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December 5, 2011

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

Re: #11-099, Fresenius Medical Care Prairie Meadows

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the President of Advocate Condell Medical Center (ACMC) in Libertyville and am writing to give my full support of the Prairie Meadows Dialysis Clinic that Fresenius Medical Care proposes to establish in Libertyville.

It is well known that there is an increasing need for dialysis services in our nation, in part due to the growing epidemic of diabetes. This epidemic exists here in Lake County where it is also complicated by an aging population.

Fresenius has a long-standing history of providing high quality patient care to dialysis patients in Illinois. Through their expertise and experience they offer patients multiple choices in treatment options, including in-center hemodialysis, home based peritoneal dialysis, home hemodialysis, and in-center nocturnal dialysis.

The proposed medical director for the Prairie Meadows facility, Dr. Joshua Trob, has a reputation as a well-trained and highly competent nephrologist. It would be beneficial for dialysis patients who utilize ACMC and live in the Libertyville and Grayslake areas to be able to have a place to dialyze that is well-situated and will allow for continuity of care from the inpatient to outpatient setting.

Due to the anticipated increase in dialysis patients in the Libertyville and Grayslake areas, we respectfully ask the Board to approve the Fresenius Medical Care Prairie Meadows dialysis facility to provide ongoing access to these services for this complex patient population.

Sincerely,



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President, Advocate Condell Medical Center