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October 26, 2012

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

RE: Project # 12 - 079
Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is being written to document my support for Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System.

As Illinois State Senator for the 16th District, I am well aware that Holy Cross Hospital is the lone hospital serving a large and densely populated area of Chicago's southwest side. This area is economically and health services challenged. I also know that the Sisters of St. Casimir have experienced severe difficulties in sponsoring the hospital without the benefits of being part of a larger system. Healthcare services are desperately needed in the communities served by Holy Cross. The hospital Emergency Room is one of the busiest in Illinois and it receives more ambulances per day than any other state hospital.

The mission of caring for the underserved is shared deeply by Holy Cross Hospital and Sinai Health System. This partnership of Holy Cross Hospital with Sinai Health System will strengthen and sustain vital community health care services. Sinai Health System has, for decades, demonstrated high quality of care for their patients, and the joining of Holy Cross with Sinai Health System will allow critical health services to survive and will improve access to more specialized care when needed.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross' desire to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Y. Collins
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State Senator, 16th District

Southwest Organizing Project

October 27, 2012

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RE: Project # 12-079
Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Southwest Organizing Project for Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System.

The Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) was formed in 1996 to strengthen connections between Chicago's diverse southwest neighborhoods. SWOP currently has 29 member institutions. A multi-issue organization, SWOP is known for work to reduce violence, keeping residents in their homes in the wake of the predatory lending crisis, upholding civil liberties for immigrants and school achievement programs.

Holy Cross Hospital and the Sisters of St. Casimir were founding members of SWOP. This hospital is of immense importance to the continued viability of the surrounding communities. Holy Cross Hospital healthcare services, community leadership, role as an employer and advocacy strengths are all of profound importance and must be maintained. The hospital is truly an anchor for an area that has been severely challenged by years of economic decline. SWOP is proud to be a committed partner to Holy Cross Hospital.

SWOP is also very aware of the longstanding commitment that Sinai Health System has made to quality of care and we are very pleased with the nationally recognized efforts that Sinai hospitals and urban health programs have delivered in improving health outcomes for economically challenged populations. The joining of Holy Cross with Sinai Health System will not only allow Holy Cross to continue to operate as a valued resource within our community, but it will strengthen the hospital and necessary community health services.

SWOP strongly urges the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross' desire to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bartow
Executive Director
Southwest Organizing Project

SWOP

Recognizing the diversity of our community, we are building a broad-based organization of churches, schools and other institutions in Southwest Chicago, which will enable families to exercise common values, determine their own future and connect with each other to improve life in our neighborhoods.



TONI L. FOULKES
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RE: Project # 12-079
Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is being written to document my strong support for Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System.

As Alderman of Chicago's 15th Ward, I know very well that Holy Cross Hospital is a community anchor of the most profound degree. It is the only hospital in a very large geographic area and provides critical care where no other options exist. It is also one of the very largest employers in a financially challenged community and many of the employees live in the surrounding neighborhoods. Emergency services at Holy Cross Hospital are heavily relied upon by area Police Districts, the Chicago Fire Department, Chicago schools and residents. Keeping Holy Cross Hospital and its services vital are of tremendous importance to our community.

Sinai Health System has, for decades, been held in high regard for the quality of care that they provide to their patients. By joining Holy Cross with Sinai Health System an immeasurably valued resource within our community will be sustained and strengthened. This should be encouraged in every way.

I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross' desire to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,

Alderman Toni L. Foulkes
15th Ward



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RE: Project # 12-079
Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is being written to document Metropolitan Family Services Midway support for Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System.

Metropolitan Family Services (MFS) Midway is the southwest side of Chicago's largest social service agency and provides a wide variety of programs and services designed to strengthen families. The majority of the individuals and families we serve are part of the working poor.

Midway Children's Center
3215 West 63rd Street
Chicago, IL 60629
773.884.2350 phone
773.884.2361 fax

For many years, MFS has partnered with Holy Cross Hospital to serve community members that are often in desperate need. For a number of significant reasons (healthcare services, community advocacy, educational resources), Holy Cross Hospital is an essential community institution.

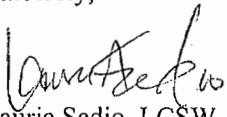
Midway Head Start
6422 South Kedzie
Chicago, IL 60629
773.737.4790 phone
773.737.5766 fax

Sinai Health System has, for decades, been held in high regard for the quality of care that they provide to their patients, and the joining of Holy Cross with Sinai Health System will not only allow Holy Cross to continue to operate a valued resource within our community, but it will strengthen the hospital and necessary community health services.

*Jane Addams Domestic Violence
Court Advocacy Program*
555 West Harrison
Chicago, IL 60607
312.325.9175 phone
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MFS Midway strongly urges the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross' desire to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,


Laurie Sedio, LCSW
Executive Director, Midway

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HOSPITAL

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October 30, 2012

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

RE: Project # 12-079
Holy Cross Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is being written to attest support for Holy Cross Hospital becoming a member of Sinai Health System.

My name is Dr. Paul Allegretti, Chairman of the Holy Cross Hospital Emergency Department. Our Emergency Department is one of the busiest in Illinois. In addition, we receive more EMS ambulances per day than any other Illinois hospital, including Cook County Stroger Hospital.

In 2010 we received 43,878 total ER visits, 46,864 in 2011 and have received 49,383 to date in 2012. In 2010 we received 15,433 ambulance arrivals, 16,153 in 2011 and 17,857 to date in 2012. A large number of our emergency patients are acutely ill and we treat high incidences of cardiac, stroke and trauma conditions. These are conditions where proximity of treatment can be very important and, quite literally, minutes can mean lives. Many of our patients are uninsured or underinsured. We are the lone hospital in a large densely populated area that is home to populations with statistically poor health capacities. In short, the emergency services provided by Holy Cross Hospital are essential.

Holy Cross Hospital joining Sinai Health System will strengthen the long term viability of the hospital, vital emergency services and continue the provision of necessary community health care.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services review Board to support Holy Cross' desire to join Sinai Health System.

Sincerely,

Paul Allegretti, DO, FACOEP, FACOI
Chairman, Department of Emergency Medicine
Holy Cross Hospital