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**RE: Proctor Hospital Certificate of need Application, Project #11-063
18-bed Geriatric Medical-Psychiatric Unit**

Good Morning,

Please find attached a letter of support from OSF Saint Francis Medical Center for the above referenced Proctor Hospital Certificate of Need Application.

Should you have questions or a requirement for additional information, please contact Gail Koch, Director of Behavioral Health Services at 309-655-3957.

Thank you,
Janet Magers

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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**RE: Proctor Hospital Certificate of Need Application, Project #11-063
18-Bed Geriatric Medical-Psychiatric Unit at Proctor Hospital**

Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board:

Please be advised that OSF Saint Francis Medical Center supports Proctor Hospital's Certificate of Need application for an 18-bed geriatric medical-psychiatric unit.

Saint Francis Medical Center has a recurring requirement for the transfer of patients with psychiatric needs from our Emergency Department and inpatient units to an appropriate facility and it is often difficult to find placement for these patients due to the lack of sufficient inpatient beds to support the needs of the mental health population. On average, we place approximately three patients per month in general inpatient psychiatric units who would likely fit the criteria for admission to the proposed Proctor program. The psychiatric needs of the geriatric population are much more specific than other mental health patients and an alternative to a general inpatient psychiatric unit that would address these concerns would be a welcome addition to services in the Tri-County area.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support to Proctor Hospital's Certificate of Need application for an 18-bed geriatric medical-psychiatric unit.

Sincerely,


Keith Steffen
President & CEO