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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please find attached a copy of the signed resolution approved by McHenry County College on March 21, 2011 in support of Centegra Hospital-Huntley.

I certify that this copy is true and correct.

Sincerely,

Patricia Kriegermeier
Administrative Assistant to the President/Board Liaison

RESOLUTION OF MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE
RE: 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, since 2005, Centegra Health System and McHenry County College have collaborated on Healthcare Career Fairs, providing career education to 7114 of the County's 8th grade students to-date, and

WHEREAS, McHenry County College and Centegra Health System joined forces to provide oversight and instruction for the College's EMS program, which presents two paramedic courses, five basic EMT courses, seven first responder courses, two first responder tech courses, and one fire science course annually. Six of the EMS instructors are Centegra Associates, as is the Program's coordinator,

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System and McHenry County College partnered in the startup of the College's Nursing Program in August, 2008. Since its inception, Centegra has hosted 80 nursing students through its Red Carpet Clinical rotation process, with each student spending 100 eight hour shifts at a Centegra hospital. The program, instructed in part by four instructors who are also Centegra Associates, has graduated 27 students, including seven who were hired by Centegra upon graduation;

WHEREAS, in 2009, Centegra Health System partnered with McHenry County College and the McHenry County Economic Development Committee on presenting "Careers in Our County," an educational forum geared toward high school sophomores throughout the County.

Centegra provided staffing and materials for three booths representing healthcare careers in Medical Imaging, Laboratory Medicine, and Rehabilitation Therapy;

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System provided volunteer hours to students participating in the MCC Promise Program, to assist students in qualifying for paid tuition and in fulfillment of the Program's required community volunteerism;

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System hosted its first Education Fair in 2010, attended by McHenry County College, which allowed colleges and universities to promote their schools and programs in healthcare-related and general programs to Centegra Associates. This Fair was attended by 100 Centegra Associates, and another is planned for 2011;

WHEREAS Centegra Health System proposed and created "Health Professional Career Exploration," a three-credit course offered through McHenry County College, with classes held at Centegra hospitals. Students explore healthcare careers via testimonials from Centegra Associates, tours of nursing units, job shadowing, and skills exploration. The cost of the instructor, support staff, materials, and copying costs are borne by Centegra Health System and provided free of charge. Since August, 2010, Centegra has hosted three classes for a total of 42 students; and

WHEREAS, a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, is slated to begin in the Fall of 2011 at McHenry County College. This program was proposed by leadership of Centegra's Physical and Occupational Therapy Department, who worked with representatives of the College to plan the program and develop the curriculum. Centegra will provide a site for the Program's clinical rotation;

WHEREAS, Centegra Health System recently initiated a Student Nurse Internship Program and has hired three McHenry County College students as Nurse Interns; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Centegra Health System proposed the formation of a Respiratory Therapy Program through McHenry County College. The College has submitted a grant proposal based on Centegra's recommendation, which is currently under consideration; and

WHEREAS, McHenry County College acknowledges the partnership with Centegra Health System as critical to the advancement of healthcare education in McHenry County; and accordingly believes that it would be in the best interests of McHenry County College and its constituents if Centegra is approved to construct a hospital in Huntley, Illinois; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that McHenry County College commends Centegra Health System for its continuing service to the community and supports its 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

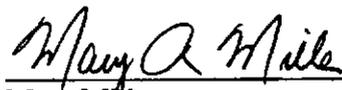
PASSED and APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2011.

AYE: Sheriff, Adams, Lowe, Parrish, Walters, Larson

NAY: None

ABSENT: Miller, DeWitt

ATTEST:



Mary Miller
Chair

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