

**ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES and SERVICES REVIEW BOARD (HFSRB)  
PROJECT HEARING REPORT**

Applicant: USRC Plainfield, LLC – US Renal Care Plainfield Dialysis

Project Number: 12-059

Hearing Date: Thursday, August 23, 2012

Location: 24401 West Lockport Street, Plainfield, Illinois

Time: 2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hearing Officer: Alexis Kendrick, Compliance/Legislative Manger

Staff Support: Courtney Avery, Administrator

HFSRB Representative: James Burden M.D., Board Member

Hearing Requested by: US Renal Care

The following summarizes the attendance figures:

**Oral/Written Presentations:**

Support: 16

Oppose: 17

**Registered Attendance Only**

Support: 1

Oppose: 33

Neutral: 0

Total individuals registered: 67

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**Facility Name:** US Renal Care Plainfield

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Patricia Krause

Address 1812 Winger Dr.

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature *Patricia Krause*

II. 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)

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support                       Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle )

Oral                               Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Tiffany Humek

Address 6512 Adams Ln

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature Tiffany Humek

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

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle )

Oral

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*kidney  
 transplant  
 patient*

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) ORVAL ESKIN'S

Address 403 No BROOKSHIRE DR

City SHOREWOOD State IL Zip 60409

Signature *Orval Eskin's*

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

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support       Oppose       Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Pedro Garcia

Address 531 Bishorn Rd

City Naperville State IL Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Pedro Garcia

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

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle )

Oral

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) Kathy Rinehart  
 Address 24835 W. Prairie Dr.  
 City Plainfield State IL Zip 60544  
 Signature Kathy Rinehart

**II. 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)

Patient  
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**III. POSITION** (please circle appropriate position)

Support                       Oppose

**IV. Testimony** (please circle )

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Fred Kinnarky

Address 23302 Peterson Dr

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature Fred Kinnarky

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

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III. POSITION (Please circle appropriate position)

Support                       Oppose

IV. Testimony (Please circle )

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Connie Kinney

Address 23302 Beterson Dr

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60584

Signature Connie Kinney

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

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IV. Testimony (please circle )

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Naila Ahmed MD

Address ~~9009~~ 815 North Larkin

City Juliet State IL 60437 Zip

Signature Naila Ahmed

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

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North East Nephrology

consultant

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) AARON GURFINKEL, MD

Address 8935 Willow Terrace Dr

City Orland Hills State IL Zip 60482

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. 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)  
US Renal Care  
NORTHEAST Nephrology

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support                       Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle )

Oral                       Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) CLOANNA GILLIAM

Address 6013 Cherry Ridge drive

City PLAINFIELD State ILL Zip 60586

Signature Cloanna Gilliam

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

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support      Oppose      Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION  
 Name (Please Print) PATRICIA BUENO  
 Address 11734 BAHINAR CT.  
 City ORLAND PARK State IL Zip 60467  
 Signature Patricia J. Bueno

II. 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)  
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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)  
 Support                      Oppose

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) PHILIP R. O'CONNOR

Address 1318 W. GEORGE ST 3C

City CHICAGO State IL Zip 60657

Signature Philip R. O'Connor

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

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ON BEHALF OF U.S. RENAL CARE

**III. POSITION** (please circle appropriate position)

Support                      Oppose

**IV. Testimony** (please circle)

Oral                      Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION SAM VINSON  
 Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 70 W. MADISON / MARSHFIELD & ABBEY  
 City CHICAGO State IL Zip 60603  
 Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)  
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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support                      Oppose

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ATTORNEY FOR  
 US RENAL CARE



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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) ANIS M. MUR

Address 105 OAKBROOK, IL

City OAKBROOK State IL Zip 60521

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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

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Advanced Renal Care, LLC

**III. POSITION** (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

**IV. Testimony** (please circle)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) SALVADOR RAMIREZ

Address 1901 GUESTVIEW DR

City PLAINFIELD State IL Zip 60586

Signature *Salvador Ramirez*

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

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NORTHEAST Nephrology

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support       Oppose       Neutral



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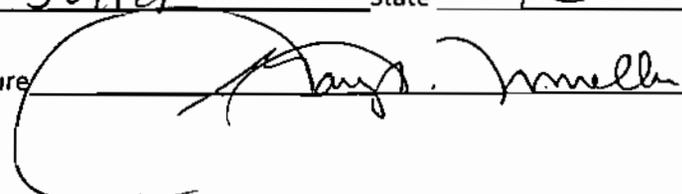
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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) GARY S. WUELLER

Address 91 N 129th INFANTRY DR.

City JOLIET State IL Zip 60435

Signature 

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

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

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Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Helen Fish

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. 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)

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

*Neha Butala*

Address

*812 Campus Drive*

City

*Joliet*

State

~~Illinois~~ *IL*

Zip

*60435*

Signature

*NDB*

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

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*Fresenius Medical Care*

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support



Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Frankie Lanier-Booth

Address 217 Union Street

City Joliet State IL Zip 60433

Signature Frankie Lanier-Booth

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

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Mohammad S Shafi MD

Address 2300 Michas Drive

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60549

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

II. 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) Kidney Care Center

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) MARY PHILLIPS

Address 111 N. WILLIAM

City JOLIET State IL Zip 60435

Signature Mary Phillips

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

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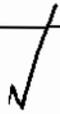
**III. POSITION** (please circle appropriate position)

~~Support~~ Mary Phillips ~~Oppose~~

**IV. Testimony** (please circle)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) THOMAS JENKINS

Address 20

City FOLIET State IL Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Thomas Jenkins

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

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Phetsamay Vongsavudom

Address 1819 Addleman St

City Sollet State IL Zip 60431

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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I. IDENTIFICATION  
 Name (Please Print) KENNETH CALVERT  
 Address 818 CURA DR. APT. 1  
 City JOLIET State IL Zip 60135  
 Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) MORUFU ABUSA

Address 2300 MICHAEL DRIVE

City PLAINFIELD State IL Zip 60544

Signature

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

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KIDNEY CARE CENTER  
PLAINFIELD

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle )

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) JIM EASTERBROOK

Address 15730 W BIRCHWOOD

City LIBERTYVILLE State IL Zip 60048

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Asim Shazzad

Address 2946 N Renwick

City Maererville State IL Zip 60584

Signature [Signature]

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

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Kidney Care Center

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Tori Booth

Address 217 Union St.

City Joliet State IL Zip 60433

Signature Tori Le Booth

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

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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I. IDENTIFICATION  
 Name (Please Print) Viviane Che  
 Address 2016 colonial st  
 City Aurora State IL Zip 60503  
 Signature Vche

II. REPRESENTATION (This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of any group, organization or other entity.)  
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On behalf of my father  
I oppose US renal.  
"More does not mean better"

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Clare Ranalli

Address 131 S. Dearborn

City Chicago State IL Zip 60603

Signature Clare Ranalli

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Support

Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Luther R. Sims

Address 402 Grover St

City Joliet State IL Zip 60433

Signature Luther R. Sims

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

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle )

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Jean Gibellin

Address 6450 W. Bersteau

City Chicago State IL Zip 60634

Signature Jean Gibellin

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

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Oppose

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Written

*On behalf of Tom Rudwick*

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Mania Devisme

Address 2242 Stonehaven Dr.

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature Mania Devisme

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

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Admissions Director Lakewood Nursing & Rehab

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

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I. IDENTIFICATION  
 Name (Please Print) Dr ANIS A. RAUF  
 Address 105 Conington St  
 City DAK BROW State IL Zip 60523  
 Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)  
 Support     Oppose     Neutral

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) Crystal Shepard

Address 1626 Fredericksburg Ln

City Aurora State IL Zip 60503

Signature Crystal Shepard

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

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**III. POSITION** (Circle appropriate position)

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) Aimee Campos

Address 2420 Geneva Ln.

City Montgomery State IL Zip 60538

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Susan Maher

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City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature Susan Maher

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Rose Szczurek

Address 1618 Ashbury Dr.

City Lemont State IL Zip 60439

Signature Rose Szczurek

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) Steven Maher

Address 1804 Great Ridge Dr.

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60580

Signature Steven Maher

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**III. POSITION** (Circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Judy Pridan

Address 23919 McMullin Circle

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Kelly Ristau

Address 23919 McMullin Cr.

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature Kelly Ristau

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

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Resident

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address 23919 Mcmullin Circle

City Plainfield State IL Zip 62586

Signature Kashan Bell

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Resident

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

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I. IDENTIFICATION  
 Name (Please Print) THOMAS R. RISTAU  
 Address 23919 McMULLIN CIRCLE  
 City PLAINFIELD State IL Zip 60586  
 Signature Thomas R. Ristau

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RESIDENT

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)  
 Support  **Oppose**  Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) SOLANKE, ADE

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City PLAINFIELD State IL Zip 60544

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Yomi Benson

Address Plainfield

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip 60544

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Phattana Vongsakodom

Address 1819 Addleman St

City Joliet State IL Zip 60431

Signature Phattana Vong

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

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I. IDENTIFICATION  
 Name (Please Print) Evin Gammeter  
 Address 511 N. Ashbury Ave.  
 City Freeburg State IL Zip 60141  
 Signature Evin Gammeter

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

Name (Please Print) Jennifer Wojtecki

Address 1081 Lynn Ave

City Romeoville State IL Zip 60446

Signature Jennifer Wojtecki

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

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Lori Wright

Address ~~One Westbrook Corp Center~~ One Westbrook Corp Center

City Westchester State IL Zip 60154

Signature Lori Wright

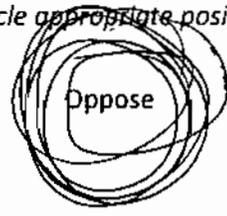
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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Angie Ibarra

Address 391 Quamy Dr

City Bolingbrook State IL Zip 60490

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Cynthia

Address 112 Baker Ave

City Joliet State IL Zip 60433

Signature Cynthia

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

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) HAMEED ANDU

Address 5413 Meadowbrook

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

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

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Jonathan Mitchell

Address 5413 Meadowbrook Street

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature *Jonathan Mitchell*

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

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Keith Lieberstein

Address 413 Meadowbrook St

City Plainfield State FL Zip 60586

Signature Keith Lieberstein

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

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print)

Jackie Larios

Address

13246 S.Rt 59 Ste 102

City

Plainfield

State

IL

Zip

60585

Signature

J. Larios

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

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Lola Coladilla

Address 13041 Rt. 59

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60585

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

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

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Riana Manabat

Address 385 Cimarron Drive West

City Aurora State IL Zip 60504

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Eugenia Simas

Address 385 Cimarron Drive West

City Aurora State IL Zip 60504

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Son-Lac Vinitorio

Address 385 Cimaron Drive West

City Aurora State IL Zip 60254

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

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

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

Beth Broderick

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City

Bolingbrook

State

IL

Zip

60440

Signature

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*Oppose*

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) Sarah Schehr

Address 229 Lincolnshire Ct

City ~~Bolingbrook~~ State IL Zip 60440

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

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

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Concerned Citizen

**III. POSITION** (please circle appropriate position)

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**IV. Testimony** (please circle )

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**Facility Name:** US Renal Care Plainfield

*Amasa Sandoval*

**Project Number:** 12-059

I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

*AMASA SANDOVAL*

Address

City *Plainfield*

State *IL*

Zip *60586*

Signature

*Amasa Sandoval*

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III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Fanny Lechuga

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Plainfield State IL Zip 60586

Signature Fanny Lechuga

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Angelena Niles

Address 935 W Prairie Ave

City Joliet State IL Zip 60435

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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

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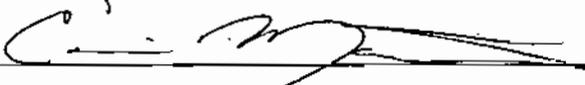
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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Carina Martin

Address 9090 S State Rt 47

City Dwight State IL Zip 60420

Signature 

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**I. IDENTIFICATION**

Name (Please Print) Mayra Gorman

Address 218 Davison St

City Joliet State IL Zip 60434

Signature *Mayra Gorman*

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

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Eduardo Martinez

Address 6076 2nd Ave

City Joliet State IL Zip 60433

Signature Eduardo Martinez

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Testimony for Pedro Garcia August 23, 2012 Plainfield –

Hello, I am Pedro Garcia.

→I am not a dialysis patient, but I have stage \_\_\_ kidney disease. Hopefully, I will never have to be on dialysis, but if I do, I want to have a choice in the matter.

→Right now, it seems like other patients don't have much of a choice where they can get treatment. There is only one provider in Plainfield. Yes, there are a couple facilities here, but they don't offer the choice I would want if I had to be on dialysis. We simply need another option in town.

→Plainfield is a big place. The population has grown a lot recently, and it feels like it's getting bigger every day. There has also been a big rise in the Hispanic population here. And, and I have learned, kidney disease is something that disproportionately affects Hispanic people. So, even if I never need dialysis, I think it is safe to say that other people here do. And that number will only get bigger as this town keeps growing.

→In conclusion, I am here because it is critical that you approve this new clinic in Plainfield, not just for me, but for everyone else in this town who needs a choice about where they do their kidney dialysis.

My name is Helen Fish and my mother is a 60 year dialysis patient at a Fresenius Medical Care Facility. When we found out she would be receiving dialysis, we were saddened. We were unsure if her quality of life would be sustainable. The doctors ensured us that she would put placed at a facility that specializes in the quality of care for their patients. This facility was a Fresenius facility.

Since she has been there she has been happier as has much more energy. Dialysis takes a toll on the patient as well as their family members. Fresenius treats there patients with the utmost care and I will only refer any of my friends and other family members to Fresenius facilities. I am not familiar with U.S. Renal Care and would like to oppose their application. Fresenius Medical Care has also applied for a new dialysis center in that area and I would be very hurt if their application was denied because U.S. Renal Care got approved. I would hope that you will take what I have to say into consideration when you make your decision.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a horizontal line at the bottom.

I've been through it all, and dialysis is something I don't wish on anyone. Thankfully, I am one of the lucky ones, and I got a transplant.

But I will tell you, while you're waiting for a kidney, there is nothing more important than having good options for the care that is so critical to your health. We need that in Plainfield.

Everyone should have a choice, and right now I can tell you there isn't one. You need to understand that when you're approving this, you're giving kidney patients a choice in dialysis centers--and that choice is really important.

I was on dialysis for about four years before I got my transplant. I drove myself to treatment, and I did okay, but I know I sure was tired on those drives home. I don't envy anyone who still has to make that drive.

Dr. Ahmed has been my doctor for a while. And she sure is great. I would see her once a week, and she would come check on me at dialysis. She is actually the person who told me I should try for a transplant.

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I had tried before, but I was turned down because they told me I was too old. They said there wasn't anyone over 69. But Dr. Ahmed told me the rules were different, and it would be worth a shot to try again. And then, at the age of 80--with Dr. Ahmed's help--I got a new kidney.

I had called around to a few places, and my youngest son went with me to my consultation. The doctors were talking about tests and options and everything, and my son just said "Okay, I'll do it." He volunteered for it all. And he was a match.

I was very fortunate to get a kidney transplant. And I could not have done it without Dr. Ahmed. Yes, she told me about getting on the transplant list. But she was also very encouraging through the times when I was on dialysis. And that is why I support her, and why I support this new center in Plainfield. She wants to give patients who need dialysis another choice in town. That is something we should all support.

My name is Frankie Lanier-Booth and I am a patient of Kidney Care Center. I am here today, to ask for your support and approval of Fresenius Medical Care's request to expand to Plainfield, IL. After having some test in June of 2007, my family physician revealed to me that my kidneys were functioning at about a 60% rate. There was nothing that I noticed that gave me any indication that I was having problems with my kidneys. I was immediately referred to Dr. Tunji Alausa and he and his staff have been caring for me since 2007.

Over the last five years the continuity and coordination of care provided by Dr. Alausa, the team of physicians and the staff have enabled me to maintain about the same level of kidney function as I had when I first came to the Kidney Care Center in 2007. My main objective is to ensure that I do not have to go on dialysis. However, I am confident that if the need arises, that my quality of life and longevity would increase by the synergistic care provided by both the dialysis facility and my nephrologist.

I understand that U. S. Renal has applied to open a dialysis center in the Plainfield area. However, prior to that Fresenius Medical Care has applied to open another dialysis center here. I believe that the company that is already serving that area should continue to do so.

With that said, I support and encourage each of you to support the expansion of Fresenius Medical Care to Plainfield, IL. They can continue to provide the quality care that dialysis patients need and deserve. I would also encourage each of you to have your kidney function checked to ensure they are functioning properly.

Thank you for allowing my opinion to be voiced today.

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My name is Mohammad S Shafi. Me and my colleagues , Dr Alausa, Dr Awa Larbi, Dr Jamandas and Dr Thakkur are practicing nephrologists in Joliet and Plainfield area. I have been treating patients with kidney diseases for nearly 14 years. I am board certified in Nephrology, Internal Medicine and Critical care.

I am here to oppose the application of US for establishing a dialysis facility in Plainfield. We have been admitting patients to the existing Fresenius facility in Plainfield for chronic dialysis for the last two years. Fresenius was the first company to open a dialysis facility in Plainfield . Since then Fresenius has been instrumental in providing quality dialysis to my patients. These patients in the past had to travel between 20-30 miles to get dialysis . The quality indicators which we and Medicare monitor on monthly basis shows that this Fresenius center is achieving excellence in all parameters of dialysis including improved outcomes and mortality.

We oppose the US Renal Plainfield CON application . We support the Fresenius application because it was the first company in the area to open a dialysis facility. It was the first company to file CON application to address the need of growing dialysis patients. As a matter of fact, I have seen patients from neighboring areas to travel to Plainfield to get dialysis because of the excellent quality and care being provided to patients in Fresenius facility.

We feel that US Renal is only filing an application based on Fresenius Medical care current application . Based on history of US Renal , we feel the main intent of US Renal is not to provide quality dialysis but to set up a dialysis center and sell it with big margins to other companies in shortest span of time . This kind of activity should not be rewarded. As a nephrologist, I can tell you , when dialysis' companies change names , its painfully hard for patients to adjust to new staff, policy, regulations and environment. It creates confusion and apprehensions amongst the patients .

On the same token, when I admit patients to Fresenius facility, I feel assured that this facility will not change names , will not be sold and will stay in the area for long time .

US renal in the past has mentioned about choices to patients. The area in question has many choices. There are 4 independent clinics in the area , two of which belong to Davita , one belongs to Sun health dialysis, and one belongs to Fox valley.

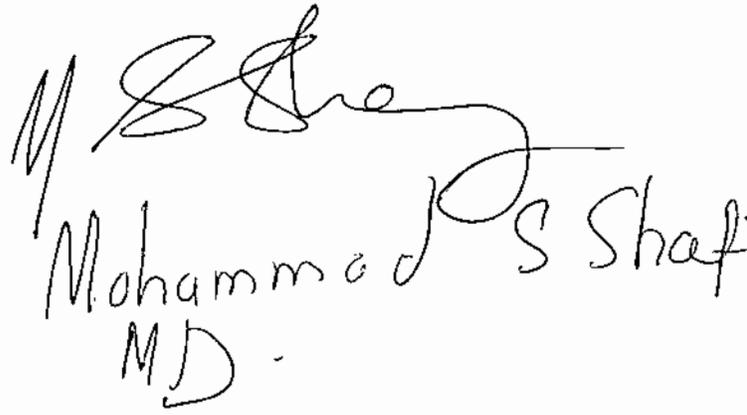
We have also heard based on previous hearings that US Renal claims that its application should be chosen due to fact Fresenius is a big company with many clinics in Illinois area. Let me reassure the board, that we as kidney specialists look to providing access and quality care. Fresenius has excelled in both the areas. . We have found Fresenius to be an excellent company. US Renal is held by Venture capitalists whose main objective is to make quick money for its investors and then disappear from scene. Private equity financial sponsors own 89% of US Renal care The fact that Fresenius is a big company means its well equipped to address patient care needs in a cost effective manner . Our patients do not care if its big. They look for quality care, comfort and access when dialyzing. Our demand from the board is to approve facility

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which is there to stay, which provides quality care, which help our patients to live longer and which is dedicated to access. Fresenius is such a provider

I know my patients, and they don't care about U.S. Renal. They want to continue to see me or my partners. They want to go to dialysis close to their home or work. If they have already had an experience with Fresenius, they may feel more comfortable having dialysis there again - but mainly they care about being with their physician and the proximity of the clinic to their home. That is it. It is truly perplexing to me that because maybe one or two patients complain about an experience they have at a Fresenius or other clinic that this Board then decides to deny Fresenius applications and approve U.S. Renal applications. We treat hundreds of patients. There is no way there will not be an occasional unhappy patient at a Fresenius or DaVita or U.S. Renal clinic.

The need in Plainfield for more dialysis stations is real one. As a matter of fact, the existing Fresenius facility in Plainfield achieved a 80% target utilization with in one year of operation. It added four stations recently and is still over the Board target utilization. The experience of our doctors and patients with Fresenius has been excellent. We ~~demanded~~<sup>urge</sup> the board to allow Fresenius to set up new facility and continue to provide quality dialysis to patients of Plainfield and surrounding area . We don't want a company like US Renal to set up a facility purely for financial gains. Its that simple .

  
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Tiffany Humek testimony

Good afternoon, I am Tiffany Humek. I have been on dialysis just under seven years, and I strongly support U.S. Renal Care and a new dialysis facility in Plainfield. We need another facility here, because we need a choice in the matter—and for the simple reason that there are just too many patients at the ones we have.

I have three children. They are 17, 16, and 3. As you can imagine, my schedule is already crazy. Put dialysis treatment on top of that, and I don't have any extra time for anything. Not a week goes by that my dialysis schedule doesn't conflict with something else. It would just give me peace of mind to know that for once, we didn't have to shuffle around our whole day so I can go to treatment.

My husband helps out when he can, but he is an on-the-road truck driver. So a lot of responsibility falls to my older kids. They really are a huge help, because they watch my three year old a lot when I have to go to dialysis. They have had to miss out on activities with their friends in the past because I need someone to watch him. I wish it could be different, or that I could skip my appointment, but we're talking about my health here. If I can't get this treatment, I won't be able to be there for any of them.

Long story short, the facility I go to now is just too crowded. There are times I'd like to be there for my kids, but if I don't go to my appointment, they can't get me in at all. It's just so limited here. So I stick with my appointment and miss out on time with my family. I just wish we had another choice! Anyone here will tell you that the appointments take up a huge part of your day.

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If I already have to miss a big chunk of my day, I'd like to spend the rest of it with my kids or husband.

I just need more options and more space. And I know that if I feel like this, there have to be others who do, too. Driving for half an hour isn't something we should be making dialysis patients do. We should be offering them good care close to home. So, please, PLEASE give me and other dialysis patients a choice in Plainfield.

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Good Afternoon. My name is Mary Metcalf-Phillips and I am a patient of Dr. Alausa's. I am here to support Fresenius Medical Care. I have been receiving dialysis at Fresenius Plainfield for two years now and I have received excellent care there. I talk to other patients who go when I do and they are all happy with the care they receive. If I ever have a problem or issue, I speak with the staff or a Doctor and they immediately create a solution. I was not asked by Fresenius to be here. My doctor told me about this hearing and I chose to defend Fresenius because it is important to me that the Board hears what I have to say. Fresenius is a good company and they provide good care. They employ a lot of people in the area and have for a long time. There are plenty of different dialysis clinics in the area so people have a choice. I choose Fresenius. Thank you.

My name is THOMAS JENKINS.  
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I am a patient of Doctor Alausa. I am receiving dialysis at the Fresenius Plainfield clinic and the care there is very good. When I started dialysis I was very sick. I didn't feel good. My energy level was low. However I started feeling better as I started dialysis at frezenius facility. The staff at frezeius kept me informed about my progress and helped me tremendously in guiding me things I could do to feel better including watching my diet. They informed me every month my lab results. They discussed with me in detail all, the good and bad results. The nurses, dietician, social worker and the doctors at Frezeius worked as team to help improve my quality of life. I am on dialysis for almost one and half year and thanks to Freziniusus team, I feel good and energetic.

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I am aware given my own experience that obtaining a clinic close to home is very important to a dialysis patient. I appreciate the fact that Fresenius worked hard to establish a clinic in Plainfield, as it is the best clinic for me. I get good care at the clinic, and support Fresenius in its application to put in another clinic in Plainfield North. I may not need it but I know there are many patients who do. My doctor tells me that there is another company that wants to put in a clinic. We need one, and I think it makes the most sense to allow the clinic that already is serving the area to continue to do so. Also, my doctors feel comfortable with Fresenius and that means a lot to me. It seems like they should know the best company to provide dialysis services, since they work with all the companies in the area. I urge the Board to oppose this application and approve the Fresenius application.

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Patricia Krause - Testimony.

My son Michael has been on dialysis since 2008. As his mom, not to mention primary caretaker and legal guardian, his health and well-being are my first priority. I have been advocating for him for forty-four years now, and I have a lot of experience dealing with doctors on his behalf. Basically, I know what we want and what we don't. And what we want—and quite frankly need—is a U.S. Renal Care dialysis clinic in Plainfield. And the reason I am supporting U.S. Renal Care is because it would give us a new company and a new choice in town.

Right now, we don't have a whole lot of choice here. Yes, there are other facilities in town, but Plainfield is big and, frankly, those other clinics don't offer a choice. There's only one provider in Plainfield, and it's just more of the same. I'm very opinionated when it comes to Michael, and it is my opinion that it would be better for him if Plainfield had some options. Being on dialysis takes a lot of the control out of your life, but offering a choice in where we can go to treatment gives us a little bit of that control back. When you're dealing with something as life-changing as chronic kidney disease, that control is really important, both for the patients and their families.

As the parent of any mentally impaired child will tell you, the way a person interacts with your child says a lot about that person. In the past, we have had doctors who speak down to Michael or treat him like he is not in the room. Dr. Ahmed, however, always makes Michael a part of the conversation. I can't tell you what it's meant to me that she really takes the time to do that. It has made all the difference in Michael's outlook and attitude toward this life-changing process. They are comfortable with each other, and she is available to answer questions and address our concerns anytime day or night. I trust her judgment in all matters related to Michel's renal health.

Beyond Dr. Ahmed's involvement with the new facility, we have noticed how crowded our current facility is getting. There are people coming from all around for treatment, and I worry that Michael's appointments may eventually be affected. Giving us another choice for care could make all the difference in the world to Michael and other kidney patients.

Plainfield is getting bigger all the time, and it's been built up so quickly. I've seen a lot of senior developments around here, and I am sure they have a population who requires dialysis treatment. It seems like only a matter of time until the existing centers are not enough. And I don't want to have to start driving Michael a long way for treatment when we have a potential option here with doctors we love, not to mention a choice that would be nice to have. So I hope you will approve this new facility. It will help my son and a lot of other kidney patients in Plainfield.

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## Kathy Rinehard - Testimony

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Kathy Rinehard, and I have been on dialysis since December of 2010. I am here for one important reason – we need more dialysis clinics that serve Plainfield. Let me put it another way: we do not have any choice right now. Not only would I like to see a new facility here, but I'd like a choice for providers.

I had very little warning that this would be a part of my life. Around Christmas time, I had a heart attack, and I had to have heart surgery. The doctors were afraid my kidneys would fail during surgery, so I had to be on dialysis. After a series of complications and hospital stays, I was released – but only on the condition that there would be an “open chair” for me at a dialysis facility. It was a struggle to find one in the area. I had fully recovered in every other way, but they would not release me, because there was nowhere for me to dialyze. If there had been more clinics and more choice in the area, it would've made life so much easier for me, my family, and other people in our situation.

Eventually, I was released, and now I go to treatment three times a week. I am lucky enough to have a 9:00 am appointment time, but I have heard that even the other time slots are completely booked at my facility. There seems to be a real need in our community for more chairs and more choice, and as the population of Plainfield grows and ages, there will only be more need.

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Every day that I am at treatment, people from area nursing homes come in to dialyze, and it seems like more and more people are coming in every time. A lot of the nursing homes do not have dialysis on-site, so I really would like to see a new facility in the area. Plainfield is already so big; people must be traveling from a long way to get to dialysis, and they should have easier options. Plus, I think we need to get some choice in town. Right now, we only have the one provider, and more would be better. Patients deserve a choice in where they spend all that time.

This is a hard situation to be in, no matter who you are. The treatments take up a huge portion of your week and leave you too tired to do much else. It is important to have doctors who are

positive and encouraging, and I have found those doctors. They are supportive and upfront with me about my disease, and they have always available to answer my questions. That is why I support their effort to give us another choice for dialysis in Plainfield. If you approve this facility, you will be giving me and other patients the choice we deserve.

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My name is Kenneth Calvert and I am a patient of Dr. Shafi. I am currently receiving dialysis at the Fresenius Plainfield clinic and I receive great care there. Obtaining a clinic close to my house is very important to me and other dialysis patients. I appreciate that Fresenius has worked hard to establish their Plainfield clinic. I believe that their facility is the best one for me. I receive exceptional care there and I support their effort to open another clinic in Plainfield. I may not need it but I know other patients do. I was told that another company also wants to open a clinic there. We need another facility and I think Fresenius should continue to serve the Plainfield area. My doctor feels comfortable with them and his opinion means a lot to me. They would know the best company to work with. I urge the board to oppose U.S. Renal's application and approve Fresenius Medical Care Plainfield North.

Hello, I am Fred Kinnary, and my wife Connie has been on dialysis for three years. I am here to tell you why she and other patients in Plainfield should have another choice for their dialysis.

I am very proud of my wife. She has stayed very positive through all of this, even though it is a life-changing experience. Kidney dialysis is a major undertaking. It's not like a check-up at the doctor, or just getting a shot. It is a long, tiring process that takes up a huge part of your day, three times a week. But through all of this, she has not complained once.

When we first started looking into options, I was pretty surprised we didn't have many when it came to where we were going to spend that much time. For her, the treatment center is almost like a second home because she is there so often. She spends at least four hours there three times a week. When you spend so much time somewhere, you really want to be comfortable with it. When she told me about this this hearing today, we were both excited to know she could finally have a choice about where she goes.

Connie has remained very independent, and she drives herself to treatment. If she had to drive much further than she does already, though, I would be pretty nervous. As it is, I insist on driving her if it is snowing or if she seems over tired. But some people do not have a husband or wife or other caretaker to drive them, and they have to go all the way across town on their own. It is for these patients, more than anyone, that I think we should have another option in Plainfield. So I encourage you to let this new facility go forward. Thank you.

Fred Kinnary, August 23, 2012

Good afternoon, my name is Connie Kinnary, and I am here to support my doctors and their efforts to open a dialysis facility in Plainfield.

I'll have been on dialysis for three years this September, so I am somewhat new at it, but then again I am not. When I found out I would have to be on dialysis, I was determined to keep a very positive attitude about it. To deal with something like this three times a week, you just have to. And I think I have done a good job at it. It helps that my doctors are encouraging and supportive, which is really important in this situation.

As it stands, there aren't any choices for patients in Plainfield, and I'm a big believer in choice. It seems a little wrong that as big as our town is, there's really nothing to choose from, as far as dialysis goes.

That is why I was excited to hear about this new U.S. Renal Care clinic. It will give patients like me another choice in a matter that is so critical to our health. None of us have a choice about having kidney disease, but like I said earlier, we have a choice about our attitude toward it. And we should certainly have a choice about where we spend more than 12 hours a week getting life-saving treatment.

We're being offered a chance to have another option in Plainfield, and I think we should take it, because there's here's only one provider in this town right now. As I said earlier, I'm a big believer in choice, and that's something they're not offering us. This new clinic would offer that, which is why you should approve the new dialysis center in Plainfield.

Connie Kinnary, August 23, 2012

## Dr. Alausa Public Hearing Transcript

Ms. Courtney Avery  
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Re: US Renal Plainfield/Project 12-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Morufu Alausa and I am a physician who has been practicing in the Plainfield area for over 7 years. I currently admit my patients who require dialysis to the following clinics: (name all of them). I supported Fresenius' efforts when it submitted its application for approval in Plainfield. That application was denied twice, before finally being approved a third time. Just shortly after one year it was at 80% utilization. This is an area of growing need. I urge the Board to approve the Fresenius clinic and not the U.S. Renal Clinic in order to meet this need, and here is why.

In my years of practice, working with Fresenius as well as other dialysis providers I have come to value the clinical quality and dedication of Fresenius Medical Care. It is an excellent company for me, as a physician, to work with in providing services to my patients. It assists my patients, in working through the admission process, helping with education and options for treatment, working with patients who require certain shift times, helping in providing coverage through Medicaid or the American Kidney Foundation for those patients without Medicare and otherwise making patient's lives easier. The size of Fresenius, its relationships with area hospitals in providing acute dialysis services and its vast resources equip it to provide the best practical and clinical support to my patients.

Fresenius Medical Care is a for profit company. It is dedicated to dialysis services and develops equipment and drugs and engages in research to assist the kidney disease patient. It is a leader in the industry. Fresenius is a publically traded company. U.S. Renal Care is a company that is closely held and comprised of private investors. It has changed ownership three times in the past five years. In my opinion, it is being developed by equity investors to sell to the highest bidder when it achieves enough market prevalence that the investors will maximize their investment. I cannot understand why, as a physician who has provided services in partner with Fresenius and other providers over the years here in the Chicago Metro area, this Board would think that U.S. Renal is somehow necessary to provide choice to my patients.

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**Dr. Naila Ahmed Public Hearing Testimony**  
**U.S. Renal Care Plainfield Dialysis**

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My name is Dr. Naila Ahmed and I have been treating patients in the Will and Cook County area for the past decade. I have practiced medicine in Illinois since 1997 when I performed both my residency and my nephrology fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Since that time, I have served as a clinical instructor at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago and currently serve as Chairman of Nephrology at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet. I also currently act as medical director of the Silver Cross/DaVita East Hospital Unit. In addition, I am the director for acute dialysis at Provena St. Joseph and director of peritoneal dialysis at the Joliet home therapy clinic.

But being a nephrologist is not just my job, it's my passion. Unfortunately, I learned far too early the devastation that kidney disease can have on a patient and family. I lost my mom from the disease when I was in high school. She didn't have the quality care that can make all the difference. From that moment, I knew my calling was to be a nephrologist. And it's my personal mission and commitment to every one of my patients--to give them the quality care my mom didn't have.

It's that commitment that led me here today and fueled my desire to serve as a medical director of the U.S. Renal Care Plainfield dialysis facility. This effort is about one thing and one thing only—providing patients with a choice in dialysis providers and expanding access to quality care to meet the growing need in Will County.

Through my various roles in providing nephrology care in and around the Joliet area, I am acutely attuned to the growing need for dialysis services in this area. My partners and I are working with US Renal Care to ensure that there are sufficient dialysis stations to address the

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significant growth of ESRD patients that we anticipate in the coming years. We believe that this growth will be a direct result of the total population growth in the Plainfield area, as well as the growth in populations that are at higher risk of progressing into end stage renal disease. In the Village of Plainfield, the total population has grown from 13,038 to 39,581 people from 2000 to 2010. That's a growth of over 200% in a ten year period. This growth in total population is outpaced by the growth in populations that are at a higher risk for ESRD. The Plainfield area has seen a dramatic increase in the population of Hispanic or Latino origin, increasing over 700% from 504 individuals in 2000 to 4,247 individuals in 2010. The African American population has seen even greater growth during this time, increasing 1,900% from 110 individuals in 2000 to 2,202 individuals in 2010. This increase represents a change from 0.8% of the total Plainfield population in 2000 to 5.6% of the population in 2010. As these populations experience rates of ESRD over two times higher than the general population, we anticipate a much greater need for ESRD stations in the near future. As physicians, we have seen this growth reflected in our own practice, currently we estimate that 15-20% of our patients are of Hispanic or Latino origin. But beyond the numbers, there are real people with real struggles and challenges that depend on this lifesaving care day in and day out. As physicians, it's our responsibilities to make sure there are adequate resources to meet their needs.

In partnering with U.S. Renal Care, we hope to address this urgent need for ESRD facilities in the Plainfield area. Through U.S. Renal Care's model of providing physician investment and input in the establishment of dialysis facilities, we have worked together to plan and submit this CON application to meet the needs of Plainfield residents. As my physician partners are located in the Joliet area, we recognized the need for additional dialysis facilities in this area.

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As a result, we sought out a willing partner to make an investment in the Plainfield community to make dialysis options available to Plainfield residents. U.S. Renal Care, a leading provider of dialysis services nationwide, rose to the challenge and has been working with us to ensure that the necessary resources are available to care for area residents.

I also want to recognize the incredible support of this application from many stakeholders including the Village of Plainfield, Will County, area nursing homes and hospitals including Adventist Bolingbrook and Provena St. Joseph. But most importantly, our patients couldn't be more supportive—this facility would give them the improved access and choice they need and deserve.

We realize that the Board must sometimes make hard decisions in determining the appropriate level of healthcare provision, however, the population growth in Plainfield and HSA 9 clearly supports the establishment of additional dialysis resources. We respectfully request the Board approve the U.S. Renal Care Plainfield Dialysis facility. It's what's in the best interests of the patients we serve and the families that care for them.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

**Dr. Aaron Gurfinchel Public Hearing Testimony**  
**U.S. Renal Care Plainfield Dialysis**

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**[In Spanish]** My name is Dr. Aaron Gurfinchel and I am presenting in support of this application to ensure that there are sufficient and accessible dialysis services available to Hispanic and Latino populations in the Plainfield area.

**[In English]** For those of you who do not speak Spanish, what I just said is that my name is Dr. Aaron Gurfinchel and I am presenting in support of this application to ensure that there are sufficient and accessible dialysis services available to Hispanic and Latino populations in the Plainfield area.

I am a nephrologist practicing with Dr. Ahmed at Northeast Nephrology Consultants and a physician investor in the proposed U.S. Renal Care Plainfield Dialysis facility. I received my medical education from the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Lima, Peru and served as a medical officer in the Peruvian Airforce. My interest in the approval of this application is particularly relevant given the explosive growth of the Plainfield Hispanic and Latino population. As you have heard today, the Hispanic and Latino population of the Plainfield area has seen a significant rise in the past decade. As a nephrologist, I have seen this significant population change reflected in my own practice. Even during my three years with this practice, I have witnessed the Hispanic and Latino patient population increase in-line with the total Hispanic and Latino population increase in Plainfield, which you have heard today to be over 700%. You have also heard that this population suffers end stage renal disease at higher rates than the general population. As a consequence, I anticipate that the Plainfield area will see a significant increase in the number of Hispanic and Latino individuals that require nephrology

and dialysis services. As a native Spanish-speaker, I am personally committed to ensuring that these patients receive the dialysis services they need, regardless of language barriers. In my practice, I treat many of my nephrology patients using our native language to ensure that they can adequately communicate their medical issues. This is important for the accurate diagnosis and treatment of each of my patient's medical issues. This is equally important in the dialysis setting, where patients must communicate medical symptoms that include discomfort, dizziness, heart palpitations and nausea that arise during their dialysis treatment.

Personally, I have seen the negative effects of insufficient Spanish-speaking medical resources in the provision of healthcare. I performed my residency at the Metropolitan Hospital Center located near the East Harlem neighborhood in New York City, which is also known as Spanish Harlem or El Barrio, and my fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. As a result, I have spent time treating the significant Spanish-speaking population that resides in and around New York City. In my time at these hospitals, I have seen the effect of inadequate language services in the treatment of native Spanish-speaking patients. Generally, such events occur due to the various dialects of Spanish that are spoken across nationalities and the inherent complexity of medical vocabulary. The combination of these factors can result in serious miscommunication with the patient and ultimately result in serious adverse events in the treatment of patients. In my commitment to this project, I want to ensure that these types of events do not occur to the nephrology patients of the Plainfield area.

When this application is ultimately considered for approval, I ask that the Board take into account the needs of the Hispanic and Latino population in and around the Plainfield area.

Please consider the needs of this growing population and help ensure that adequate and accessible dialysis services are available to meet the needs of this important and often underserved population. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

## Cloanna Gilliam – Testimony

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Hello, my name is Cloanna Gilliam, and I am here to share my experience with kidney dialysis.

I am not a dialysis patient, but I do have chronic kidney disease. And, sadly, I lost my husband to it as well. It's a devastating disease, and it not only affects patients, but their loved ones as well.

Before he passed away, my husband was at dialysis treatment for four hours a day, three times a week. I know the routine; I went through it with him so much. And if I do ever have to go on dialysis, I want to be able to go somewhere that is close to home with doctors I trust. When my husband was on it, we didn't have much choice in the matter of where he went. I can tell you, I don't want that to happen to me. Plainfield is a big area. There are a lot of people here who need this treatment, and they deserve to have the choice that my husband didn't.

I know all about this. I know there are some facilities around. But there aren't enough for how big our town is. And certainly not enough to have a choice. We only have one company providing this kind of care in Plainfield. How fair is that? This is a big place. There's lots of traffic, sometimes there are traffic jams. And in the winter, we can have some pretty bad weather. It's just not safe or convenient for people on dialysis.

We need something that's convenient for sick people. We don't want them driving all over the place after treatment. Some people have caretakers, like I did for my husband, but sometimes people don't have a choice other than to drive themselves. The last thing they're going to want to do is travel a long way. The experience can be rough, and it does help a little to be close to home. In a situation like this, it's the small comforts that make all the difference.

People just don't realize how important the kidneys are until something is wrong with them and they don't do their job. I saw firsthand how sick and tired my husband and other dialysis patients would feel after treatment. It's devastating and exhausting and very hard on the body. You don't know what you're going to be facing in life, and you have to take it one day at a time. But I do know that if we've only got two dialysis units in this town, and only the one provider, we're going to need more.

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I have seen people get successful kidney transplants, but I have seen some fail. And like I said, you just don't know what the next day brings. I hope to get a new kidney at some point, but I just don't know what's in the cards. If I don't get one, and I have to go on dialysis, it will need to be close to home, and I will need to have a choice in the matter of where I go. That is why I am encouraging you to approve this new facility. Thank you.

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### Patricia Bueno Testimony

Good afternoon. Thank you for taking the time to listen to me. My name is Patricia Bueno and I am here today to support a new dialysis facility in Plainfield. I have been on dialysis for almost two years now. I currently live in Orland Park but I will be moving in the near future to the Plainfield area. It's is very important to me that I have a dialysis facility close to my home.

First, I want a choice in where I get my treatments. When you think about how much time we have to spend hooked up to a machine-4 hours a day 3 times a week-its seems like a given that I should be able to choose where I want to go.

Right now, there is only one dialysis company in Plainfield and if it's too crowded or I feel like it's not working for me, I am left with no other choice. That's scary to me.

Knowing that Dr. Ahmed, who works with my doctor, Dr. Nagarkatte, would be in charge of the dialysis clinic in Plainfield really makes me happy and puts me at ease. You have no idea.

Choice is important. And because dialysis centers are very busy places, I want to know there are enough of them in the area so I can stay on my same treatment schedule.

Right now I begin treatment at 5 in the morning. Dialyzing this early in the morning fits into my busy schedule and gives me the rest of the day to get things done. On top of everyday tasks, I babysit for my grandchildren and neighbors multiple times a week. If I were to have to change my schedule because of an overcrowded facility, it would not just affect my life but the lives of those who depend on me to look after their kids. Adding a new dialysis facility would ensure that patients like me can get the times that are most convenient for our lives and schedules.

That is why I am here today to ask that the board to please approve this facility so that people like me can at choose when, where, and who we dialyze with. Please give us choice.

Thank you.

Patricia Bueno

**August 23, 2012**

**Public Hearing Comment #12-047 - US Renal Plainfield**

Good afternoon. My name is Jim Easterbrook, and I am the Director of Business Development for Fresenius Medical Care. My position requires me to focus on sound health planning, just as the Health Facilities and Services Review Board does. My team works to determine whether we are going to serve a community that has a need for outpatient dialysis. We saw the need in the Plainfield and Bolingbrook areas years ago, and in fact filed an application to establish a facility in Plainfield three separate times over a six year period- with the third application being approved in 2008. The facility opened in January 2010 and was at 80% target utilization within one year - even though the Board's rules allow for a ramp up time of two years. Today there is a significant need for additional dialysis stations in this area. The details of why there is a need are supported in the Fresenius North Plainfield application. The physicians who provided patient data in support of the Fresenius facility have a proven track record and they have a significant number of patients who will require dialysis in the next year to two years.

Today's hearing was called on behalf of US Renal to support its project, which was filed after the Fresenius North Plainfield application. It seems straight forward that if the Board sees a need for additional stations, it should approve the Fresenius facility for no other reason than it will be heard first, and that is the Board's policy. If it approves the Fresenius facility - then there is no need for two facilities - at least not both ramping up within literally one month of each other. Therefore I oppose the US Renal facility under basic premises of business development and health planning.

US Renal has dialysis facilities in the following locations: Bolingbrook, Oakbrook, Villa Park and Streamwood. It now proposes to build in Lemont and Plainfield. Fresenius currently serves those areas, but also serves underserved neighborhoods of west and south Chicago such as Austin, Humboldt Park, Englewood as well as towns of Aurora and Waukegan. Fresenius has been in some of these diverse and economically challenged communities for years. It recently was approved to go into Cicero and East Joliet, where the populations are diverse and economically challenged. While the US Renal Plainfield application is extensively padded (over 30 pages) with information and statistics regarding the Latino and African American population in Plainfield and Will County, any claim to serve a diverse community is questionable based upon the markets where they have chosen to operate their clinics. According to the US Census Bureau, Plainfield is 82 percent white, 6 percent African American and 11 percent Hispanic, with an average annual household income of \$146,000. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate in Plainfield was 7.5% in April 2012, compared to the state unemployment rate of 8.7%. This is not an application where one would expect a significant emphasis on the ethnic or economic diversity of the constituents to be served, but that is what US Renal has submitted.

I urge the Board to recognize that while Fresenius may be a large company with many clinics in our state, it serves residents throughout all areas of Illinois. Fresenius proudly serves rural, urban, and economically challenged areas. Our size allows us to serve areas where the bottom line per clinic may break-even or perform at a loss. We can do this by leveraging the financially stable clinics to support those that need additional resources. It is also important to note that US Renal is the third largest provider of dialysis in the United States. It is no small company, but is simply a newer entrant to the Illinois market.

In summary, the US Renal application should be denied, because by the time it is presented to the Board, the Fresenius Plainfield North project will have been reviewed and potentially approved. If the Fresenius project is not approved based upon need in the area, then this US Renal application, which is the subject of today's hearing, should be denied for the same reason.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Jim Easterbrook  
Director of Business Development



## Fresenius Medical Care

August 23, 2012

### Public Hearing Opposition Comment #12-047 - US Renal Plainfield

My name is Lori Wright, and I am the Senior CON specialist for Fresenius Medical Care. I have been in this role for 10 years now. During this time I have seen dialysis providers occasionally oppose each other's projects in the CON process, but not often. When they did it was on the basis of the need and merit of the applications - not by alleging monopolies, poor quality and other erroneous things. Unfortunately, the Certificate of Need climate surrounding dialysis applications has changed drastically, and this occurred when US Renal entered the market last summer. Its first three applications were unprecedented in that instead of addressing the merit and need for the project; the applications were based on denigrating Fresenius Medical Care in order to gain approval. They further argued that patients and physicians required a choice of providers. US Renal called public hearings on their own projects in order to parade patients who would rave about them and talk of dissatisfaction with Fresenius. I believe US Renal did this and is still doing it because it is very clear that on the merits, most of their applications would fail. Illinois dialysis providers have not historically promoted their projects in this manner, but it appears that this is the now the way to get a project approved and we object to maneuvering through the CON process in this manner.

Historically Fresenius has not generally opposed other dialysis company's applications. We believed, as did other companies, that the best approach was to file our applications and let the chips fall where they may. Any opposition that existed was based on the application itself. We were approved or not approved and all providers were treated the same way. That process worked and we had no problem with it. We do have a problem however with other companies maligning Fresenius Medical Care on quality, calling us a monopoly and alleging we act against choice simply because we happen to be the historical provider in the area. We also have a problem when US Renal implicitly argues our applications should be denied because we are big and offer poor quality of care, and its applications should be approved because they raise the bar and offer choice. However, its tactics are working because all US Renal applications have been approved, while some Fresenius applications, that meet the exact same criteria and are within minutes of each other in the same HSA are being denied. I urge the Board to recognize that the arguments US Renal is making are intentionally misleading. Fresenius quality is excellent and measurable, because we have been in Illinois for 30 plus years. US Renal has no quality record here. Further, choice is not an issue the Board should consider and even if it does, in the Plainfield market it is irrelevant - patients already have a choice of US Renal, Sun Health, DaVita and Fresenius.

I would like to note that Fresenius works with physician groups that are completely independent - the same is true with US Renal. Our comments today are not intended to include the physicians who support the US Renal Plainfield application. We are certain they see the need in Plainfield, just like Dr. Alausa and his partners do, and want to address it for their patients. Our proposed Plainfield North facility would be open to them so they could admit and see their patients there - just like all of our clinics are.

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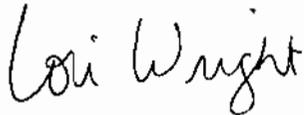
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I would like to point out that we did not call this hearing - US Renal had it called on its behalf. Personally, I agree with the public having a voice, but calling one's own hearings to put on a show is a waste of everyone's time. Their goal is to have our Fresenius Plainfield North project denied and theirs approved - despite the exact same rules applying to both.

Finally, I am concerned that by coming here today and speaking out in our defense, we will be termed "mudslingers". This has happened in the past. I urge the Board to understand we are simply defending our reputation and our business.

In conclusion there is a need for one facility in Plainfield, and you will hear Fresenius' application in September. I urge you to approve it. You will hear the US Renal Plainfield application in October, and with the approval of the Fresenius facility having occurred, it will be unnecessary. So, I urge you to deny it.

Thank you for your time here today.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cori Wright". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Thank you for your time here today."

## Statements

My name is Asim Shazzad and I am the Chief Operating Officer at Kidney Care Center in Joliet, Illinois. I did not come here prepared to oppose and make a statement about U.S. Renal, but the ~~lies and accusations~~ have compelled me to make a statement. U.S. Renal has stated over and over again that they are giving patients another choice. U.S. Renal has the same medical directors as DaVita managing their facilities. They have former Fresenius and DaVita employees working in their units. They also use Fresenius dialyzers in their facilities. How are they any different? How are they giving choices?

They have also stated that they have better outcomes than Fresenius and DaVita. In the past two (2) years, the State Board has approved 4-5 U.S. Renal Care applications. None of those clinics are functioning or operating. I do not know their intentions, they are very unclear. U.S. Renal has no quality data in the state of Illinois as well. I believe the board should require quality data to be shown before more U.S. Renal applications are approved. Other dialysis companies such as Fresenius Medical Care and DaVita have all shown quality data in there applications. ~~Why is U.S. Renal excluded from this requirement?~~

I don't know where their dedication lies in treating dialysis patients.

**TESTIMONY OF PHILIP R. O'CONNOR, Ph.D.**  
**TO THE ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**  
**IN THE MATTER OF U.S. RENAL CARE PLAINFIELD DIALYSIS FACILITY**

*Introduction and Background*

My name is Philip R. O'Connor. I am testifying in support of the application submitted by the limited liability company applicant associated with U.S. Renal Care, Inc. ("U.S. Renal") to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for a Certificate of Need ("CoN") for the U.S. Renal Care Dialysis facility to be located in Plainfield, Illinois.

At the request of the legal representatives for U.S. Renal, I have examined a number of related topics with respect to the CoN application. I believe that there are compelling reasons for approval of the application.

My views on this matter are informed by my background in economic regulation and by my lengthy experience related to health insurance as well as life, property and casualty insurance. I have served as Illinois Director of Insurance, the State's chief insurance regulator and as Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission, the State's utility regulatory agency. I hold a doctorate in Political Science from Northwestern University and have had an extensive consulting career involving economic competition in regulated industries. A copy of my resume is attached to this testimony as Appendix 1.

During my tenure as Illinois Director of Insurance, I was deeply involved in some of the earliest efforts to adjust medical insurance reimbursement methods to encourage improved utilization and to support development of lower cost treatment venues. As an insurance and utility regulator, as well as in my consulting and other professional business endeavors, I have been actively involved with market and competitive assessments in regulated industries.

### *Framework for Consideration of This Certificate of Need Application*

In its consideration of the U.S. Renal Care application, the Board may exercise its expert judgment by taking into account information beyond that which is included in the general planning model that assesses the need for dialysis services in HSA 9 in which Plainfield is located.

The Board, as always, is in the position of considering U.S. Renal's application in terms of what it means for people requiring renal dialysis for a range of renal conditions. The Board is also in a position to consider issues of access and availability in specific locations within the planning areas and to determine how to take into account information that may not be fully contemplated by the planning model.

It is important to consider the extent to which demographic changes in a planning area or in a community may not be fully considered in the general planning model. It is my understanding that the most recent iteration of the Board's planning model was carried out using 2008 baseline population estimates. Although the five-year model specifies a multiple of 1.33 of 2008 ESRD patients to project 2013 patient figures, Board judgment is likely required when the configuration of the population in terms of age structure and ethno-racial make-up departs significantly from those assumed in setting the standard multiplier.

### *Age and Ethno-Racial Demographics: Implication for ESRD*

The prevalence of ESRD across racial, ethnic and age cohorts can be analyzed in any number of ways. However, there are certain widely understood realities.<sup>1</sup>

First, the frequency of ESRD increases substantially for the portion of the population 45 years and older, with the 65-74 age group having the highest overall rates of prevalence. Chart 1 shows the ESRD diagnosed age curve in 2008, with prevalence peaking in the 65-74 age group. Chart 2 illustrates the dramatic increase between 1980 and 2008 in diagnosed ESRD among the various age

cohorts. In 1980, prevalence rates were well below 1,000 per million for all age groups. By 2008, a rate of nearly 6,000 per million had been attained by the 65-74 age group.

Second, prevalence rates for African-Americans and Hispanics are considerably higher than for non-Hispanic Caucasians, regardless of age. Chart 3 illustrates the relative diagnosed ESRD prevalence rates over time for the various ethno-racial groupings. While rates for all groups have risen since 1980, that for African-Americans has risen much more steeply. However, as Chart 3 also shows, the rate for Hispanics has risen more steeply than that for the population overall.

Chart 4 shows that in 2008, diagnosed ESRD prevalence in the general African-American population, with a rate of 5,205 per million, was roughly equal to the prevalence of ESRD in the portion of the overall general population that is over the age of 75. In the case of the general Hispanic population, prevalence at a rate of 2,458 per million was nearly half-again higher than that of the general population at 1,699 per million.

### *Three Key Issues to Consider*

I see three issues that, when considered together, result in a compelling argument for approval of U.S. Renal's CoN application.

These issues are:

- Demographic changes in HSA 9 as well as the stunning general growth trends in Plainfield, which straddles the boundary between the two planning areas, that include significant growth in at-risk ethno-racial population cohorts;
- Ease and convenience of patient access to dialysis modalities in the area surrounding Plainfield in light of the rapid growth in an area that is becoming increasingly traffic congested; and

- The value to ESRD patients of options that include both facility-based and self-administered home-based treatment.

With respect to all three of these issues, outcomes are likely to be better if U.S. Renal is allowed to open and operate a 13-station facility in Plainfield.

### *Demographic Change in HSA 9*

Appendix 2 contains underlying data relevant to the following.

Between the 2000 and 2010 censuses, population growth in HSA 9 was 37%, with almost 258,000 on a 2000 total of 698,178 such that the 2010 census total was 955,808. HSA 9 should exceed 1 million in the next few years.

Along with the substantial general population growth in HSA 9, there has been significant change in the portion of the population at higher risk of ESRD. The African-American and Hispanic population segments in HSA 9 grew faster than did the general population.

- The African-American population in HSA 9 grew by 30,757 or 44.3%.
- The Hispanic population in HSA 9 grew by 83,613 or 153.7%. This dramatic growth in the Hispanic portion of the population has been dramatic, with the portion of total population classified as Hispanic nearly doubling, from 7.8% in 2000 to 14.4% in 2010.

Although the HSA planning model does not take explicit notice of trends in ethno-racial make-up of the HSA, it is well understood that end stage renal disease ("ESRD") rates are considerably higher among African-American and Hispanic demographic segments than among non-Hispanic white demographic segments. The African-American ESRD rate has been reported to be 3.6 times that among whites in the United States and among Hispanics to be 1.5 times higher than that of non-Hispanics.<sup>2</sup> The rapid growth in the African-American and Hispanic populations of HSA 9 and specifically in Plainfield's population could, over time,

have profound implications for the need for dialysis services. U.S. Renal's application can be evaluated, at least in part, in terms of a reasonable expectation of higher incidence rates in the future in Plainfield than might be indicated by past rates

*Plainfield: Fast-Growing and Demographically Diverse*

Appendix 2 contains underlying data relevant to the following

Anyone familiar with Plainfield only from 20 years ago or even from 10 years ago would find it a far larger and much more diverse community today. Plainfield is one of the fastest growing towns in America as well as in Illinois.

The 2010 census showed a Plainfield population three times its size in 2000, growing from just over 13,000 to almost 40,000 – 204%. Plainfield is certain to grow considerably more.

Plainfield's growth has occurred such that its age balance in 2010 is largely the same as it was 2000. For example, with regard to ESRD at-risk age groupings, the portion under the age of 45 constituted 74.4% in 2000 and 73% in 2010, with those 45 and over accounting, respectively for 25.6 and 27%. Of course, the absolute numbers of people in the more vulnerable age groupings 45 and over have increased as the total Plainfield population has more than tripled between 2000 and 2010 – and has continued to grow.

Although the age balance has remained fairly static as total population increased dramatically, Plainfield has experienced substantial growth in the numbers of African-American and Hispanic residents who are at higher risk of ESRD. Plainfield's African-American population grew by 1902% from just 110 to 2,202. The Hispanic population in the Village grew by 743% from 504 to 4,247. As with general population growth in Plainfield, there is every reason to believe that the higher risk African-American and Hispanic populations will grow faster than the general rate of growth.

### *Patient Access*

Beyond the basic issue of increased ESRD prevalence rates that may be correlated with increased portion of the HSA 9 population that is African-American and Hispanic, there is the question of ease, convenience and certainty of timely access to dialysis services. Patient access is also closely related to cost issues, as addressed below.

A key principle in the creation of dialysis centers was that such centers could provide a combination of better, easier, more convenient access for patients trying to lead normal lives in contrast to the higher-cost, less "user-friendly" hospital setting. Indeed, the Board's mission includes helping to better assure access to lower cost yet high quality services.

There are various ways to consider improvements in patient access.

First, the Chicago metropolitan area, of which HSA 9 is a part, is experiencing increased traffic congestion due to the inherent lag in road and public transit improvements in line with population growth. For example, Chicago area drivers are tied for "worst place" with drivers in the Washington D.C. area for time wasted due to traffic congestion.<sup>3</sup>

It is customary to focus on expressway congestion that contributes to the City of Chicago having the most acute congestion and lost time calculations. However, two facts should attract our interest in considering the nature of congestion as it relates to the issue of dialysis dispersion and accessibility in the suburban areas that comprise HSA 9. First, many of the drivers losing time and being delayed by expressway traffic congestion within the City of Chicago are commuters who reside or work in the suburban areas. These drivers will include people who require dialysis services themselves or are responsible for transportation of family or friends to dialysis centers. Second, in contrast to the Chicago Central Business District and balance of the City where 61% and 49% of congestion occur,

respectively, on arterial roadways rather than on expressways, the figure for the remainder of the 6-county area is a far higher 93%.<sup>4</sup>

Most dialysis centers are located on or proximate to arterial roadways in the suburban areas that are the main sources of congestion. While dialysis center locations relative to arterials are not susceptible to much change, the placement of additional centers in HSA 9 will certainly facilitate patient access.

Second, it would be unrealistic to believe that patterns of seeking access to health care services are identical across demographic groups. The increase in African-American and Hispanic populations in HSA 9 necessarily raises the question of what should be done to better assure that the many new residents accounting for this demographic change will have sufficient information, language skills, social networks, transport and, perhaps most importantly, other medical care such as pre-dialysis treatment by a nephrologist. For example, among new entrants to ESRD treatment, there was a marked difference between African-American and white patients who had not had prior nephrologist care, those figures being 47% and 41.4% respectively.<sup>5</sup>

To the extent that outreach and other programs either succeed or fail to largely close the gap described above, there will be varying impacts on dialysis demand and utilization.

Third, there is the question of whether the configuration of dialysis centers in HSA 9 is fully adequate to accommodate existing demand for center-based dialysis. To the extent that there is population expansion in specific areas, such as in Bolingbrook, but where there appears are few dialysis stations, situations could easily develop in which physicians may find it necessary to delay discharging patients from hospitals due to difficulties in arranging close-to-home, near-term appointments for patients at dialysis centers.

### *Patient Options*

The U.S. Renal CoN application offers an opportunity to increase treatment modality options for patients in several respects. Importantly, these options ought to result in greater opportunities for more patients to access dialysis treatment that is both lower cost and more satisfying to them in terms of their life-style, work-life and other needs.

The 2010 USRDS Annual Report has sounded the alarm in noting that while the dialysis patient population has grown many-fold in the past three decades, the peritoneal dialysis population, that is served at lower cost, has grown much more slowly.<sup>6</sup> Peritoneal dialysis is found by many patients to be a satisfying alternative and even preferable to hemodialysis,<sup>7</sup> and the patient outcomes of the two modalities are converging.<sup>8</sup> Thus there would be a healthy challenge to any tendency toward excessive reliance on in-center hemodialysis.

U.S. Renal is strictly in the patient treatment business and does not manufacture dialysis related supplies and is therefore neutral from a supply and equipment standpoint and not at risk of suffering from any disincentives that might create internal conflict with optimizing patient outcomes. U.S. Renal is specifically proposing as part of its plan the offering of in-home peritoneal dialysis when appropriate for the patient. This sort of offering would help to create an information environment for patients that would encourage other care providers to maximize patient satisfaction, whether through conventional hemodialysis or peritoneal methods.

### *Exercise of the Board's Judgment*

The in-place model utilized by the Board in estimating the need for dialysis services is one anchored in an estimation technique that assumes that the need for various services will be based on those experienced by the general population. The Board, however, is in a position to exercise its judgment in order to anticipate greater demand than that indicated by the standard model over the planning

period due to growth of more vulnerable ethno-racial groups as a percentage of the total population. Therefore, it is a matter for the Board's expert judgment to adjust for both the compounded impact of trends in rapid overall population growth and major changes in ethno-racial composition of the relevant populations.

My recommendation to the Board is that it approve the application of U.S. Renal for 13 dialysis stations in Plainfield in anticipation of the near-certain need for additional dialysis service due to the increase in ESRD prevalence due to the trends in total population growth and the significant increase in ethno-racial groupings with higher risk of ESRD than for the overall population.

## ENDNOTES

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<sup>1</sup> The data presented in this testimony is based on materials available from the 2010 United States Census and from the United States Renal Data Service 2010 Annual Report Volume 2 "Atlas of End Stage Renal Disease", [http://www.usrds.org/2010/pdf/v2\\_02.pdf](http://www.usrds.org/2010/pdf/v2_02.pdf)

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<sup>7</sup> See Rubin, Haya R. et al, "Patient Ratings of Dialysis Care with Peritoneal Dialysis vs. Hemodialysis" *Journal of the American Medical Association*, February 11, 2004, Vol. 291, No. 6.

<sup>8</sup> See "PD and HD Outcomes and Associated Clinical Factors", *Advanced Renal Education*, Fresenius Medical Care North America, 2010.

## Appendix 1

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President, PROactive-Strategies, Inc. (1998-Present)

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Ministerial Advisor (Electricity), U.S. Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq (2007-8) through Parsons-Brinckerhoff under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Principal/Partner, Coopers & Lybrand Consulting/Palmer Bellevue (1995-1998)

Managing Director, Palmer Bellevue, a Division of Coopers & Lybrand (1994-1995)

President and Chairman, Palmer Bellevue Corporation (1986-1993)

Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission (1983 - 1985)

• Member, National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (1983-1985)

Director, Illinois Department of Insurance (1979 - 1982)

Assistant to the Director and Deputy Director for Research and Urban Affairs,  
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Administrative Assistant to U.S. Representative George Miller (7<sup>th</sup>-CA) (1974-1977)

Assistant to California Senate Majority Leader, George Moscone (1973 - 1974)

Administrative Aide to Illinois Governor Richard B. Ogilvie (1969 - 1973)

### **Public & Political Service, Corporate Boards** (partial list)

- Political Director, Citizens for Governor Thompson (1982)
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- General Chairman, Citizens for Governor Edgar (1994)
- Chairman of the Illinois Health Care Reform Task Force (1993-1994)
- Chairman, Illinois Task Force on Human Services Consolidation (1996-1998)
- Member, Illinois State Board of Elections (1998-2004)
- Member, Children & Families Transition Committee, Gov-Elect George Ryan (1998)
- Chairman, Interim Board of the Illinois Insurance Exchange (1998)
- Illinois Commerce Commission Millennium Review Committee (2000-2001)
- Member, Bush-Cheney Transition Advisory Committee on Energy (2001)
- Member, Board of Irish Life of North America (ILoNA Financial) (1992-2002)
- Chairman, Illinois Inter-Departmental Insurance Tax Task Force (2000-2004)
- Loyola University of Chicago Rome Center Alumni Board (1998-2004)
- Member of the Advisory Board, Loyola University Museum of Art (2004-Present)
- Member, Board of Delphi Financial Group (NYSE:DFG) (2003-2012)
- Member, Board of Reliance Standard Life Insurance (1993-Present)
- Member, Board of Safety National Casualty Company (2012-Present)
- Member, Illinois Carbon Capture and Sequestration Commission (2009-Present)
- Member, Board of Haymarket Center of Chicago (2011-present)
- Member, Board of World Engagement Institute (2012-present)

### **Education**

- 1966 - 1968 University of San Francisco
- 1968 - 1969 Loyola University of Chicago, Rome Center for Liberal Arts
- 1969 - 1970 Loyola University of Chicago, A.B. *Magna cum laude*
- 1971 Northwestern University, Graduate School, Political Science M.A. *Co-optation: A Re-definition and the Case of Chicago*
- 1979 Ph.D. Political Science Dissertation: *Metrosim: A Computer Simulation Model of U.S. Urban Systems*

### **Academic**

- 1973 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Advanced Study Institute  
Summer Fellow – Polytechnic of Central London
- 1997 & 1998 Co-Instructor with Professor Alan Gitelson, Loyola University of Chicago  
*Money, Media, Message, Measurement & Motivation: Political Campaigns in the 90s*, an upper division undergraduate course
- 1998 & 1999 Instructor, *The Politics of Deregulation*, Kellogg Graduate School of  
Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
- 2005 – 2012 Guide for student tour, *World War II in Rome and Italy*, John Felice Rome Center,  
of Loyola University Chicago

## Appendix 2

### HSA 7 Population by Race (2000 Census data)

	Cook County	City of Chicago	Suburban Cook County*	DuPage County	Total
Hispanic or Latino	1,071,740	753,644	318,096	81,366	399,462
Black or African American alone	1,405,361	1,065,009	340,352	27,600	367,952
Total Population	5,376,741	2,896,014	2,480,727	904,161	3,384,888

### HSA 7 Population by Race (2010 Census data)

	Cook County	City of Chicago	Suburban Cook County*	DuPage County	Total
Hispanic or Latino	1,244,762	778,862	465,900	121,506	587,406
Black or African American alone	1,287,767	887,608	400,159	42,346	442,505
Total Population	5,194,675	2,695,598	2,499,077	916,924	3,416,001

### HSA 7 Population by Race (2000-2010 Change)

	2000 Total Population	% Total	2010 Total Population	% Total	% Change
Hispanic or Latino	399,462	11.8%	587,406	17.2%	5.4%
Black or African American alone	367,952	10.9%	442,505	13.0%	2.1%
Total Population	3,384,888		3,416,001		

\*Cook County Excluding City of Chicago

### HSA 9 Population by Race (2000 Census data)

	Grundy County	Kankakee County	Kendall County	Will County	Total Population
Hispanic or Latino	1,552	4,959	4,086	43,768	54,365
Black or African American alone	71	16,065	718	52,509	69,363
Total:	37,535	103,833	54,544	502,266	698,178

### HSA 9 Population by Race (2010 Census data)

	Grundy County	Kankakee County	Kendall County	Will County	Total Population
Hispanic or Latino	4,096	10,167	17,898	105,817	137,978
Black or African American alone	605	17,187	6,585	75,743	100,120
Total:	50,063	113,449	114,736	677,560	955,808

### HSA 9 Population by Race (2000-2010 Change)

	2000 Total Population	% Total	2010 Total Population	% Total	% Change
Hispanic or Latino	54,365	7.8%	137,978	14.4%	6.6%
Black or African American alone	69,363	9.9%	100,120	10.5%	0.5%
Total:	698,178		955,808		

### HSA 7 and HSA 9 Combined Population by Race (2000-2010 Change)

	2000 Total Population	% Total	2010 Total Population	% Total	% Change
Hispanic or Latino	453,827	11.1%	725,384	16.6%	5.5%
Black or African American alone	437,315	10.7%	542,625	12.4%	1.7%
Total Population	4,083,066		4,371,809		

**HSA 7 Population by Age Group**

	2000 Total	2010 Total	Change	% Change
Under 5 years	235,528	213,546	-21,982	-9.3%
5 to 9 years	251,557	228,190	-23,367	-9.3%
10 to 14 years	247,419	240,985	-6,434	-2.6%
15 to 17 years	145,307	155,359	10,052	6.9%
18 and 19 years	83,045	87,217	4,172	5.0%
20 years	39,149	39,313	164	0.4%
21 years	37,184	38,181	997	2.7%
22 to 24 years	122,258	126,479	4,221	3.5%
25 to 29 years	225,768	219,651	-6,117	-2.7%
30 to 34 years	245,842	213,583	-32,259	-13.1%
35 to 39 years	276,735	221,585	-55,150	-19.9%
40 to 44 years	284,025	236,050	-47,975	-16.9%
45 to 49 years	252,887	260,510	7,623	3.0%
50 to 54 years	221,314	266,958	45,644	20.6%
55 to 59 years	167,672	230,640	62,968	37.6%
60 and 61 years	54,767	80,890	26,123	47.7%
62 to 64 years	74,175	108,069	33,894	45.7%
65 and 66 years	44,259	56,324	12,065	27.3%
67 to 69 years	64,836	76,915	12,079	18.6%
70 to 74 years	105,176	97,827	-7,349	-7.0%
75 to 79 years	90,711	79,483	-11,228	-12.4%
80 to 84 years	62,307	68,029	5,722	9.2%
85 years and over	52,967	70,217	17,250	32.6%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,384,888</b>	<b>3,416,001</b>	<b>31,113</b>	
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>420,256</b>	<b>448,795</b>	<b>28,539</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>% Total</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	

**HSA 9 Population by Age Group**

	2000 Total	2010 Total	Change	% Change
Under 5 years	56,153	70,435	14,282	25.4%
5 to 9 years	59,654	78,695	19,041	31.9%
10 to 14 years	56,735	79,240	22,505	39.7%
15 to 17 years	32,353	47,061	14,708	45.5%
18 and 19 years	18,787	25,784	6,997	37.2%
20 years	8,575	11,176	2,601	30.3%
21 years	7,684	10,227	2,543	33.1%
22 to 24 years	23,062	30,694	7,632	33.1%
25 to 29 years	45,367	56,623	11,256	24.8%
30 to 34 years	55,207	64,788	9,581	17.4%
35 to 39 years	63,170	73,510	10,340	16.4%
40 to 44 years	59,963	76,223	16,260	27.1%
45 to 49 years	50,304	75,182	24,878	49.5%
50 to 54 years	42,430	66,488	24,058	56.7%
55 to 59 years	31,567	53,847	22,280	70.6%
60 and 61 years	9,856	18,528	8,672	88.0%
62 to 64 years	12,875	25,328	12,453	96.7%
65 and 66 years	7,542	13,296	5,754	76.3%
67 to 69 years	10,493	17,683	7,190	68.5%
70 to 74 years	16,417	21,623	5,206	31.7%
75 to 79 years	13,703	15,780	2,077	15.2%
80 to 84 years	8,967	12,128	3,161	35.3%
85 years and over	7,314	11,469	4,155	56.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>698,178</b>	<b>955,808</b>	<b>257,630</b>	
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>64,436</b>	<b>91,979</b>	<b>27,543</b>	<b>42.7%</b>
<b>% Total</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	

Plainfield Village Demographic Analysis  
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	TOTAL CHANGE				% of Population		
	2000	2010	Change	% Change	2000	2010	Change
Under 5 years	1,248	3,477	2,229	179%	9.6%	8.8%	-0.8%
5 to 9 years	1,276	4,335	3,059	240%	9.8%	11.0%	1.2%
10 to 14 years	1,101	4,092	2,991	272%	8.4%	10.3%	1.9%
15 to 19 years	800	2,936	2,136	267%	6.1%	7.4%	1.3%
20 to 24 years	551	1,464	913	166%	4.2%	3.7%	-0.5%
25 to 34 years	2,023	4,239	2,216	110%	15.5%	10.7%	-4.8%
35 to 44 years	2,596	8,364	5,668	210%	20.7%	21.1%	0.5%
45 to 54 years	1,725	5,595	3,870	224%	13.2%	14.1%	0.9%
55 to 59 years	506	1,623	1,117	221%	3.9%	4.1%	0.2%
60 to 64 years	294	1,377	1,083	368%	2.3%	3.5%	1.2%
65 to 74 years	427	1,269	842	197%	3.3%	3.2%	-0.1%
75 to 84 years	295	536	241	82%	2.3%	1.4%	-0.9%
85 years and over	96	274	178	185%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>13,038</b>	<b>39,581</b>	<b>26,543</b>	<b>204%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Black or African American	110	2,202	2,092	1902%	0.8%	5.6%	4.7%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	504	4,247	3,743	743%	3.9%	10.7%	6.9%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>13,038</b>	<b>39,581</b>	<b>26,543</b>	<b>204%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Chart 1

# 2008 ESRD Adjusted Prevalent Rate by Age Group

(Source: U.S. Renal Data Service, 2010 Annual Data Report: Volume 2 Atlas of End Stage Renal Disease, figure 2.12)

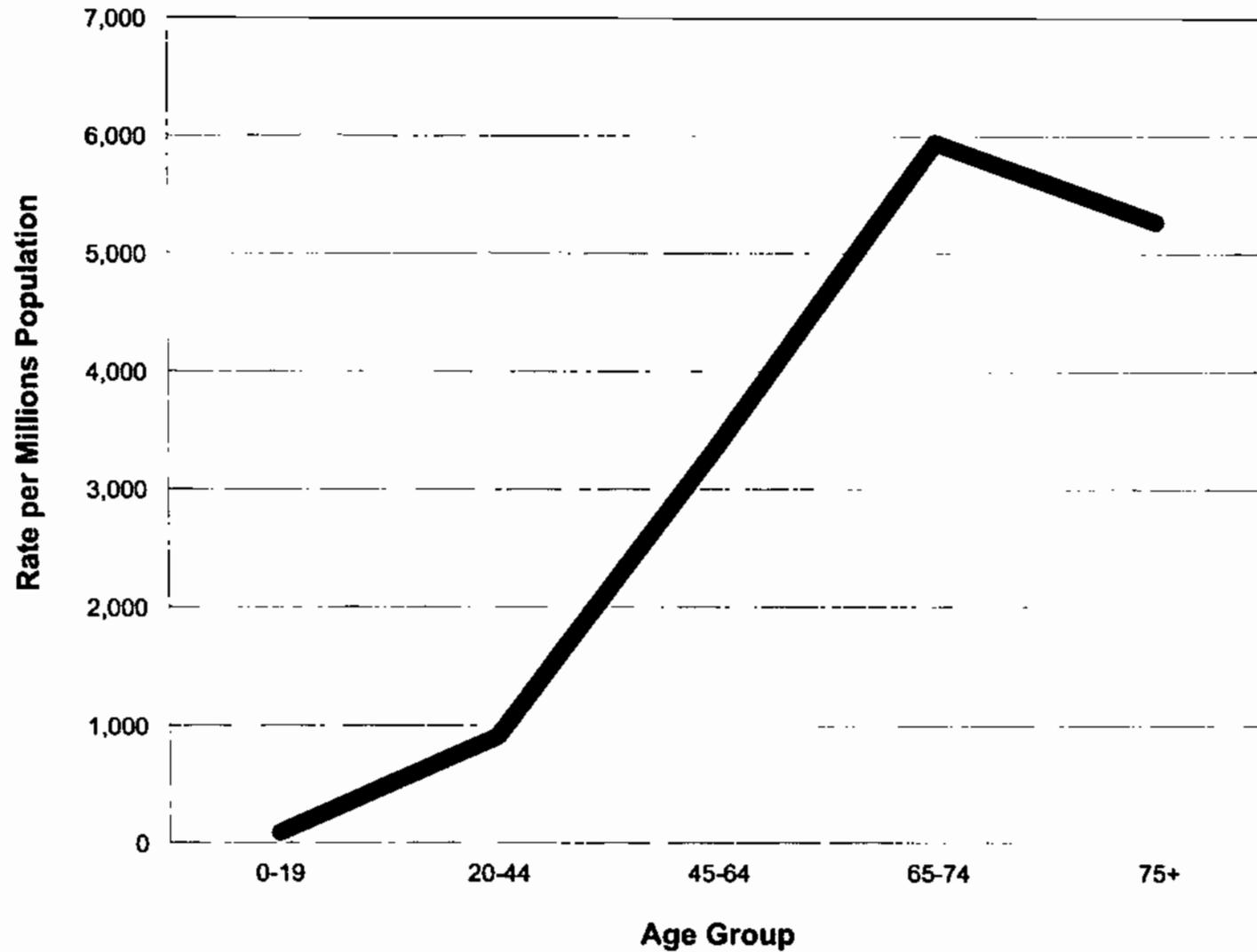


Chart 2

# Growth in ESRD Adjusted Prevalent Rate by Age Group

(Source: U.S. Renal Data Service, 2010 Annual Data Report: Volume 2 Atlas of End Stage Renal Disease, at 258)

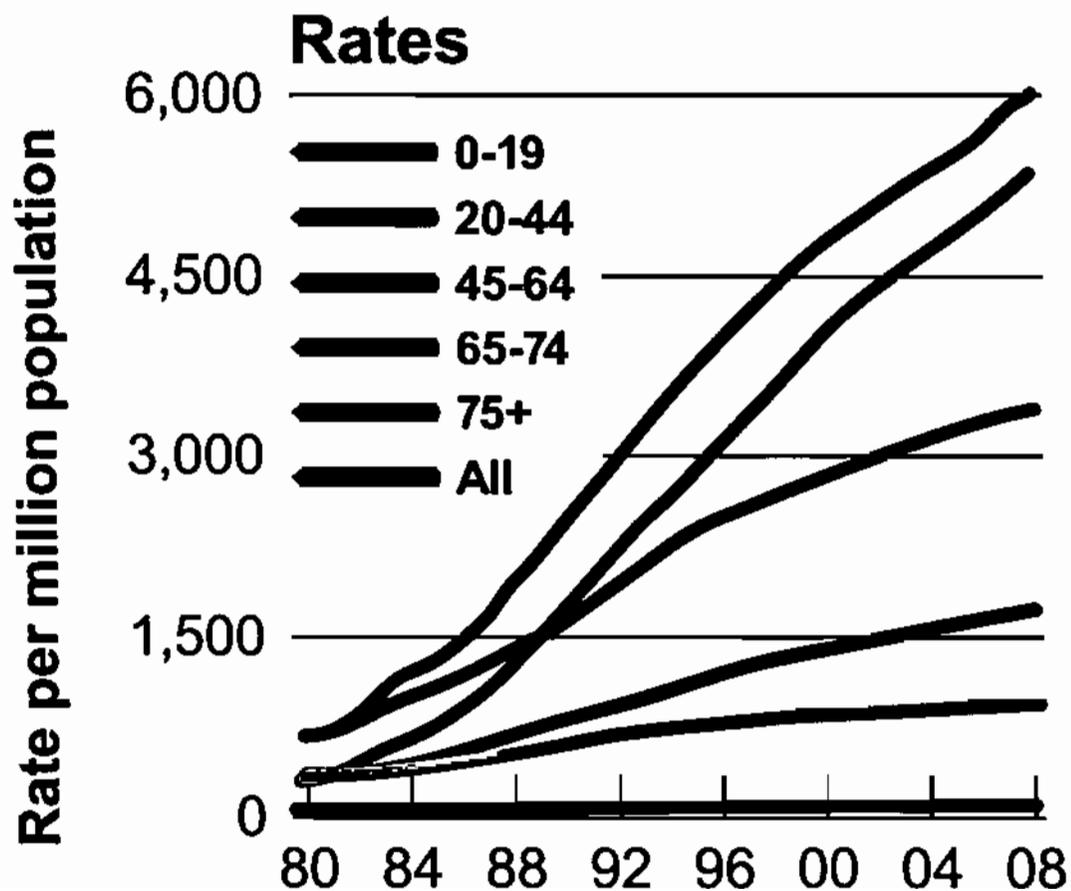
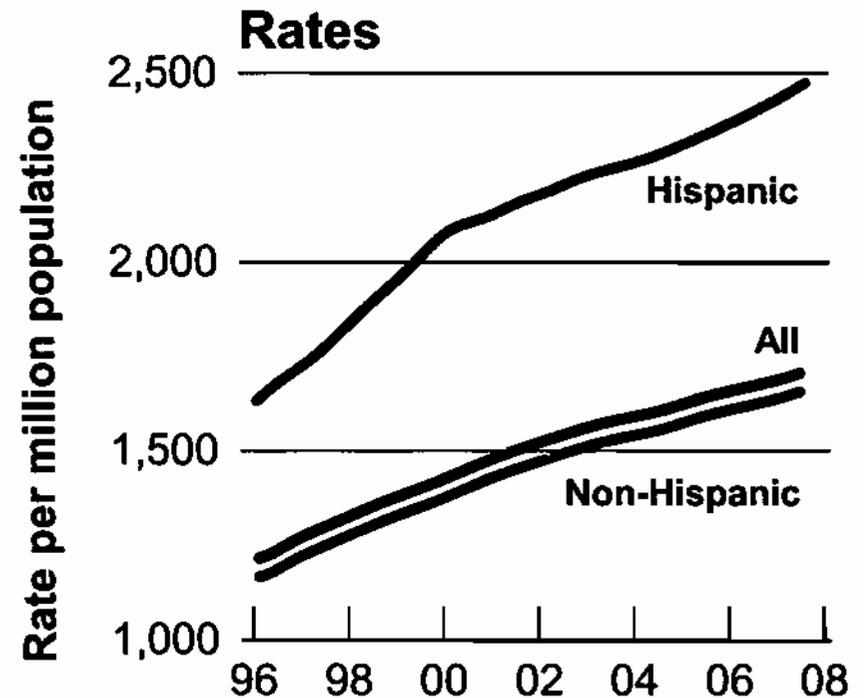
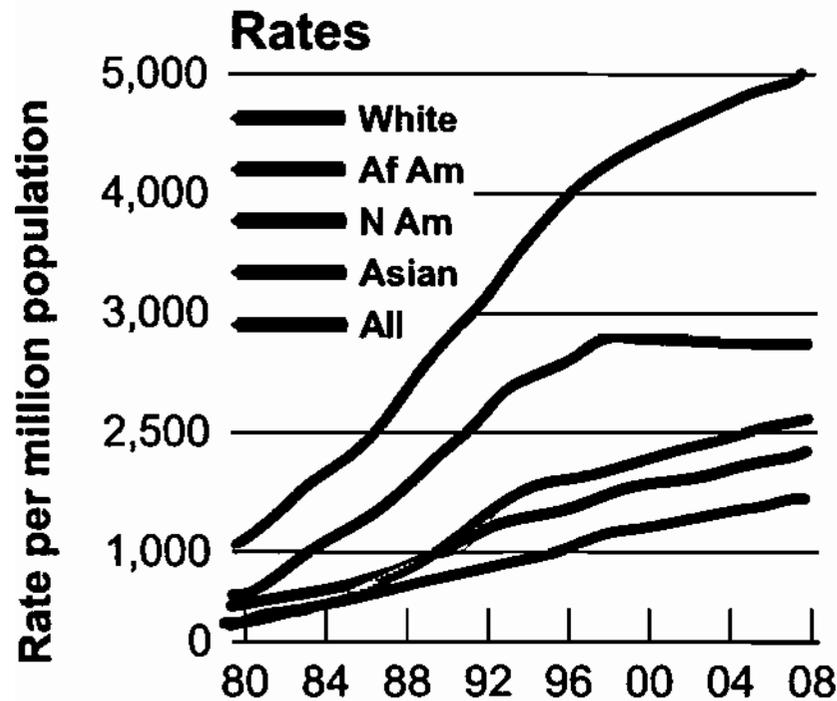


Chart 3

# Growth in ESRD Adjusted Prevalent Rate by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity

(Source: U.S. Renal Data Service, 2010 Annual Data Report: Volume 2 Atlas of End Stage Renal Disease, at 258)



## 2008 ESRD Adjusted Prevalent Rate for Select Age Groups, Race or Ethnicity

(Source: U.S. Renal Data Service, 2010 Annual Data Report: Volume 2 Atlas of End Stage Renal Disease, at 259)

<b>OVERALL PREVALENCE OF ESRD</b>	<b>1,699 per million population</b>
Prevalence for Patients 65-74 years	5,941 per million population
Prevalence for Patients 75 years and over	5,266 per million population
Prevalence for African American Population	5,205 per million population
Prevalence for Hispanic Population	2,458 per million population
<b>Average High Risk Prevalence (Mixed Average)</b>	<b>4,718 per million population</b>

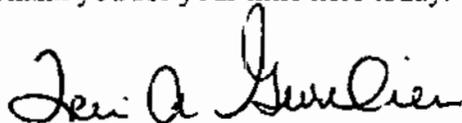
August 23, 2012

**Public Hearing Comment #12-047 - US Renal Plainfield**

Good morning/afternoon. My name is Teri Gurchiek and I am the Area Manager for the existing Plainfield Fresenius facility. It is a busy facility, currently at 82% utilization. I believe there is a need for another dialysis facility in the area, based on what I observe regarding utilization in surrounding clinics. I also note that in this particular service area, there are many choices of provider including privately owned entities like Fox Valley and Sun Health, DaVita facilities, US Renal facilities and Fresenius facilities. If the Board believes there is a need it should have approved the Fresenius North Plainfield project by the time this US Renal Plainfield project is heard. If it does not believe there is a need, then it will have turned down the Fresenius North Plainfield project, and should also turn down this project. That would result in a fair and consistent application of the Board's rules.

One thing I do think the Board should know is that I have personally observed Dr. Alausa and his practice and can say nothing but the best things about his patient care and commitment. I also know that when Dr. Alausa says that he has patients who will require dialysis in the next 24 months, he does. Dr. Alausa and his practice admit to clinics in Joliet, Bolingbrook, Plainfield and Mokena, and are very busy physicians, probably because by word of mouth they get a lot of patients. The nephrologists who are going to work with US Renal are Medical Directors at DaVita clinics in Joliet and also admit to area Fresenius clinics and they will be welcome to admit patients to our Plainfield North facility.

Thank you for your time here today.



Teri Gurchiek  
Area Manager

I've been through it all, and dialysis is something I don't wish on anyone. Thankfully, I am one of the lucky ones, and I got a transplant.

But I will tell you, while you're waiting for a kidney, there is nothing more important than having good options for the care that is so critical to your health. We need that in Plainfield.

Everyone should have a choice, and right now I can tell you there isn't one. You need to understand that when you're approving this, you're giving kidney patients a choice in dialysis centers--and that choice is really important.

I was on dialysis for about four years before I got my transplant. I drove myself to treatment, and I did okay, but I know I sure was tired on those drives home. I don't envy anyone who still has to make that drive.

Dr. Ahmed has been my doctor for a while. And she sure is great. I would see her once a week, and she would come check on me at dialysis. She is actually the person who told me I should try for a transplant.

I had tried before, but I was turned down because they told me I was too old. They said there wasn't anyone over 69. But Dr. Ahmed told me the rules were different, and it would be worth a shot to try again. And then, at the age of 80--with Dr. Ahmed's help--I got a new kidney.

I had called around to a few places, and my youngest son went with me to my consultation. The doctors were talking about tests and options and everything, and my son just said "Okay, I'll do it." He volunteered for it all. And he was a match.

I was very fortunate to get a kidney transplant. And I could not have done it without Dr. Ahmed. Yes, she told me about getting on the transplant list. But she was also very encouraging through the times when I was on dialysis. And that is why I support her, and why I support this new center in Plainfield. She wants to give patients who need dialysis another choice in town. That is something we should all support.

Testimony for Pedro Garcia August 23, 2012 Plainfield –

Hello, I am Pedro Garcia.

→I am not a dialysis patient, but I have stage \_\_\_ kidney disease. Hopefully, I will never have to be on dialysis, but if I do, I want to have a choice in the matter.

→Right now, it seems like other patients don't have much of a choice where they can get treatment. There is only one provider in Plainfield. Yes, there are a couple facilities here, but they don't offer the choice I would want if I had to be on dialysis. We simply need another option in town.

→Plainfield is a big place. The population has grown a lot recently, and it feels like it's getting bigger every day. There has also been a big rise in the Hispanic population here. And, and I have learned, kidney disease is something that disproportionately affects Hispanic people. So, even if I never need dialysis, I think it is safe to say that other people here do. And that number will only get bigger as this town keeps growing.

→In conclusion, I am here because it is critical that you approve this new clinic in Plainfield, not just for me, but for everyone else in this town who needs a choice about where they do their kidney dialysis.