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Re: Public Hearing
Belmont – Harlem ASTC

Date: August 22, 2011

Place: Chicago West Belmont Library 3104 North Narragansett Avenue Chicago, IL 60634

Time: 10:00 am

Hearing Officers: Courtney Avery and Dr. James Burden

11-045

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- 0 Individuals were in attendance but provided no testimony
 - 4 Individuals provided support testimony
 - 12 Individuals provided written testimony
 - 0 Individuals provided opposition testimony



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TESTIMONY TO SUPPORT PROJECT

IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Sister Patricia Ann Koschalke CSFN

City Des Plaines Zip 60016

Signature Sister Patricia Ann Koschalke, CSFN

I. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)

Entity, Organization, etc. represented in this appearance (i.e., ABC Concerned Citizens for Health Care)

Resurrection Health Care Sponsorship Board



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IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) STARR M. NOVAK

home office City Homer Glen, Illinois Zip 60401

City Chicago, Illinois Zip 60631

Signature Starr M. Novak

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IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) Ruth Mettala on behalf of John Bello, M.D.

City CHICAGO Zip 60634

Signature Ruth Mettala

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IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) BRIAN CRAWFORD

City OAK PARK Zip 60302

Signature Brian Crawford

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Resurrection Health Care

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
AUGUST 22, 2011

IHFSRB Project #011-045
BELMONT-HARLEM ASTC

I am Sister Patricia Ann Koschalke, a member of the Religious Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. I Chair the Sponsorship Board and serve on the Board of Directors of Resurrection Health Care. Prior to my Board experience, I served as the Chief Executive Officer of Holy Family Medical Center for 23 years, where I gained a deep understanding of the health care needs of communities.

I am speaking today on behalf of my own Congregation, as well as the co-Sponsors of Resurrection Health Care, the Sisters of the Resurrection, and the Member Body of Provena Health, the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary and the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

I would like to welcome all of you who have joined us here today and express my sincere appreciation to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Planning Board for the conscientious and hard work done to enable this hearing to take place in a timely and organized fashion.

I am representing the five communities of women religious, who in faith and hope, seek the approval of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to form a new Catholic health Ministry to serve the citizens of Illinois through a merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Healthcare Corporation, and our combined hospitals and other care facilities and providers..

As individual health systems, Provena Health and Resurrection Healthcare have long provided compassionate healing to those in need. In keeping with the true spirit of the

courageous Sisters who came before us, ours have been ministries deeply focused on quality care for all, regardless of one's ability to pay.

Now, as we anticipate Health Reform and the sweeping changes that will transform the delivery of care as we have come to know it, we are keenly aware that the key to sustaining and growing our person-centered Mission lies in the strength of enduring partnerships we forge today.

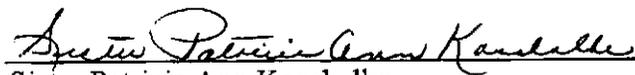
Jointly rooted in the traditions of Catholic healthcare, the new Ministry would be distinguished by an ability to deliver quality care across the continuum from a broad and complementary base of leading edge hospital and other care locations, link with committed physician networks. From a foundation steeped in a shared heritage and set of values, the new Ministry would give rise to an enormous potential to truly improve the wellbeing of generations of Illinois residents to come.

With a dedicated and talented combined team of nearly 5,000 physicians, both employed and independent, supported by over 22,000 employees, the new Ministry will play an important role in the economic vitality of the communities in which we serve through our hospitals and other facilities. Above all, our partnership will remain true to the hallmarks of our Catholic identity: promoting and protecting the dignity of every individual from conception to death, caring for the poor and vulnerable and properly stewarding our precious people and financial resources.

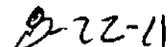
Before I conclude, I would like to also enter into the record a letter of support from His ~~Excellency~~ ^{Eminence} Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago. In his letter, he says, in part, "...I am grateful for the willingness of our state's premier Catholic providers to collaborate in order to

meet the current challenges of health care. As they do now, the combined systems will operate without any restrictive admissions policies related to race, ethnic background, religion, payment source, or any other factor. The new system will continue to admit Medicare and Medicaid recipients and to care for those patients in need of charity care....This merger has my full support....”

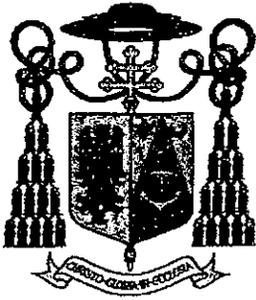
In conclusion, the combination of Provena Health’s and Resurrection Health Care’s hospitals and other care facilities and providers will strengthen and expand access to an exceptional tradition of quality care and service millions of Illinois residents who have come to know and depend upon for more than a century. On behalf of the women religious whose communities are sponsoring the applications before you, we prayerfully request your approval.



Sister Patricia Ann Koschalke
Chair
Resurrection Health Care Sponsorship Board



Date



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

March 17, 2011

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

Resurrection Health Care Corporation and Provena Health have proposed a merging of the two systems that will better position the combined system's hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient centers and other programs and facilities to continue to serve the patients and communities that have traditionally looked to them for care. This system merger is intended to improve the financial viability of both entities as well as enhance patient, employee and medical staff satisfaction. Through a shared culture and integrated leadership, this merger would also position the combined system for innovation and adaptation under health care reform.

The proposed merger will position Resurrection and Provena to strengthen and improve access to Catholic health care in Illinois. This has long been an area of great interest and concern for me, and I am grateful for the willingness of two of our state's premier Catholic providers to collaborate in order to meet the current challenges in health care. As they do now, the combined systems will operate without any restrictive admissions policies related to race, ethnic background, religion, payment source, or any other factor. The new system will continue to admit Medicare and Medicaid recipients and to care for those patients in need of charity care.

This proposed merger has my full support and I can assure you that both Resurrection Health Care and Provena Health are working together collegially and in the best interests of their communities to strengthen and improve access to high quality, highly accountable Catholic health care in the State of Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
AUGUST 23, 2011

IHFSRB Project #011-045
BELMONT-HARLEM ASTC

Good morning, my name is Starr Novak. I am Senior Vice President of Business Development for Resurrection Health Care, one of Resurrection's executive liaisons to the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, and Assistant Secretary of the Center's Board of Directors.

The Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center is a limited liability corporation joint venture owned and operated by Resurrection Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Resurrection Health Care. Resurrection Services retains at least 51 percent ownership in the company at all times.

Resurrection Health Care Corporation and Provena Health are proposing a merger of the two systems that will better position the combined new system's hospitals, long term care facilities, outpatient centers and other programs and facilities to continue to serve the patients and communities that have traditionally looked to those facilities for care. Details on the decision to merge and the structure of the transaction are included in the Certificate of Need Applications filed in July, 2011.

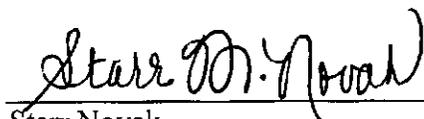
After the merger, the Belmont Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center will continue to operate as a multi-specialty ambulatory surgery treatment center. We do not expect any program, service or staffing changes to occur as a result of this merger.

The current charitable policy of the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center will continue and is included in our CON application. The policy requires all physician investors to provide a certain amount of charitable care to patients as a requirement of maintaining their

credentials. The ASC then matches any charitable discount. The ASC also encourages physicians as part of their charitable care commitment, to treat Medicaid patients, who are often not offered the opportunity to be treated in an ASC setting.

In summary, this proposed merger will enable this Center and its current and new sister facilities to strengthen access to high quality, Catholic Health Care, improve our combined financial viability, enhance clinical capabilities, improve employee and medical staff satisfaction and, importantly, positions the new health care system for innovation and adaptation under health care reform.

Thank you for this opportunity explain the importance and value to the community of this proposed merger.


Starr Novak
Senior Vice President, Business Development
Resurrection Health Care

8-23-11

Date

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

AUGUST 22, 2011

IHFSRB Project #011-045

BELMONT-HARLEM ASTC

Good morning. My name is Dr. John Bello and I have been Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at Resurrection Medical Center since 1994 and an investor and Chairman of the Board of the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC, since 2007.

We support the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care. Our Surgery Center and our community will benefit from program enhancements and continuation of projects designed to best serve the patient community. Examples include completion of an integrated electronic health record (EHR) system already underway and anticipated to be implemented system-wide, enhanced physician-hospital integration, more efficient equipment planning, replacement and procurement systems, and expanded material management programs.

A combined Resurrection Health Care and Provena Health system will better position the new system to continue to serve the patients and communities that have traditionally looked to these facilities and programs for care. This system merger is intended to preserve and expand access to health care for people in our community, improve financial viability; improve patient, employee, and medical staff satisfaction through a shared culture and integrated leadership; and position the combined system for innovation and adaptation under health care reform.

The current charitable policy of the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center will continue and is included in our CON application. The policy requires all physician investors to provide a certain amount of charitable care to patients as a requirement of maintaining their credentials. The ASC then matches any charitable discount. The ASC also encourages

physicians as part of their charitable care commitment, to treat Medicaid patients, who are often not offered the opportunity to be treated in an ASC setting.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I fully support the Certificate of Need that will bring the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center into the new system formed by the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care. Thank you for the opportunity to explain how this merger will impact the Center.

Sincerely,



John Bello, M.D.
Chairman, Ophthalmology Department
Resurrection Medical Center

8/27/2011

Date

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
AUGUST 22, 2011

IHFSRB Project #11-045
BELMONT-HARLEM ASTC

Good morning. My name is Brian Crawford. I am Vice President of Public Affairs for Resurrection Health Care. On behalf of Resurrection Health Care and my colleagues at Provena Health, I would like to express our gratitude to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for giving us and our supporters, stakeholders and community partners the opportunity to speak at today's public hearing. We also respect and appreciate the conscientious work done at this hearing by both the hearing officer and court reporter.

I especially would like to note the presence of Dr. James Burden, a member of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board and thank him/~~her~~ for coming today. We were delighted to share with him/~~her~~ and others in attendance, our excitement about the benefits of the proposed merger.

We appreciate any sincere concerns that anyone may have relating to the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care. We believe that there are few, if any, legitimate concerns that may exist regarding this proposed merger and those have been addressed in the testimony of the individuals who have spoken here today.

The testimony today from the surgery center's leaders, our religious Sponsors, community leaders, elected officials, physicians, employees, civic leaders, and other supporters paints a clear picture of enthusiastic support for the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

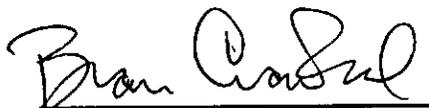
Brian Crawford
IHFPB Project #11-045
Belmont-Harlem ASTC

This hearing has been about the merits of the proposed merger of two Catholic Health Care systems with many similarities and many opportunities to work as one to improve access to quality health care service to millions of Illinoisans. We plan to expand access to quality health care. We do not plan to close any health care services, programs or reduce staffing at our care delivery sites.

Both Resurrection and Provena have been committed to serving their respective communities without regard to race, ethnic background, financial resources or any other background factor, for almost 100 years. Separately, we are proud of the mission-driven charitable policies of both organizations. As part of a larger health care system, we expect to have more opportunity to provide charitable assistance while still maintaining the financial viability we need in order to serve our communities.

I thank the many people who have come out today to express the support of this project. On behalf of Resurrection Health Care and Provena Health, we thank the Review Board for its consideration of this worthy project. If there is additional information that was not answered in today's hearing, we will submit it during the public comment period.

Thank you.



Brian Crawford
Vice President, Public Affairs
Resurrection Health Care

8-22-11

Date



Rahm Emanuel
Mayor

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Garry F. McCarthy
Superintendent of Police

August 16, 2011

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

Project Number: 11-045

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the Commander for the 16th District of the Chicago Police Department, and I am happy to support the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Resurrection Health Care facilities, like the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, are critical partners in our mission to protect the health and safety of our community's residents. Resurrection Health Care institutions provide access to high quality care for families throughout Chicagoland and serve many of the Chicago area's most challenged communities. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger, they will continue to provide at least the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

A combined Resurrection Health Care and Provena Health will better position the new system's hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient centers and other programs and facilities to continue to serve the patients and communities that have traditionally looked to those facilities and programs for care. This system merger will help preserve access to quality, community-based health care; improve financial viability; improve patient, employee, and medical staff satisfaction through a shared culture and integrated leadership; and position the combined system for innovation and adaptation under health care reform.

I fully support the Certificate of Need that will bring this facility into the new system formed by the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. P. R. M.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David McNaughton
Commander
16th District, Chicago Police Department



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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

August 16, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Project: 11-045

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the Clerk of the City of Park Ridge. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

My family has personally been served by Resurrection for more than 50 years. The hospital's focus on innovation and professional care has never waived but always reached for quality patient service. This merger will continue their path to excellent health care for our community.

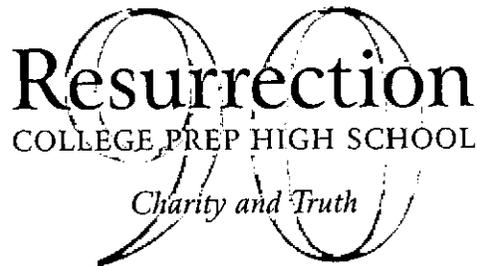
Resurrection Health Care facilities that serve Park Ridge, including the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, provide access to high quality care for families throughout our city and Chicagoland. In addition, they serve many of the Chicago area's most challenged communities. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger they will continue to provide at least the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

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I fully support the Certificate of Need that will bring this hospital into the new system formed by the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Sincerely,

Betty Henneman
Clerk
City of Park Ridge



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

August 15, 2011

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the president/principal of Resurrection College Prep High School. Our mission is to help young women realize their true potential through a combination of outstanding educational programs, diverse leadership opportunities, and caring faculty, staff, and administrators. Like Resurrection Health Care, we are sponsored by the Sisters of the Resurrection.

I write this letter in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Resurrection Health Care institutions, like the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, provide access to high quality care for families throughout Chicago-land and serve many of the Chicago area's most challenged communities. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger, they will continue to provide at least the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

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I fully support the Certificate of Need that will bring this hospital into the new system that will be formed by the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Lynne Saccaro".

Dr. Lynne Saccaro
President/Principal



ALDERMAN MARY O'CONNOR

41ST WARD

August 8, 2011

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

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the alderman of Chicago's 41st Ward, home of Resurrection Medical Center. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Resurrection Health Care facilities, including the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, have provided access to high quality care for my constituents. For many of my constituents, Resurrection institutions have cared for multiple generations of friends and family members. As a proud alumnus of Resurrection High School, I know first hand the commitment of the Sisters of the Resurrection to their ministries of service. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger, the facilities they will co-sponsor will continue to provide at least the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

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Sincerely,

Mary O'Connor
Alderman, 41st Ward

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the Cook County Commissioner for the 9th District and President of Elmwood Park. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

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Resurrection Health Care institutions, including the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, have provided access to high quality care for my constituents in Elmwood Park and the 9th District and serve many of the Chicago area's most challenged communities. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger, they will continue to provide at least the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

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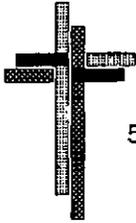
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Cook County Commissioner, 9th District
President, Village of Elmwood Park 9th District

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August 8, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
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525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a Catholic priest at St. Monica Parish and Pastor Emeritus of St. Eugene Parish both located in Chicago. In addition, I am involved in the ministries of the Interfaith Airport Chapels of Chicago and serve on the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

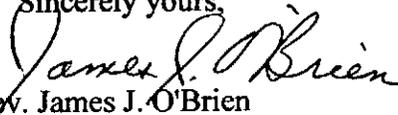
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Resurrection Health Care institutions, including the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, are critical partners in our mission to provide spiritual support and healing to families throughout Chicagoland. Resurrection Health Care facilities provide access to high quality care for Chicagoland families and serve many of the Chicago area's most challenged communities. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger, they will continue to provide at least the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

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Sincerely yours,


Rev. James J. O'Brien
St. Monica Parish



August 8, 2011

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

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am the Regional Director of Health Initiatives and Patient Navigation Services for the American Cancer Society- Chicago Region. Resurrection Health Care facilities, such as the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, are critical partners in our mission to help persons who face cancer through research, patient services, early detection, treatment and education.

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Sincerely,


Saundra O. Lightfoot, MPH
Regional Director, Health Initiatives and Patient Navigation Services
American Cancer Society, Chicago Region

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Fire Chief
Kevin J. Stenson

August 15, 2011

Ms. Courtney Avery
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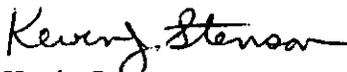
I am the Fire Chief of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District which includes Norridge, Harwood Heights and unincorporated Norwood Park Township. I am happy to support the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care institutions, including the Resurrection Health Care Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center.

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Kevin Stenson
Fire Chief
Norwood Park Fire Protection District



August 8, 2011

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

Project Number: 11-045

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a Vice President with PNC Bank and the manager of PNC's Monroe and Dearborn downtown Chicago branch. I also serve as a member of the Board of Resurrection Medical Center. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Resurrection Health Care facilities, including the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, provide access to high quality care for families throughout Chicagoland and serve many of the Chicago area's most challenged communities. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger, they will continue to provide at least the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

A combined Resurrection Health Care and Provena Health will better position the new system's hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient centers and other programs and facilities to continue to serve the patients and communities that have traditionally looked to those facilities and programs for care. This system merger will help preserve access to quality, community-based health care; improve financial viability; improve patient, employee, and medical staff satisfaction through a shared culture and integrated leadership; and position the combined system for innovation and adaptation under health care reform.

I fully support the Certificate of Need that will bring this facility into the new system formed by the merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Toles'.

Matthew Toles
Vice President, PNC Bank
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am President and CEO of Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, an accredited community health organization that has provided comfort and dignity for individuals at the end of their lives for more than a quarter century. We are co-sponsored by Resurrection Health Care and serve residents of Cook, Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage and Will Counties.

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Resurrection Health Care institutions, including the Belmont-Harlem Ambulatory Surgery Center, have provided access to high quality care for the families our organization serves and many of the Chicago area's most challenged communities. I am pleased that under the terms of this proposed merger, they will continue to provide at least the same levels of service to the poor and underserved.

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RE: IHFSRB Projects #11-40 -- #11-53

Dear Ms. Avery,

In early July, after several months of talks among the Sponsoring Congregations and between the Boards of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care, as well as due diligence and discernment, we reached an agreement to come together to form a new patient, resident and family centered health Ministry that will serve a large portion of Illinois. The size and scope of the new Ministry will improve financial viability through a new structure that focuses on savings in corporate and administrative costs, while concentrating resources in our local health care ministries where care is provided. A new parent organization will oversee the existing Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care corporations.

Throughout the lengthy and thorough decision process, we came to realize our unique similarities. Our new Ministry will support innovation and growth under health reform. The new Ministry will be designed to excel at the patient, resident and family experience and provide high quality care and value across the continuum. In partnership with our physicians and employees, we are committed to building healthy communities by identifying community health needs and developing strategies to keep people healthy, as well as caring for the sick.

More than 4.5 million people live in areas we serve. The combined Ministry will encompass 13 hospitals, 28 long-term care and senior residential facilities, more than 50 primary and specialty care clinics, six home health agencies and the second largest behavioral health services program in the state. In addition, the Ministry includes Resurrection University, a fully-accredited, not-for-profit, Catholic-based specialty school for health sciences. We will have nearly 5,000 physicians and more than 22,000 employees.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for giving us the opportunity to tell our story at today's public hearing. We respect and appreciate the conscientious work to make this series of hearings possible so that we, our supporters, stakeholders and community partners have the opportunity to speak about our plans.

Sincerely,

Guy R. Wiebking
President and Chief Executive Officer
Provena Health

Sandra Bruce, FACHE
President and Chief Executive Officer
Resurrection Health Care

Sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and the Sisters of the Resurrection

August 8, 2011

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am a resident of Resurrection Retirement Center, an independent and assisted living center that is part of the Resurrection Health Care system. I am writing this letter in support of the proposed merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

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Marie Bertsch
Resident,
Resurrection Retirement Community