some background on my qualifications for the views that I support. I was on the board of directors of a large hospital corporation for twenty years, was the vice president of a Fortune 500 company, president of a medical software company and currently the Village President of Fox River Grove.

The cost of our nations health care is a great concern and a detriment to business and civil budgets. Actions must now be taken to control and reduce the growing costs by coordinating all new activity in light of this goal.

First, medical treatment continues to use more and more electronic and radiation based methods. These CAT scans, proton generators, X rays, etc create a giant overhead at every hospital which must necessarily be absorbed by all users of the facility. Maintaining a few centers containing these expensive systems separated by about 30 minute drive time will get maximum cost effectiveness from the investments.

Second, the whole payment and treatment system is in desperate need of electronic medical records. Big cost savings attend this change, but the systems work and code writing necessary is great. A few large hospitals make this change attainable.

Third, clinics and immediate care centers staffed with family doctors and nurses is a more desirable and cost effective method of achieving affordable near by care.

Thank you for your service on this project and your attention to my views.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Nunamaker  
Village President

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# Jeff Ziegler

374 Evergreen Circle • Gilberts, IL 60136

February 16, 2010

Hello. I'm Jeff Ziegler and I'd like to let you know why I don't support Centegra's plan for a new hospital in Huntley. I'm a resident of Gilberts, which is in northern Kane County just south of Huntley.

It's clear to me and my neighbors that we already have sufficient health care services in our area.

Centegra wants to say we're "underserved," but we actually have six hospitals very close by, including two Centegra hospitals. Those six hospitals offer urgent care, open heart surgery, advanced cancer care and many other services. It strikes me as odd that anyone would consider ANY new hospitals in an area like ours.

I'd also like to say that I don't like it when the government and businesses waste money, especially when it's my money. Well, that's another reason I'm against Centegra's plan - I think it's a bad way for a health system that depends so much on government money to use those funds.

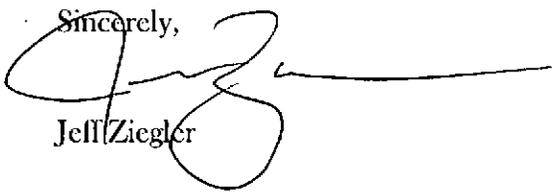
If this hospital is built, Centegra's going to need to get enough patient revenue to keep it going. And, at the same time, they'll hurt other hospitals that rely on patients to keep their hospitals open for business.

Many of the area hospitals recently invested in their facilities and took on a lot of debt to cover these costs. I am sure that these area hospitals are dependent on the population and growth in Huntley to repay their debt. I am concerned that if the new hospital takes the patients in Huntley there will not be enough patients and revenue for the existing area hospitals to repay their debt.

Some folks believe that the project is a good idea because it will bring permanent jobs to the area. I do not see how there will be a net increase in jobs; the same patients will be served. Jobs will only be reallocated from one hospital to another.

It's time we devote our energy and effort to streamlining services. Right now we have an adequate number of hospitals, and we do not need another hospital.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Ziegler

*Robert and Karen Scott  
362 Merion Drive  
Cary, IL 60013*

My name is Bob Scott, and I'm addressing the review board as a concerned resident of the community of Cary in McHenry County.

I believe the Centegra Health proposal to build a new hospital in Huntley should be denied. Regardless of the sector of the economy, employees today are being asked to use their resources wisely. This includes resources related to providing health care. It's wasteful on so many levels to build a community hospital in such close proximity to new regional medical centers that offer comprehensive care.

Currently the six hospitals near southern McHenry County—including Centegra's two existing hospitals—have plenty of capacity and have the ability to add more beds in the future. The homebuilding boom has considerably slowed and while the need for healthcare services will increase, I can't imagine that it's going to increase by nearly 50% in the next 10 years.

Specialization has made so many industries more efficient, and health care is no exception to that trend. Provena St. Joseph and Sherman hospitals in Elgin have carved out some specialties; for example Sherman now has a comprehensive cancer center that partners with physicians from the University of Chicago Medical Center. That level of focus cannot be offered at a community hospital such as the proposed Centegra facility.

Certainly a large development such as a hospital would be expected to be an economic plum for McHenry County. But the economic and employment benefits of this proposal likely would come at the expense of other established hospitals that already serve the area. These so-called "new" employees would be coming from local hospitals that would face underutilization and possible layoffs.

Health care services must be examined as a regional planning issue, regardless of where the county lines fall.

I encourage the review board to carefully assess the need for a new community hospital in light of the need for controlling health care costs. More building would not be a good use of scarce economic resources when so many health entities already serve McHenry County.

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Christopher A. Martin

RE: LETTER IN OPPOSITION: CENTEGRA/MERCY HOSPITAL - MCHENRY COUNTY

**VILLAGE ACCOUNTANT**  
Deborah E. Vernon

Dear Ms. Avery:

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Loretta Peterson

This is to communicate the opposition of the Village of Lake Barrington to the proposed new hospital facility being proposed by Centegra and Mercy Health Systems.

**TREASURER**  
James E. Purcell

While we respect and share the desire of the Village of Huntley and McHenry County to assure that their residents have access to world-class health care, we respectfully disagree with the view that this requires the establishment of an additional area hospital. As the home to Good Shepherd Hospital and as a neighbor to Sherman Health in Elgin, Provena St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates, Centegra's existing hospitals in Woodstock and McHenry, and Mercy's existing hospital in Harvard, we believe our region's residents already have access to multiple state-of-the-art hospitals and first-class emergency care.

**PERMIT COORDINATOR**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
**DEPUTY CLERK**  
Erica A. Rezula

Indeed, as elected officials charged with protecting the public health and welfare, we note with pride that our region's existing hospitals offer dependable, high-quality access to health care for emergency patients. In 2010, for example, Good Shepherd Hospital was able to serve emergency patients 99.999% of the time and operated on bypass – that is, unable to accept new emergency patients – for only 5 hours of the year. Moreover, three area hospitals were not on bypass at all during 2010 and three other area hospitals averaged only 10 hours on bypass for the entire year. Similarly, existing hospitals also provide urgent care at their five immediate care centers and various ambulatory centers located throughout McHenry County. Additionally, Good Shepherd Hospital has, in recent years, unveiled a new emergency department, a comprehensive cancer center, and an award winning cardiac surgery program – all of which exist to serve residents from across the northern Kane, southeastern McHenry, northwestern Cook and southwestern Lake Counties.

The extant level of high quality care underscores an equally compelling point - namely, the unnecessary expenditures associated with the creation of unneeded hospitals will further

burden already overextended state and federal healthcare budgets. If the proposed hospital is allowed to be built, then either Mercy or Centegra will have to charge high rates to private and public insurance companies to cover their increased costs. Taxpayers, who already pay for over half of the hospital care in the U.S., will have to pick up the tab for needless facilities at a time when everyone is feeling the pinch of a strained economy.

Such costs become even more unjustifiable when one considers that the proposed hospital is only planning to provide a basic level of service – meaning that no new services will be added to the benefit of our region. While Good Shepherd Hospital is a comprehensive regional health center offering broad range of health care services, the hospital being proposed by Mercy and Centegra would only offer limited services. For example, it would not offer open heart surgery or advanced cancer care. Mercy's proposed hospital would not offer endoscopy care and Centegra's proposed hospital would not offer cardiac cath. For that level of care, patients in either instance would have to transfer to a more comprehensive regional facility, such as Good Shepherd.

Since these hospital proposals will not introduce any unique services to the region, it is clear that they will serve only to unnecessarily duplicate of services - again, at a time when federal and state health care budgets are strained. This stands in contrast to existing regional hospitals like Good Shepherd, which has made major investments in its facilities in recent years. A new, but unnecessary, hospital will simply operate to make all the region's existing hospitals weaker by diverting patients from high-level care at regional medical centers.

For all these reasons, the Village of Lake Barrington believes that the proposed new facility fails to meet the requisite tests for community need and we therefore request that you deny the Certificate of Need request for the proposed facility on the basis that the facts and record show it as unwarranted.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our views. Please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have any questions or wish further information as to our views.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely,



Kevin C. Richardson  
Village President

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Ryder, Doug

Vice President, Clinical Operations and Service Lines

My name is Doug Ryder and I am the Vice President of Clinical Operations and Service Lines at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, located less one mile from McHenry County and less than 35 minutes from the proposed hospital. I'm opposing this hospital because it will bring no new services to the residents of McHenry County, and all of the current medical needs of McHenry County are being met by existing hospitals.

Good Shepherd Hospital is a comprehensive health center offering a broad range of health care services, including open heart surgery, complex oncology care, robotic surgery and stroke certified services.

The hospital proposed by Centegra is a smaller hospital and would not offer specialized services such as open heart surgery or a comprehensive approach to cancer care. Centegra's application suggests that they will not even offer cardiac catheterization services. This means that patients would still have to maintain their current driving patterns in order to receive these specialized services. Or, if a patient ended up in the emergency department, they would need to be transferred to a regional facility such as Good Shepherd.

Centegra is not introducing any unique services to the community that are not already being provided by a number of existing hospitals within 30 minutes of the proposed site. This is a further point demonstrating unnecessary duplication of services, even among Centegra's own existing hospitals in the service area.

Also, hospitals owned by the applicant, Centegra-McHenry and Centegra-Woodstock, have documented capacity to accommodate inpatients.

Additional hospitals within 30 minutes of the proposed site including Sherman in Elgin, Provena St. Joe's in Elgin and St. Alexius in Hoffman Estates all have capacity and already serve these patients.

Finally, evidence exists to support that it is less expensive to add on to existing facilities rather than build brand new facilities. Centegra has two hospitals in McHenry County and even had approval to build capacity on to their existing Woodstock hospital but chose to abandon the project in favor of costly new construction.

I urge the board to deny the project on the basis that it provides McHenry residents no new services and that the applicants have not demonstrated the need for additional new hospitals when their existing hospitals could have capacity. Thank you.

I am Rev. Dr. Fred Rajan, and since 2006 I have served as the vice president of Mission and Spiritual Care at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. I live in McHenry County. I also work at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. The Joint Commission is visiting Condell this week and I'm unable to get away. I thank the Board for allowing my testimony to be read into the record.

Although a new hospital may appear on the surface to improve access to health services, I am opposed to the Centegra Health proposal for a new facility in Huntley.

Given my position in spiritual care, I know all too well what families face when a loved one is hospitalized. Hospital chaplains are also familiar with the challenge a patient faces if the services he or she needs aren't available at their hospital.

The proposed Centegra facility would be a "community hospital," and would not offer specialized services such as open heart surgery or advanced cancer care. So a patient who is assessed at a community facility may have to be transferred to a regional medical center for advanced care. This is a stressful process for the patient and his caregivers and can result in delays in treatment.

It's far more compassionate to utilize the existing regional medical centers in the Kane and McHenry county region than to move a person who is ill.

For example, ambulances are already bringing residents from Huntley to Sherman Hospital in Elgin because it is nearby and offers a state-of-the-art emergency department, which just opened in December 2010.

And today studies are showing that even in life-threatening situations, the distance to a hospital is not as important as the time it takes for paramedics to arrive and begin stabilizing and treating a patient. That research supports a regional, rather than provincial, approach to even emergency medicine.

The needs of patients must come first in a discussion about new health facilities. The advanced care available in northern Kane and western Lake counties already is meeting patient needs, which makes another hospital unnecessary.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Dr. Fred Rajan

**Renee Norberg  
920 Wildrose Drive  
Cary, IL 60013**

**February 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Renee Norberg, I'm a resident of Cary, and I'd like to express my strong opposition to the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

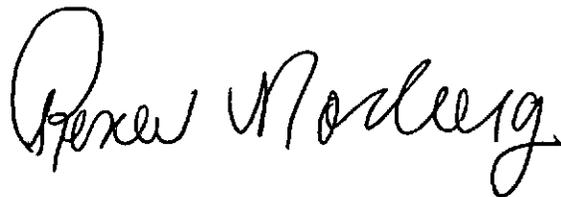
I'm concerned that this hospital is not needed and will just increase the health care costs for everyone at a time we can ill afford it. Our area is already served by several regional medical centers, which serve my immediate community quite well.

Half of McHenry County residents travel 30 minutes to work, and have no problem traveling short distances over the county border to receive quality care. From what I understand, Centegra is using an artificial border in its data, attempting to prove health care need in McHenry County.

I've also heard that Centegra is saying that the area is going to grow a lot in the next several years. I wonder why they think that – home building in this area has been at a virtual standstill for two years and shows no signs of picking up. While there certainly will be an increase in the number of senior citizens that hospitals will need to serve, because the existing community is aging, it would make more sense to expand existing facilities to meet that need, rather than start from scratch. That's why I can't understand Centegra's decision to abandon its women's pavilion in favor of this plan.

So, to sum it up, I believe we have plenty of hospitals here to serve the current population and we're attracting very few new residents who are going to need a new hospital.

I urge you to consider the fact that we don't need a new hospital and reject Centegra's proposal.

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Sabiha Uraizee, Community member testimony

My name is Sabiha Uraizee. I live in Lakewood, Illinois. I am here to oppose the construction of a hospital in Huntley.

While some might be excited about a new hospital, I am concerned. Yes, a new hospital will provide added proximity for a few people. Instead of driving 20 minutes to a nearby hospital, a resident might only have to drive 10 minutes. However, that is the only advantage that I see in this proposal. And actually, most of us travel 20 minutes or more on a regular basis to work and even to shop. So a twenty minute travel time is really not much of an inconvenience.

The cost of a new hospital, over \$200 million dollars is a huge price to pay for his added convenience. The new hospital does not offer any new services. All of the services proposed by the Centegra-Huntley hospital are already offered at other nearby hospitals. In fact the proposed hospital will not provide many services offered at nearby hospitals.

The construction of a new hospital also has the disadvantage of negatively impacting existing hospitals. Several area hospitals have recently invested money in their facilities. These hospitals are dependent on the patients from the Huntley area to generate the revenue to cover the costs of the new facilities. They need the Review Board to comply with their rules to ensure that there will be sufficient patients to affect the investments made in the existing facilities.

Weighing the single advantage of a shorter drive time against the disadvantages of the enormously high unnecessary costs, the answer is clear, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board should deny the application to construct a new hospital.

*Sabiha Uraizee*

Centegra Hospital Proposal  
Comments by Ralph Webster

As chief of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District, I work in the health care system in Woodstock, a large rural area surrounding the city, and more recently, the Village of Lakewood. From this vantage point, I get the chance to see the delivery of emergency medical services on a first-hand basis. In addition to my duties as fire chief, I have always been very involved in my community and activities within the county. Some of these activities involve interaction with Centegra from a different perspective than my role in the fire service. As I have watched Centegra Health Care System from either perspective, over the past several years, I have been impressed with how they continue to improve the provision of health care within or county. Simply put, their efforts save lives. Whether it be through the cardiac care advancements or the Sage Cancer Center, or more recently, the Gavers Breast Cancer Center, Centegra is continuously improving access to services for McHenry County residents.

With regards to the current proposal, I have to believe that the expansion of services will create the same outcome...that is, additional services for McHenry County resident's that improves upon what is already present, and saves life's as a result. Either through the Women's Center, or the expanded care for infants, we will be better served by their efforts. Couple this with the increased number of beds that will be included with the main facility, this project will be of benefit to residents from McHenry County and northern Kane County. I also believe that it is situated, or located, in an area that builds upon the current health care system...a great strength of the Centegra proposal.

To close, I would ask that you approve the Cengtra plan and allow them to continue their practice of improving the health care system within our county. Thank you for your time.

Ralph Webster  
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February 16, 2011

Kathy Young  
Client Executive for Centegra Health System  
Dell  
In support of Project #10-090

My name is Kathy Young. I am the Dell Client Executive responsible for the management of services under the Information Technology outsource agreement between Centegra Health System and Dell.

Over the course of Dell's tenure with Centegra, Centegra has invested significantly in the modernization of its IT environment with a vision of improving and streamlining the delivery of patient care and connecting the hospitals, physicians and community.

In addition to the sizable investment Centegra has made in years in the implementation of electronic medical record technology for Centegra's hospital and clinic operations, Centegra has recently made a commitment to extend its reach into the community of care providers. Through the implementation of a Health Information Exchange, Centegra will enable the electronic sharing of patient results among affiliated physicians and patients. This will aid in the seamless transition of patients from one care setting to another within Centegra Health System. More specifically, for patients who elect to seek services at the new Huntley facility, their clinicians will have access to their entire medical history. This will greatly enhance the continuum of care and patient safety.

Not only will it allow all health care professionals who elect to participate to meet the federal mandates for electronic data exchange, it will provide a foundation for a "Connected Physician Community" which benefits everyone, but, most importantly, the community. This Health Information Exchange (HIE) is the first of its type in Northern Illinois.

In this economic and healthcare reimbursement climate, many healthcare organizations are cutting back on investments in IT. Centegra is thinking toward the future and is planning for a patient-centric approach to care as opposed to a facility-centric approach. Centegra is continuing to make investments in the tools that will allow physicians, other care providers and patients to collaborate on treatment and outcomes.

**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

**Name:** John Heinrich  
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**Company:** Centegra Health System  
**Title:** Director, Medical Imaging

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**Testimonial:** It is a great honor for me to be able to share my thoughts with you today at this hearing. I am proud to be part of a team of healthcare professionals that is an Illinois leader in the provision of Medical Imaging services. Centegra Health System offers comprehensive Medical Imaging services to the members of our growing community. At Centegra's Health Campus in Huntley, we currently provide state-of-the-art technology in both our 128-slice CT scanner and our 3.0 Tesla MRI. Our goal as a system is to provide the highest level of care to our patients and in doing so, to remain a leader in healthcare in our region. To accomplish the level of care we strive to provide, we as a system must invest in the tools necessary that will help our physicians and Associates succeed.

In greater McHenry County, only one healthcare system has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to bringing the best technology to the community – Centegra Health System. The technology that we offer in our 128-slice CT is an excellent example. Another healthcare system that seeks to expand into our region currently offers CT technology with the use of a 16-slice scanner at its nearest location. Our awesome technology allows for reduced radiation exposure dosage, enhanced image quality, and offers improved speed, which equates to shorter scan times. As Centegra develops new services to meet and exceed the needs and expectations of the people of southern McHenry and northern Kane Counties, we will deliver on our promise to provide leading healthcare services to our community members. When Centegra sets a goal, we aim high while always keeping the patient at the forefront by keeping them “the main thing” and our top priority. The new Huntley hospital will help us to better accommodate our growing community by providing an array of medical imaging services including X-Ray, Nuclear Medicine, Mammography, Bone Density and Ultrasound. I hope that you agree with me and will support our effort to bring the new Huntley hospital to life. Thank you.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
of Dr. Daniel Hoeltgen  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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My name is Daniel Hoeltgen, and I'm a surgeon on staff at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. I would like to take this time to express my opposition to the construction of the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley.

One of my concerns with the proposed Centegra hospital is that it is not needed. The intended market area for the proposed Centegra facility is already well-served by a number of regional medical centers, including Good Shepherd. Given the proximity of the hospitals in northern Kane County - including the location of Good Shepherd just a mile from the McHenry County line - residents are already surrounded by convenient as well as excellent health care choices.

The Centegra facility would hurt hospitals like Good Shepherd that provide a comprehensive level of care. Centegra's proposed basic hospital would offer a limited amount of care.

I specialize in providing laparoscopic surgery as well as robotic-assisted surgery. These tools help us to provide the best patient outcomes with the least pain and shortest hospital stays.

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**Luke Johnsos, Centegra Board of Governors  
Support for Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Project # 10-090**

My name is Luke Johnsos. I am a member of Centegra's Board of Governors, and I am here to support Centegra Hospital – Huntley. This application abides by state rules and would bring a new hospital to an underserved area.

As a business owner, I know that numbers don't lie. In this case, numbers show that southern McHenry County's population is growing rapidly. Numbers also show that Planning Area A-10 doesn't have enough hospital beds.

I see every reason to approve this application. Please vote in favor of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

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## **Robert M. Rosenberger in support of Project # 10-090, Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

Good morning. My name is Robert Rosenberger and I am the Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer at Centegra Health System. I am here today to show my support for Centegra's application for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

As you can imagine, Centegra devoted a substantial amount of time to planning the Centegra Hospital – Huntley project. From the beginning, we identified a significant need for additional healthcare services serving the southern portion of the county. As you've already heard, the state's own health planning data identifies McHenry County as having:

- the highest bed need of any Planning Area in the state,
- the highest rate of residents leaving the county for healthcare and
- the second highest utilization rates at its existing hospitals.

The combination of those factors made it clear that the time is right for the Centegra proposal.

As part of our due diligence, we considered a range of options. One possibility we discussed was adding more beds to our current campuses in McHenry and Woodstock. But it is clear that this option does nothing to address the access to care issues for residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County. The best answer to the problem of healthcare access would be to build a full-service hospital on our current Huntley campus.

By building the new hospital, we will create efficiencies that will benefit the people we serve as well as Centegra for years to come. Centegra's success comes from the way our organization is centralized. By operating as a unified system with leadership that oversees all of its entities, Centegra spreads fixed costs over a large patient population. Adding another hospital to the system will allow us to share costs even more, which will again increase efficiency.

In order to create these same efficiencies, many other Illinois hospital systems are combining to share costs. Centegra already understands the importance of this process and we know that Centegra Hospital – Huntley would do more than meet the healthcare needs of our patients. It would also help our other hospitals carry the financial burden of providing care to the people of the region. Where many Illinois healthcare systems are merging to improve efficiencies, Centegra has to examine its own market. There are still people living in our region who are underserved, and that is why Huntley is the right location for a new hospital.

One of the main reasons Centegra wants to build Centegra Hospital – Huntley is because of the projected population growth in that region. As we look to the future, we must also consider the effects of healthcare reform in our area. If an estimated 30 million people in the United States will now have access to healthcare because of new health insurance and exchanges, surely that will affect the people of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. We must put healthcare services where they belong and focus on creating efficient, cost-effective systems.

As a CFO, I am also proud that our project will be a boon to the region during these difficult economic times. We anticipate that the construction of Centegra Hospital – Huntley will have a total economic impact of \$152 million on area communities. We expect to employ an additional 1,100 new Associates for the new hospital.

And finally, as we look to the future, we must also consider the effects of healthcare reform in our area. If an estimated 30 million people in the United States will now have access to healthcare because of new health insurance and exchanges, surely that will affect the people of McHenry County. We must put healthcare services where they belong and focus on creating efficient, cost-effective systems. We will do just that with respect to our plans for Centegra Hospital-Huntley. I ask you to approve this project. Thank you.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Julie Mayer**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

My name is Julie Mayer; I am Director of Community and Government Relations at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. In my position I am responsible for the development of a community health plan based on the health needs of the communities we serve which includes McHenry County. One of the ways Good Shepherd approaches this is by partnering with the McHenry County Health Coalition which is lead by the McHenry County Health Department. Good Shepherd has been part of this initiative for the past seven years and has made significant contributions both monetary and in-kind which are used for the assessment process as well as for projects which address the health needs in McHenry County. Our hospital is consistently seeking ways to partner and collaborate to ensure the people in our communities know how to stay healthy, manage chronic disease, have adequate access to health care and most importantly prevent illness. These are essential elements to reducing health care costs and are part of the health reform law.

This brings me to why I'm against the proposed Centegra hospital in Huntley; the idea is inconsistent with appropriate planning and the prudent use of resources. The effect will be increased cost and jeopardize the quality of care.

I'd like to point out that:

- Duplication of resources mean higher costs for everyone since none of the facilities can reach maximum capacity. This results in services being phased out and patients not getting the care they need.
- Governments pay for *more than half* of hospital care in the U.S. and any new facility is going to increase the burden on the taxpayers.
- This new hospital would duplicate resources without providing new services. The cash-strapped governments will end up paying for infrastructure that we do not need, and later for health care services that can be provided elsewhere.
- I am also concerned that Centegra is abandoning the Women's Pavilion project in Woodstock in order to build a new hospital in Huntley.

In addition, demand for services are growing but not to the extent that we need a costly brand new hospital.

I ask you, as stewards of our health care dollars, to be prudent and deny this proposal.

Thank you.

  
JULIE MAYER

Joan Grossman  
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**Joan Grossman testimony at Public Hearing  
CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY  
FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. My name is Joan Grossman, and I am a resident of Lake in the Hills. I am here to testify today because I am opposed to the construction of a new hospital in Huntley.

I can't understand the reasoning behind building another hospital in the area. Sherman Hospital is right down Randall Road, Advocate Good Shepherd is just to the west, and there are also Centegra hospitals in Woodstock and McHenry. Not only that, but St. Alexius is building a new children's hospital at its campus on I-90 and Barrington Road.

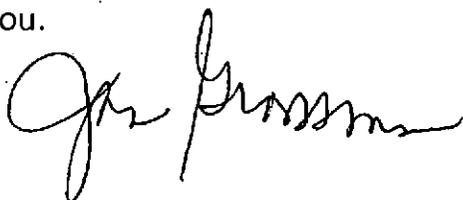
If people had to travel a long way to get adequate medical care, it would be a different story. But everyone I know feels lucky that we have so many great regional medical centers nearby. I enjoy going to Advocate Good Shepherd, for example, because it's convenient for me and my family.

I realize Centegra has a lot of money to pay for this new hospital. But who will pay for all those empty hospital beds, either at Centegra or the other area hospitals? I hope the state takes into account that Sherman built a beautiful facility near I-90 and Provena made some recent additions to its hospital as well. While growth is projected for the area, I don't think we will have enough people to support another new facility around here. Perhaps Centegra should direct their concerns in making sure their current hospitals are being utilized to the fullest before building a brand new hospital in McHenry County.

If the recession has taught us one thing, it's that we have to look before we leap. As individuals, as businesses and as communities, we have to work to make the responsible decisions today, so we don't end up paying tomorrow.

I ask the board to do the responsible thing today and deny Centegra's proposal to build a new hospital.

Thank you.

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**Project #10-090 Centegra Hospital – Huntley  
Public Hearing February 16, 2011**

My name is Judi Jefko, I serve as Director of Performance Improvement for Centegra Health System. I have had the pleasure of being a part of this great organization in serving our community for 32 years. As part of the Centegra Healthcare Team, the patient and their family are at the heart of all that we do each day. Over the years Centegra has shown an ongoing commitment to the community through expansion of services to ensure quality care can be received close to home. Several of the expanded services that offer the latest technology and procedures are cardiac, cancer, orthopedic and bariatric, along with a full continuum of outpatient services, home health, rehab, behavioral health and wound care.

The vision to expand an acute care hospital in Huntley again demonstrates Centegra's commitment to fulfill the community needs. In providing healthcare services, we have shown commitment to ensure safe, efficient, quality care. Centegra has always been a leader in participating in voluntary public reporting initiatives. Recently Centegra chose to take quality and safety to an even greater level by voluntarily reporting information to the Leapfrog Group. As the leading healthcare system in McHenry County, we are already committed to the quality and safety measures that we use to protect our patients and to improve the care we provide. We joined more than 1500 hospitals, including the Mayo Clinic that are volunteering patient outcome information. I am proud to join Centegra leaders in our shared belief that transparency provides information to the community and makes us a better healthcare system. Additionally Centegra has achieved certifications and accreditations in many areas to ensure gold standards of care are provided.

Not only have I had the honor of being part of the Centegra Healthcare Team for many years, I have also been a part of the community for 52 years and experienced the compassionate, quality care for myself and family. When my mother had a heart attack, the Centegra team saved her life following a cardiac arrest. She has received subsequent cardiac procedures and cardiac rehab that have maintained her active quality of life. Each of my family members have experienced a need for medical care. Centegra has always been there to provide the "very best", quality care by experienced, dedicated physicians, leaders and associates. I experienced a patient centered, collaborative team, showing compassionate care - a team I could trust.

I look forward to expanding this same quality of care for Centegra Hospital – Huntley.

Judi Jefko  
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**Centegra Health System - Public Hearing Testimonial for Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

**Project # 10-090**

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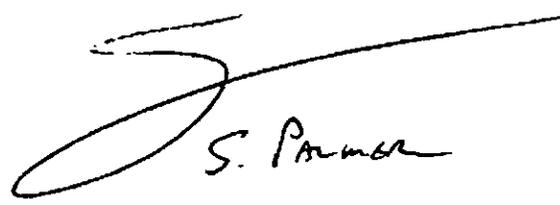
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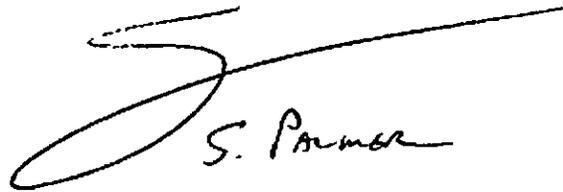
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**Testimonial – Richard Parsons**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the proposed Centegra Hospital Huntley. My name is Richard Parsons and I am the Director of Respiratory Care, Neurology, and Sleep Services. I have been with the Centegra Health System family for over six years as part of the leadership team.

As part of the leadership team, I am very pleased with the commitment our organization and the Associates continue to demonstrate on a daily basis to meet and exceed the community needs. This commitment extends from the Board of Directors in guiding senior leadership, to educating, preparing and developing the leaders with a servant leadership philosophy, to engaging the Associates to deliver the finest and most compassionate care to our patient population. The desire to excel in all aspects of a patient focused model of care is clearly illustrated in all we do.

In 1989 based on community assessments, Centegra Health System identified a need for the diagnosis and treatment of sleep related disorders. The Sleep Services department cared for its first patient on October 10, 1989. As the requirement for treating more patients grew, Centegra expanded to two beds in 1996 and then four beds in 2003. In 2008, in an effort to further meet the requests of the community, Centegra Health System expanded the operations to seven days per week. Due to the overwhelming support from the community of patients, the physician experts leading the way, and the quality of services delivered by outstanding clinicians, Centegra is in the process of expanding to add more beds in McHenry County.

This ongoing strategic planning and subsequent actions provides just one example of how Centegra Health System continues to meet the needs of the residents of our community closer to their homes. Historically and ongoing, Centegra Health System continues to have a long-term strategic plan in identifying the health and wellness needs of the community and providing these and other services to enrich the lives of those we serve.

Once again, thank you for your support of building care closer to the homes of our families in Huntley, Illinois.

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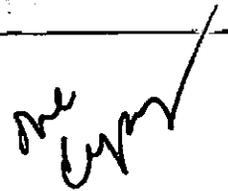
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My name is Ryan Nestruck and I support the proposed Centegra Hospital – Huntley. I believe that the proposed hospital in Huntley reinforces Centegra's commitment to serving the community and local businesses by having a full service healthcare campus that can meet any healthcare need of people living and working in this growing area of McHenry County and Northern Kane County. As an Associate of Centegra I have the privilege of leading our home health agency. Nearly 70% of our agency patients are over 65 and Medicare beneficiaries. Dell Webb Sun City is just over four miles from the proposed hospital site, and has an estimated 8,000 residents. As Dell Webb and the surrounding community ages, so does the need for access to high quality healthcare services. The 2010 MedPAC Medicare study shows that the average Medicare beneficiary receives \$8,865 of care each year. The data goes on to show that Medicare beneficiaries access healthcare services at increasing rates as they age. Countless studies show that chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, pneumonia (to name a few) frustrate suffers and increase utilization of healthcare services. Centegra Health System has been working diligently to link evidence based education and care pathways from the hospital bed to home in hopes of positively impacting the quality of life for those managing chronic illness.

Centegra Primary Care geriatrician Rex Nzeribe has shared with me that within 7 office visits his patients typically need either home health or are hospitalized. Most of them take more than 8 medications and visit multiple subspecialists. Dr. Nzeribe's holistic view of patients is seen in his comprehensive clinic. His clinic consists of dieticians, physical and occupational therapists, behavioral health specialists and nurses who listen to the patient's goals and assess how their expertise can help those goals be attained. This is just one example of how our community can count on Centegra Health System to meet the needs of the aging population with the approval of this project.

As a community member who moved here specifically because of Centegra's commitment to patient centered care, this project fulfills the vision I first learned four years ago. I am honored to represent and support Centegra Health System's commitment to bring excellent healthcare services to Huntley (and surrounding communities) with the building of Centegra Hospital – Huntley. Thank you.

Scott L. Padjen

2/16/2011

1713 South Street, Crystal Lake IL 60014

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### Centegra Hospital Support Letter

My name is Scott Padjen. I serve as the Pharmacy Director for Centegra Health System. I emphatically support Centegra's certificate of need to build a hospital in Huntley. I believe there is a clear need in this location to serve not only the growing demographics of southern McHenry County, but also the residents of Northern Kane County.

I am a 10-year Centegra associate. I believe this organization's dedicated caregivers are most qualified, best prepared and naturally suited to fulfill this need. It's what we have been doing in this community for generations. We are an integrated and proactive community partner, we are eager to answer the call...to expand our offerings of healing, nurturing and wellness.

A word about Pharmacy services at Centegra...we are progressive and dynamic...with an advanced clinical pharmacy practice and medication management practices that ensure safe and correct dispensing of live-saving medications. Clinical pharmacists collaborate with physicians and nurses to promote evidence-based medicine. Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the physicians who serve on that committee are active and engaged in implementing best practices for medication formulary management, physician order sets and pharmacist-managed protocols for high-alert medications. Pharmacy embraces a medication safety culture - openly reporting and monitoring both actual and potential errors to drive process improvement. Advanced information systems utilize medication bar code verification to improve safety and, with the exception of urgent need, pharmacists review and verify all orders for medications before they are administered to our patients.

Our pharmacists are active in the ambulatory clinic setting. They manage Centegra's anticoagulation clinics...serving over 1000 patients at 3 different sites including Huntley. The Centegra Anticoagulation Clinics have been recognized as the best in the nation for clinical quality and consistently rank above the 95th percentile for patient satisfaction. Our pharmacists are expanding into other direct patient care roles - on the frontier...Medication Therapy Management...consultant pharmacists working with the patient... conducting medication therapy reviews... identifying and resolving medication related problems...developing patient centric medication action plans... with the goal of achieving optimal medication outcomes through patient education and empowerment.

I am particularly proud that our Centegra pharmacies are teaching sites for 3 state Colleges of Pharmacy as well as local high schools. In this fiscal year, Clinical Coordinator Alan Mader will mentor 20 students from all levels of learning...from 4th year pharmacy students...to high school freshmen.

In closing...I am proud to represent Centegra...and proud to stand with our doctors, nurses, pharmacists, caregivers, and associates...to support Centegra Hospital Huntley. We are here to serve...we have always been here to serve...we are the caretakers of our community.

**Public Statement: Peter Lopatin**

Peter Lopatin  
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Sugar Grove, IL 60054

RE: Project #10-090

Good morning/afternoon,

My name is Peter Lopatin, and I am the Business Manager for Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Services for Centegra Health System. I have had the honor to live in McHenry County for 14 years and to work with Centegra since 2005. Today I am proud to express my strong support for the proposed Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

Centegra has demonstrated a real commitment to the community's healthcare needs throughout its history. Just a few years ago I had the privilege to work on our CON application to the state for our Open Heart program, a program that was specifically designed to meet the needs of residents & their families who had to travel outside the County for treatment and care. Centegra did not propose this project until there was a demonstrated need locally, but when the need was clear, we acted quickly. The Open Heart program is successful, it serves a critical need and it is making a real difference in people's lives.

The new hospital in Huntley reflects Centegra's ongoing commitment to serving local needs; it also reflects the organization's strong sense of stewardship with an eye toward the growing demand for medical services in the fastest growing portion of the County. This is the right project, at the right time in the right location and I am hopeful that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board will approve this application.

Thank you.

Amy Moerschbaeher RN BSN MA  
Executive Director Oncology Services, Centegra Health System  
In Support of Project #10-090  
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Centegra Health System is committed to raising awareness about the importance of early cancer detection. As a community member who has had a spouse and a brother with early detection of two different types of cancer and who are now both cancer survivors, I truly understand the importance of what our "Get Checked" program can provide.

"Get Checked" provides information about guidelines for routine screenings that can make a big difference in one's life. Cancer has a measurably higher survival rate when caught in its earliest stages but that can occur only if you are vigilant about conducting self exams, having regular physician visits and following guidelines for testing and screenings

Self exams and screening should be part of your regular personal routine. Breast, cervical, colorectal, testicular, skin and prostate cancer are among those conditions most likely to be detected through self exams and routine screenings.

At Centegra Health System we educate the public and provide free screenings on a routine basis. We help community members find physicians and provide comprehensive care and support throughout the patient and caregiver experience. We look forward to extending that type of care and support in the southern portion of McHenry County and northern Kane County. I fully support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.



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**Claudia Larsen, Executive Director of Sherman Health off-site locations  
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As the executive director of Sherman Health's off-site locations, I am very familiar with the health care services available in this area by Sherman as well as by other area providers. Today you are hearing a lot about the six hospitals that serve this region and the high level of inpatient care that is available to residents of Huntley and other nearby area. What you haven't heard much about is that those hospitals also offer a network of urgent care centers and other outpatient facilities that meet residents' outpatient health care needs.

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While many of the smaller communities like Huntley don't warrant an inpatient facility, existing providers in the community, like Sherman, have ensured that a network of adequate outpatient services are available close to home for residents of the Fox Valley and nearby communities. There are four immediate care centers within eight minutes of the proposed hospital in Huntley and sites that provide routine, specialized and urgent physician care, imaging and other diagnostic and treatment services exist throughout all of the populated areas of McHenry County.

Additionally, there are eight immediate care centers within the proposed hospital's primary service area. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding area go to these immediate care centers for treatment of non-life threatening injuries and minor illnesses such as broken bones, cuts and burns, flu symptoms and ear aches. And, often an immediate care center can treat you faster than if you went to the ER. Additionally, other types of outpatient care offerings in McHenry County provide many other services beyond urgent care, such as sophisticated imaging services, other diagnostic testing, a variety of therapies, health screenings, women's health services including mammography, vascular screening and a whole host of other services.

The location for this hospital proposal is the site of a currently open immediate care center with medical imaging and lab services, as well as a HealthBridge fitness center. The hospital proposed will be a limited service hospital that provides routine care. When patients have major health concerns or need treatment for a life-threatening injury, they want to go to a hospital that can treat all of their needs from emergency care to heart surgery and cancer treatments to stroke rehabilitation. You can receive all of these specialty services plus routine health care at Sherman's new hospital, a mere 12 miles from Centegra's proposed site.

A patient wants to get the best care when their health and life are at stake. Traveling to Elgin to save one's life is hardly a compromise or a health threat, and here in metro Chicago, people are happy to have the host of options that the academic medical centers



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**Claudia Larsen, Executive Director of Sherman Health off-site locations  
PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**

As the executive director of Sherman Health's off-site locations, I am very familiar with the health care services available in this area by Sherman as well as by other area providers. Today you are hearing a lot about the six hospitals that serve this region and the high level of inpatient care that is available to residents of Huntley and other nearby area. What you haven't heard much about is that those hospitals also offer a network of urgent care centers and other outpatient facilities that meet residents' outpatient health care needs.

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While many of the smaller communities like Huntley don't warrant an inpatient facility, existing providers in the community, like Sherman, have ensured that a network of adequate outpatient services are available close to home for residents of the Fox Valley and nearby communities. There are four immediate care centers within eight minutes of the proposed hospital in Huntley and sites that provide routine, specialized and urgent physician care, imaging and other diagnostic and treatment services exist throughout all of the populated areas of McHenry County.

Additionally, there are eight immediate care centers within the proposed hospital's primary service area. Residents of Huntley and the surrounding area go to these immediate care centers for treatment of non-life threatening injuries and minor illnesses such as broken bones, cuts and burns, flu symptoms and ear aches. And, often an immediate care center can treat you faster than if you went to the ER. Additionally, other types of outpatient care offerings in McHenry County provide many other services beyond urgent care, such as sophisticated imaging services, other diagnostic testing, a variety of therapies, health screenings, women's health services including mammography, vascular screening and a whole host of other services.

The location for this hospital proposal is the site of a currently open immediate care center with medical imaging and lab services, as well as a HealthBridge fitness center. The hospital proposed will be a limited service hospital that provides routine care. When patients have major health concerns or need treatment for a life-threatening injury, they want to go to a hospital that can treat all of their needs from emergency care to heart surgery and cancer treatments to stroke rehabilitation. You can receive all of these specialty services plus routine health care at Sherman's new hospital, a mere 12 miles from Centegra's proposed site.

A patient wants to get the best care when their health and life are at stake. Traveling to Elgin to save one's life is hardly a compromise or a health threat, and here in metro Chicago, people are happy to have the host of options that the academic medical centers



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I feel that we need diversity in health care. If Centegra receives a third hospital in this county I do not feel that the competitive drive to constantly improve health care standards will exist here. With what I consider to be a monopoly in this county should a third Centegra facility be built, no one in this area will have the choice to review options. I have had two surgeries, several procedures and delivered two babies at the Centegra facilities and have not had all wonderful experiences. I do say that my care was adequate, and I felt most of the staff did their best most of the time.

I have concerns about the culture at Centegra based on being addressed with great surprise during admission encounters by comments such as "You are a Mercy Health System employee and you are coming here?", "don't you like your own facilities?" "I guess your physician must like us better". While I know we are all individuals and our employers can not be responsible for each statement we make I am very concerned how management presents the issue of competition to their staff at Centegra. I have felt on these occasions that there was hostility toward my employer and I wonder why these individuals would feel this way. They were very kind and concerned about me up to the point of asking my employer. I will say that they regained composure and continued doing their jobs, these comments were very surprising to me just the same.

During a couple of my hospital stays I was concerned that my comments and concerns were never addressed at the time of care. I believe being given an option of health care, some of my complaints would have been investigated and addressed as they would have wanted my complete satisfaction. I did complete the survey received in the mail after my visits.

I know Centegra has many fine attributes; obviously that is why I have used their facilities on more than one occasion. I feel that fair competition will expand services in a variety of ways for multiple health care systems if there were more than one to choose from.

Thank you for allowing the time to speak,

Chris Lippert  
Wonder Lake, IL



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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Beth Tze**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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Hello. I am Beth Tze, the Chief Executive Officer of the Alexian Brothers Medical Group. I am opposed to Centegra's proposal to build a hospital in Huntley because current hospitals and their ancillary facilities already provide excellent care to the envisioned service area.

Our medical group employs or contracts with more than 170 health care providers. Because of its size and the depth of its specialties, the physician group is able to operate at a high level of efficiency.

One of the main reasons we oppose this hospital is because it would make health care less efficient in this area.

St. Alexius and other nearby, regional medical centers – including Advocate Good Shepherd and Sherman Hospital – are meeting the needs of the population of southeastern McHenry County. And as the building boom in the county has come to a near standstill, the region has more than enough bed capacity. Adding to that capacity would be a serious financial misstep as empty beds – and the fixed costs associated with them – restrict hospitals' ability to address more urgent health care needs.

Today, health care is focused on comprehensive care and advanced care. A new community hospital cannot provide the specialized equipment or expertise that regional medical centers offer only a short distance from Huntley. Patients who require services such as interventional cardiac care would have to be transferred to an existing facility for such life-saving treatment. This would not only mean a more stressful experience for patients, but also would unnecessarily drive up healthcare costs for area taxpayers.

I hope the board also considers that the goal of federal health care reform is to make sure people visit the hospital less often and for shorter durations. That means even more hospital beds will be open in the coming years. So in 2018, when Centegra proposes to open its hospital, it's likely that demand for hospital beds will be even lower than it is today.

I strongly urge the health facilities board to reject Centegra's proposal.

Thank you.



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I'm Eric Krueger, Chief Financial Officer of Sherman Hospital. I cannot support a hospital in Huntley.

Centegra has campaigned hard for its hospital proposal -among other things, hosting meals at the Sun City lodges and soliciting support during doctors visits. These efforts and what might seem like the obvious benefits of another hospital have caused the community to rally around these plans. The sound bytes have appeal. Centegra claims that the proposal will bring jobs, private investment to the community and growth. People want to hear the recession is over and that we can get back to business as usual. The financial climate might feel like it has improved but our economic reality has changed drastically and we must face the facts. As for claims that the recession is over, the pace of growth in the nation's output has been anemic and the unemployment rate is expected to stay high. The federal budget deficits are surging,<sup>1</sup> Medicare costs are growing at an astounding <sup>RATE</sup> and some say our federal budget is on life support.

So that is the national backdrop. Next this community must consider what their priority should be as it relates to each individual's access to health care. If you are retired, your concern should be the solvency of Medicare and its scope of benefits and co-pays. And for those still working, its similar. How much are your health insurance premiums? What are your out-of-pocket costs for health care services? And do you have job security?

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<sup>1</sup> Douglas Elmendorf, Chief of the Congressional Budget Office, February 10, 2011 Testimony before the Committee on the Budget of the U.S. House of Representatives.



## **Opposition to Centegra Hospital – Huntley**

### **Keith Golden, Administrative Director of Project and Property Management**

My name is Keith Golden. I am the Director of Project and Property Management for Sherman Health and I have worked for the hospital for over 23 years. In this time, I have seen dramatic changes in the delivery of health care from an inpatient, hospital based care model to an outpatient ambulatory care model. Others speaking today will discuss the dynamics of the inpatient care network of providers but this audience and the CON Board needs to recognize that inpatient care is just one small component of the health care delivery system. Good outpatient care is essential and needs to be the focus of the health care delivery system. Appropriate outpatient care and early intervention are keys to preventing complications and more severe conditions, requiring costly hospitalization. In most instances, outpatient care is more efficient and a better use of scarce health care resources and it is where patients want to receive their care.

In addition to ensuring access to primary and specialty care to the region as a whole, Sherman has been an integral provider of safety net services to this area's residents for all of the years that I have been a part of the organization. In fact, in collaboration with Saint Joseph Hospital, Sherman Hospital was central to bringing medical homes to less fortunate individuals who are uninsured or receiving government assistance. In this area, this includes members of the Hispanic, African-American and Asian communities, which communities experience health disparities and often lack access to essential physician services. Based on our efforts, in 1996, the Greater Elgin Family Care Center became a reality. Since that time, Greater Elgin has grown from a small clinic with four physicians to a federally qualified health center providing comprehensive health care to residents of the area. These FQHC sites provide routine, wellness and urgent primary and pediatric care including immunizations, prenatal care, WIC services, family case management, child, adolescent & adult behavioral health services, core services in the safety net. Due, in large part, to the financial support and other contributions of the Elgin hospitals, Greater Elgin has been an unqualified success. This has led to the organization's development of a new health center in McHenry County which is soon to open.

Successful primary care programs means less hospitalizations. I don't know if the decreased utilization of hospital services in the area overall is directly related to the good care that these medical homes provide but I would like to think it is. Medical homes are designed, in part, to reduce hospitalizations for conditions like hypertension, diabetes complications, bacterial pneumonia, COPD, and congestive heart failure, which disproportionately affect the Hispanic and African-American communities. Timely and effective outpatient care is integral to reducing hospitalizations associated with what we call ambulatory care sensitive conditions. Medical homes are integral in cost-effective treatment of these conditions as they take the underserved out of emergency departments, which are inefficient and costly, and ameliorate these conditions before they become life threatening and require hospitalization.

Health care delivery is moving away from inpatient based care to outpatient based care. Due to the ongoing efforts of existing providers, such as Sherman, residents in this area have adequate access to outpatient services close to home. A new hospital in Huntley is unwarranted and not a prudent use of health care resources. We respectfully request the CON Board deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Keith Goeger". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned diagonally across the page.



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**Opposition to Centegra Huntley Hospital Testimony**  
**Mary Martini**  
**Vice President of Business Development**  
**Sherman Health and Sherman Hospital**

I am Mary Martini. As a member Sherman Hospital's Executive Team, I am here to discuss why Sherman opposes Centegra's hospital proposal. We recently opened our brand new, state-of-the-art hospital in close proximity to the areas that this proposal plans to serve. The proposed Centegra hospital threatens the delivery of health care services in the region including the viability of all nearby hospitals. It will significantly impede Sherman's ability to provide cutting edge health care to the residents of the upper Fox Valley. This proposal is premised on significant population growth in McHenry County, which is simply not there. The projected utilization and financial viability of the proposed hospital will come at drastic cost to Sherman, which stands to lose a significant part of its patient base. In establishing its service area, Centegra has cherry picked areas with few low-income residents and high levels of reimbursement, such as Algonquin, Lake in the Hills and Huntley, areas where we are the market leader and nearest hospital. Further, Centegra's proposal has been put forth in the eye of the storm of health care reimbursement reform initiatives, which are quickly transforming the health care delivery system. This is simply the wrong time to think about another hospital in the region.

As a leading provider of health care to residents of the region, Sherman continually strives to offer innovative, state-of-the-art health care to area residents at both its inpatient and outpatient facilities. At our new replacement facility, in affiliation with some of the best academic medical centers in the state, we have been able expand our specialized services which now include coordinated stroke care, heart and vascular care, cancer care, pediatric services, and women's health. We are also planning a Center for Advanced Liver and Pancreatic Care. We are proud to be the only hospital in the region offering this array of innovative, state-of-the-art programs to the community. With all of



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this activity, last year, 130 physicians joined the medical staff. These new practitioners enhance the scope of services that our patients can receive at Sherman.

We also believe the proposal is inconsistent with the direction that health care is quickly moving. Health care delivery is moving away from the traditional hospital-based fee-for-service care to more quality and outcomes based payment models with a focus on ambulatory care delivery systems. The focus will be on keeping patients out of the hospital. In a pay for performance system, quality and outcomes will be rewarded not volume. Further there is plenty of capacity in this market. Sherman and others could significantly increase their occupancy without further capital expenditures. We built our hospital for the long term needs of this region and Centegra's proposal would be a duplication of what we've just accomplished. A hospital in Huntley would be wrong. Centegra should refocus its efforts on initiatives that will promote the health and wellness of the community, keep people out of the hospital, and support the safety net.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our concerns about the proposed hospital in Huntley and respectfully request the CON Board deny Centegra's application for a new hospital in Huntley.

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Congratulations to Centegra for finally realizing that new hospital beds are needed in McHenry County. The problem is they are proposing it for an area with insufficient population to support it now in hopes for optimum growth down the road. Unfortunately the "build it and they will come" philosophy is foolish and does not make good business sense.

I oppose Centegra and any other health system wanting to build in the same county creating a monopoly and taking choice away from patients. A monopoly such as Centegra is proposing will reduce the quality of health care service, create an environment for price and wage setting and not support competition. Competition drives quality.

My husband and father-in-law were recent patients at Centegra Hospital-Woodstock. Because their experiences were less than ideal I recommend Centegra use their 233 million to fix their current facilities, such as providing private rooms and improving the quality of care before building a new facility.

I cannot support Centegra's project; it is the wrong health system building the wrong project in the wrong location at the wrong time.

Valerie Johns  
Woodstock, Illinois

Michael Ploszek

Vice President, Ambulatory Services and Community Strategy

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

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My name is Mike Ploszek and I am the Vice President of Ambulatory Services and Community Strategy at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. Our hospital is located a mere 4,200 feet to the east of the McHenry County line. Good Shepherd has a proud tradition of serving the residents of McHenry county through both inpatient and outpatient services. Nearly half of Good Shepherd's patients live in McHenry County and choose to cross the County border to receive services at our hospital.

Good Shepherd also does extensive outreach efforts in McHenry County *and community collaboration*  
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through outpatient facilities, free screenings and community involvement.

Specifically:

- We have representation on 13 McHenry County organization boards with employees serving in 19 seats on those committees.
- Over the last three years, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital has provided 18,197 screenings AT NO COST to McHenry residents.
- In the most recent three year period of 2008 through 2010, 76,528 County residents attended Good Shepherd community outreach

programs and activities that were delivered within the boundaries of

McHenry County.

• Good Shepherd continues to partner with numerous community organizations to meet the health needs of the County, notably the McHenry County Health Coalition, whom we have supported for the past 7 years... recently

We are also one of the largest employers in the area and half of our employees are McHenry County residents. We're proud that they have chosen to make Good Shepherd their employer. A lot of attention has been paid to all of the new jobs that will be created by the approval of this hospital. It is true that a lot of construction jobs will be created through the building of the proposed hospital. However, it's incorrect to assume that a lot of permanent jobs will be created by the opening of a brand new hospital. Should it be allowed to open, this hospital would increase the number of inpatient beds in McHenry County by 50%. That means Centegra will have to find 50% more nurses, surgical techs, and other skilled positions. It is widely reported that a nursing shortage is looming ahead for the healthcare industry in the not-so-distant future. Where is Centegra going to find all of these positions? My fear is that they will have to shuffle positions from their own hospitals and poach employees at nearby hospitals. This will only hurt the quality of health care in the area at all hospitals.

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making a 5-6 issue contribution to help write the next real County Health needs survey.

In reviewing Centegra's request, while they are seeking approval from the Board at the May hearing they state in their application they will not start

construction until fall of 2012. If the demand is so great, why are they waiting so long to start construction?

I urge the Board to deny this application for a new hospital in Huntley because these residents already have access to the very best quality health care. We thank the countless McHenry County residents who make Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital their hospital of choice for healthcare or employment.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY**  
**of Roseanne C. Niese**  
**PROJECT # 10-090 (CENTEGRA HOSPITAL-HUNTLEY)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

Hello. I'm Roseanne C. Niese, Director of Emergency Services at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. I'm also a registered nurse and reside in McHenry.

Although I live in this area, I am opposing Centegra's attempt to build a new hospital. I believe that hospitals in the region have more than adequate capacity to serve the northern Fox Valley area.

The demand for inpatient services in southeastern McHenry County has been stable the last four years, according to state statistics. And in northern Kane County, demand has actually declined in this time period.

Some people might support this hospital – even though it's a basic, community hospital – because it's a minute or two closer than the regional medical centers in the area. In life-threatening medical emergencies, however, your distance to the hospital is not the most important factor in survival. It's the amount of time it takes for paramedics to arrive and stabilize a patient. The mobile advanced life support equipment in use today and the ability to communicate with the receiving emergency department save lives every day.

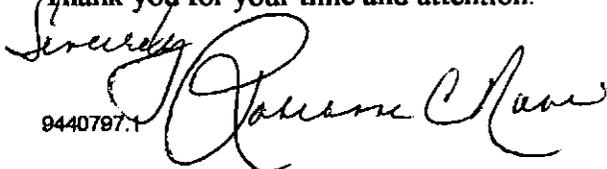
In addition, if paramedics assess the patient and determine, for instance, that that person needs to go to a specialized heart center, the paramedics won't necessarily go to the closest hospital. They will likely pass up a community hospital to take the patient to a regional medical center such as Sherman or Advocate Good Shepherd. However, if the paramedic can't make that determination in the field, the patient will go to the closest hospital. This means that if Centegra Huntley is built, a patient needing specialized care could go to the Huntley hospital first and then need to be transferred. This could lead to a significant delay in care for patients who are critically ill.

Currently, ambulances serving Huntley residents bring the vast majority of their patients to Sherman Hospital in Elgin, because it is close and offers an extensive emergency department. Bringing more emergency rooms into the mix would only duplicate services, and mean higher health care costs for all of us.

Therefore, a new community hospital does not make business sense nor medical sense because it would weaken a strong, vital health care system that serves the far northwest suburbs. I hope the review board takes these points into consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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Good Afternoon, My name is Trisha Musich and I am the Magnet coordinator for Centegra Health System. I am here in support of the Centegra project. I have been employed at Centegra as a nurse for the past 20 years and am very excited to see the opening of another location to serve our community. Twenty years ago, I started at Centegra as a new graduate. At that time, I had 6 job offers from area hospitals. I picked Centegra over other organizations for the genuine caring environment it showed during my interview process. Twenty years later at Centegra, I have witnessed the nursing care excel in many areas of patient care. Currently I am leading the health system on a journey of nursing excellence called Magnet. The journey has standards that are set by the American Nurses Associations. Hospitals that obtain this status are noted as exceeding in nursing care, Centegra hands down exceeds these standards. Centegra Administrators and staff from nursing to environmental services; work as a team in providing the quality of care the community needs and deserves.

I couldn't be more proud as a nurse in this community working at Centegra. My immediate and extended family use Centegra as their primary point of care. I have personally had my three children at Centegra. In the past year, I have had surgery and my children have had three surgeries. The care exceeded my already high expectations. My mother just had elective knee replacements at Centegra and additional therapy through our extended care unit. It speaks volumes when you know the care your family care is going to be given by the best nursing staff and greatest physicians in the county. Healthcare is personal and emotional. When you know the care you are getting is excellent by the Centegra nurse, it allows you to focus on your loved ones-where your heart should be.

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February 16, 2011

Re: Project 10-090 Centegra Hospital- Huntley

I am writing as a resident of the west end of Crystal Lake - in full support of a new hospital at the proposed location for the following reasons:

1. Increased access to emergency care. For those of us who live on the west end of Crystal Lake and Lakewood .the time could be reduced to 8-10 minutes from home to ER as compared to 25 to 50 minutes, currently.
2. For Huntley residents, safety is a factor. On Route 47-- traffic from Huntley to Woodstock can be snarled and cause a delay of 45 minutes. In severe winter weather there are snowdrifts. When heading to McHenry Hospital, one can expect 45 minute to 60 minute travel time— and...For those heading to the Elgin Hospitals, we have experienced an increase in traffic and speeding along Randall Road, I-90, and Route 20.
3. 30 years ago I could drive from Crystal Lake to Dundee or Elgin in 20 minutes . In a brief span of time, with the rapid growth of new development, the Randall Road Corridor has become congested, filled with red light after red light and one can expect a 40-minute drive to Elgin hospitals.
4. In my role as Community Outreach Coordinator, I travel the county for Centegra's "Get Checked" program. I have the opportunity to visit companies, community groups, and area organizations. I hear firsthand of the need for more immediate access to healthcare services in the proposed area. A specific need was demonstrated last year during **one six hour event** at Huntley Health Bridge Fitness Center Campus. Centegra partnered with the Skin Cancer Foundation for the National Road To Healthy Skin Tour to provide free skin cancer screenings. Participants came from Crystal Lake, Huntley, Algonquin, Palatine, LITH, Woodstock, and Elgin. During the hours of 10am and 4pm, we saw 115 people—of whom, 36 needed follow up care.

I have witnessed the construction of new buildings —Huntley's library, new village hall, new fire stations. new grocery stores. Algonquin and LITH have done the same, and Lakewood added a Fire Station on Haligus Road. **Wouldn't a new hospital be just as important to this community?**

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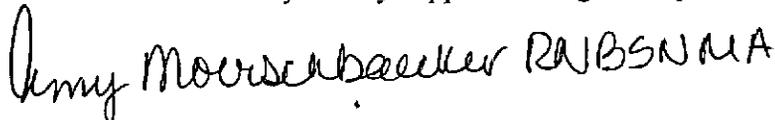
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Centegra Health System is committed to raising awareness about the importance of early cancer detection. As a community member who has had a spouse and a brother with early detection of two different types of cancer and who are now both cancer survivors, I truly understand the importance of what our "Get Checked" program can provide.

"Get Checked" provides information about guidelines for routine screenings that can make a big difference in one's life. Cancer has a measurably higher survival rate when caught in its earliest stages but that can occur only if you are vigilant about conducting self exams, having regular physician visits and following guidelines for testing and screenings

Self exams and screening should be part of your regular personal routine. Breast, cervical, colorectal, testicular, skin and prostate cancer are among those conditions most likely to be detected through self exams and routine screenings.

At Centegra Health System we educate the public and provide free screenings on a routine basis. We help community members find physicians and provide comprehensive care and support throughout the patient and caregiver experience. We look forward to extending that type of care and support in the southern portion of McHenry County and northern Kane County. I fully support Centegra Hospital-Huntley, project #10-090.



Amy Moerschbaecher RN BSN MA  
Executive Director Oncology Services  
Centegra Health System

Dr. Fernando Lamounier  
In Support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley Project #10-090

I joined the staff at Centegra Health System last January and have worked with Cardiac Surgery Associates to provide the latest techniques for cardiothoracic surgery. I completed my thoracic surgery residency at Loyola University Medical Center in 2006 and specialize in valve surgery.

My expertise complements the already impressive procedures performed at Centegra to improve the overall health and wellness of the McHenry County community. The first ever open heart surgery in McHenry County was performed at Centegra Hospital-McHenry, formerly known as Northern Illinois Medical Center, on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2006, when cardiac surgeons from Centegra performed bypass surgery on a female patient from Woodstock. That procedure inaugurated Centegra Health System's open heart surgery program.

Centegra partnered with Cardiac Surgery Associates, the leading cardiac surgery group in Illinois, four years ago to be the cardiovascular surgical team performing all of Centegra's cardiovascular procedures. The physicians of CSA have provided our patients with the highest quality cardiac care in the state. We continue to focus on new ways to bring the most state-of-the-art cardiac care right here to McHenry County. The expansion of our cardiothoracic program demonstrates the commitment of the entire Centegra family as we continue to make a difference in the communities we serve.

With this important service, patients and their families are receiving the care they need closer to home. Centegra's cardiovascular program includes three cardiac catheterization labs for angioplasty procedures and electrophysiology to help correct heart electrical problems, as well as Centegra's Heart Failure Clinic that coordinates a patient's care and reaches out to other agencies when needed. I fully support Centegra's proposal to further develop our heart program by offering additional services to the residents of southern McHenry County and northern Kane County.