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Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 12:03 PM
To: Constantino, Mike
Subject: Support letter, re: Fresenius Medical Care Plainfield (No. 12-047)
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Mr. Constantino,

Attached please find a letter from Representative Tom Cross in support of Fresenius Medical Care's Certificate of Need application for a new dialysis center in Plainfield.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua B. Wessell

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August 22, 2012

Michael Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Fresenius Medical Care Plainfield (No. 12-047)

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I am writing to you in support of the Certificate of Need application for Fresenius Medical Care's new Plainfield dialysis center.

It seems an appropriate time to be talking about this subject, since just weeks ago I joined Governor Pat Quinn at the Edward Outpatient Center in Plainfield for the signing of House Bill 5003 designating November 14th of each year as Diabetes Awareness Day in Illinois. The new law will provide enhanced outreach throughout our state, in which an estimated 1 in 10 residents live with diabetes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), that number is expected to grow to 1 out of every 3 people by the year 2050.

As a sponsor of that legislation and longtime champion of diabetes awareness in Illinois, it is important to me that we do all we can to educate people about this condition.

With early detection and proper care, diabetics can successfully manage their health and reduce the risk of complications. However, as I'm sure you are aware, diabetes is also one of the leading causes of kidney disease. For many of those whose kidneys have ceased to function properly, dialysis is the only option remaining.

It is still possible to live a full life on dialysis, but the treatments are lengthy and frequent in duration, and can also be very taxing on the patient. By ensuring adequate access to medical facilities like Fresenius's planned center, we can address the growing need for dialysis care in our region and help ease the burden on these patients.

I respectfully request your consideration of the Certificate of Need application for Fresenius Medical Care's new Plainfield dialysis facility. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any further assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tom Cross", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Cross
House Republican Leader
State Representative, 84th District



From the Office of
Michael P. Collins
Village President

August 17, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Project Reference #12-047

Dear Mr. Galassie and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I am writing this letter in support of Fresenius Medical Care Center and the above referenced project. I support the twelve (12) station dialysis clinic to be located at 24020 Riverwalk Court, Plainfield, Illinois and request the Board of Review grant the Certificate of Need in favor of Fresenius.

Fresenius Medical Care has approximately 2,000 dialysis clinics in the United States; approximately 100 clinics in the State of Illinois; and clinics in Mokena, Bolingbrook, Lockport, and Joliet. At every instance, Fresenius works promptly to prepare the facilities it occupies to quickly and efficiently start serving patients. The Fresenius' business plan does not include sitting on a favorable certificate of need request without moving toward the development and operation of a clinic.

It is important that the Village of Plainfield maintain its reputation of providing quality healthcare that exceeds the needs and expectation of its residents. A dialysis center run by Fresenius Medical Care will add to the excellence in healthcare in Plainfield and the surrounding area. I encourage the Illinois Health and Services Review Board to approve Fresenius Medical Care's application for a dialysis facility in Plainfield.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Collins
Village President

Kidney Care Center

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Support Letter for CON-12-047

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August 21, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #12-047

Dear Mr. Galassie/Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Board of Review grant the Certificate of Need for the Fresenius Medical Care Center project #12-047 to be located at 24020 Riverwalk Court, Plainfield Illinois.

The Village of Plainfield has grown tremendously in the past ten years, and access to healthcare has been a primary focus of the Village. Adding a twelve station dialysis clinic to the Village would provide the residents of Plainfield and the surrounding area access to a need which is currently being underserved.

Fresenius Medical Care Center would be a positive and welcome addition to the Village of Plainfield.

I appreciate your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Traci Pleckham
Management Services Director

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Mr. Dale Galassie
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Fresenius Medical Care Center and their application for a dialysis clinic in Plainfield (Project Reference #12-047). Fresenius intends to place a twelve station dialysis clinic at 24020 Riverwalk Court, in Plainfield Illinois. I respectfully ask that the Board look favorably on their application, and grant the Certificate of Need in favor of Fresenius.

Fresenius Medical Care has over 2000 dialysis clinics in the United States, with approximately 100 clinics in Illinois. The company has a solid track record and is an outstanding corporate citizen in the communities they serve. As I understand, Fresenius intends to build the facility without hesitation.

The Village of Plainfield and the greater community would be well served with a dialysis center operated by Fresenius Medical Care Center. I encourage the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board to approve Fresenius Medical's application for a dialysis facility in Plainfield.

Very Truly Yours,

Brian Murphy
Village Administrator

Kidney Care Center

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Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

August 22, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project Reference # 12-047

Dear Mr. Galassie and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

As Will County Executive I am writing this letter on behalf and in support of Fresenius Medical Care Center and the above referenced project. By this letter, I intend to voice my support in favor of a twelve (12) station dialysis clinic to be located at 24020 Riverwalk Court, Plainfield, Illinois. By this letter, I am also asking you and the Board of Review grant the request for a Certificate of Need. This project would bring dialysis services to the area while also providing patients in the community with a range of quality dialysis care choices.

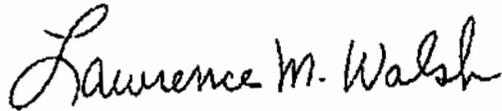
As you may be aware, Fresenius Medical Care has approximately 2,000 dialysis clinics in the United States – approximately 100 in the State of Illinois. Fresenius offers several modalities of dialysis treatment including in-center hemodialysis, nocturnal dialysis, home dialysis, and peritoneal dialysis.

Fresenius treats any patient regardless of ability to pay and the clinics that have been established throughout the State have been located in both affluent and economically challenged areas within the state. In rural county Illinois, for example, Fresenius established a clinic in Bolingbrook approximately ten (10) years ago that started with fifteen (15) stations which has now been expanded to twenty-four (24) stations. Despite the expansions, the facility located in Bolingbrook has been heavily utilized. Fresenius also has facilities in Mokena, Lockport, and Joliet.

It is important that Plainfield has adequate healthcare resources to meet the needs of the patients in the community. Fresenius Medical Care offers quality healthcare to their patients and this excellence should continue in Plainfield and the surrounding area. I encourage the Illinois Health and Services Review Board to approve Fresenius Medical Care's application for a dialysis facility in the Plainfield area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence M. Walsh".

Lawrence M. Walsh
Will County Executive

Constantino, Mike

From: Kidney Care Center [germanenephro@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 1:50 PM
To: Constantino, Mike
Cc: Lori Wright
Subject: Re: IL CON 12-047
Attachments: Kidney Care Center Letter Of Support.pdf

Mike,

Please see attached letter for support from our physicians.

Thank you,
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Mike,

Please see attached letter of support for Project number 12-047; Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, president - Liz Collins,

Thank you,
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Ms. Courtney Avery
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Re: Project No: 12-047

Dear Ms. Avery:

We are writing on behalf of Kidney Care Center. We support the Fresenius Medical Care application to establish a Fresenius North Plainfield dialysis facility. We oppose the US Renal Plainfield CON application. We have been practicing in the Plainfield area for over 8 years. We admit to many of the clinics in the area, including Sun Health, DaVita New Lenox, and Renal West and Fresenius Joliet, Plainfield and Bolingbrook. To our knowledge the clinics in the area are all open, including the recently approved US Renal Bolingbrook clinic. We support the Fresenius application because it was the first to be filed to address the clear need in Plainfield. We feel that US Renal is only filing an application based on Fresenius Medical Care's current application. We don't feel the Board should reward this activity. It is as if they are looking at where Fresenius Medical Care files an application and then arguing that they should be chosen to address the need.

The area in question has many clinic options - Fresenius Medical Care is not the only option for either patients or physicians. There are two independent clinics, DaVita clinics, Fresenius clinics and US Renal clinics. In our experience, Fresenius Medical Care offers excellent quality care, and does its utmost to ensure patients are admitted without time delays or registration issues and are accommodated to the extent possible regarding shift choice. Also, Fresenius is responsible to our issues as physicians regarding providing the best quality of care to our patients as possible. We work with Fresenius at its existing Plainfield clinic, and have since its establishment. It was at 80% target utilization within one year of operation. It added four stations recently, and is still over the Board's target utilization. There is a need for more stations in the Plainfield area, and Fresenius filed an application, with our support, to address that need. A new clinic, along with the existing clinics in the area, all of which are open, can address the need. We do not need two clinics in Plainfield, as US Renal suggests.

We have observed US Renal file applications literally in tandem with Fresenius in the same area and claim that its application should be the "chosen one" due to the fact Fresenius is a big company with many clinics in Illinois. First, as doctors, we do not think the fact that Fresenius is big should matter. We look to providing access (any facility can do this) and quality care. We have found Fresenius to be an excellent company. It is publically traded and thus subject to financial and other scrutiny that US Renal, held by venture capitalists, is not. The fact that it is



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big means it is well equipped to address patient care needs in a cost effective manner due to economies of scale. Certainly, our patients do not care if it is big. They look for quality care, comfort and access when dialyzing.

The need in the Plainfield area for more dialysis stations is definitely a real one, and we urge the Board to recognize it and address it by approving the Fresenius application. We are the primary nephrology practice in the area and are suggesting to this Board that there is no reason to disapprove the Fresenius application, wait a month and then approve a US Renal application, to provide choice. It simply isn't important to us as doctors, or to our patients. What we and they care about is a quality provider who is dedicated to access. Fresenius is such a provider. They have an application before you and we urge you to approve it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Morufu Alausa M.D.

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August 22, 2012

Michael Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
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Re: Fresenius Medical Care Plainfield (No. 12-047)

Dear Mr. Constantino,

I would like to offer my support for the proposed Fresenius Medical Care dialysis facility at 24020 Riverwalk Court in Plainfield.

I have been a Will County Board Member since 2009, where I serve on the Land Use & Development Committee. Through my role as a public official, as well as a longtime Will County resident, I am very familiar with the Plainfield area and its needs.

I think people who are not acquainted with the region don't fully appreciate the rapid growth that the Village of Plainfield is experiencing and the resulting need for increased community resources.

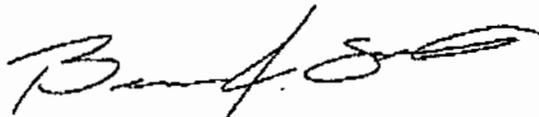
According to the 2010 U.S. Census, Plainfield had about 40,000 residents – up from fewer than 5,000 in 1990. The Village of Plainfield estimates that number will continue to grow dramatically over the coming years.

We need to keep up with current growth as well as plan for tomorrow's needs, and one of our top priorities must be expanded access to medical services and facilities.

As a County Board representative, I have been a strong supporter for bringing Edward Hospital to Plainfield, along with other facilities like Fresenius's that will help provide increased access to care for area residents.

We were happy to welcome Governor Quinn last month in Plainfield when he joined with community leaders to sign a bill creating a statewide Diabetes Awareness Day in Illinois. But we need more than just awareness to be able to adequately serve the needs of Plainfield diabetics, kidney disease patients and other residents today, tomorrow and 10 years from now.

Sincerely,



Brian Smith
District 5 Will County Board Member