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PROJECT # 10- 078 Oak Forest Hospital, Oak Forest

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Dear Mr. Constantino:

My name is Jerlene Harris, an American citizen, senior and resident of south suburban, I was a out- patient at Oak Forest Hospital's pain management clinic from March 2004 until it was closed February 21, 2009. I was treated weekly for chronic and acute back pain by Dr. Hein Dang. The clinic provided a number of valuable services of alternative therapies such as; acupuncture, bio- feedback, individual and group counseling, hydrotherapy, and traditional medical drug regiment for treatment for the whole person. I was referred to Midwest College of Oriental Medicine in order to receive acupuncture by students. I continued to receiving physical and occupational therapies until the present at Oak Forest Hospital.

My injuries are resulting from work related accidents under the Illinois Worker's Compensation Commission active cases # 03 WC 053416 , 03 WC 053417 , 03 WC 053418, and 03 WC 053419, however; many years the billing were written off as bad debt to the Cook County Health & Hospitals System. Whatsoever the reason used by CCHHS to periodically stopped billing patients and other agencies for services rendered. This procedural policy has been used to

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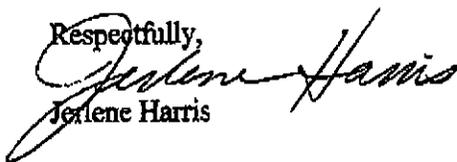
justify by CCHHS to report a scarcity of resources. This should be investigated by a certified audit of the account receivables.

Today statement of "under utilize^d" of the use of Oak Forest Hospital "by Mr. William Foley, CEO failed to cite official record of January 25, 2009 Cook County Board meeting where Oak Forest Hospital's Chief Operator, Ms. S. Edwards reported that "3200 individuals were treated in the hospital ER". Foley further failed to mention to this Panel today from the 14 fourteen stakeholders meeting held in the Cook County that the people rejected closing Oak Forest Hospital which CCHHS' officials were hard press to accomplish.

Dr. Terry Mason M.D., Intern CEO, on April 10, 2011, at Trinity Church in Chicago failed to elaborate the Board 's mission statement to that audience to close Oak Forest Hospital and only have specialty clinics available from 7a.m. to 11p.m. to service the residents of Cook County.

We need this valuable hospital to remain open and to restore all clinics and services in our community. I oppose the closing of Oak Forest Hospital as an inpatient care facility.

Respectfully,



Jerlene Harris

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