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Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 10:49 AM
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Ms Hills: Please accept the attached letter from Mr. Daniel Fulwiler, CEO of Centro de Salud Esperanza as public comments in support of the above subject project. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks.

John P. Kniery

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There will be a handful of letters coming in today which I will then forward on to you. I would wait till end of day to submit to Courtney. Thanks.



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From: Daniel Fulwiler [<mailto:dan@esperanzachicago.org>]
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Here's your letter.. Good luck!

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January 10, 2013

Dale Galassie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

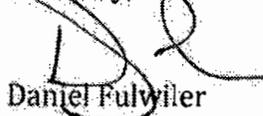
Dear Chairman Galassie:

This letter is in support of the proposed Saint Anthony Hospital Dialysis Center at 3059 W. 26th Street. The purposeful co-location of primary care with dialysis as well as occupational medicine, physical and occupational therapy, radiology, and dental care will establish a financially sustainable, one-stop shop organized specifically around the primary chronic diseases that affect the residents in our geographic area. Our clinic will offer a medical home and promote continuity of care across multiple disciplines in one neighborhood location.

Centro de Salud Esperanza was founded in 2004 to meet the needs of underserved residents of Chicago's Pilsen and Little Village neighborhoods. A group of concerned community members worked with the administration of Saint Anthony Hospital to create Esperanza as a Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). Families in the neighborhood tended to use hospital emergency rooms as their primary care services, perpetuating a system of "unhealthy" healthcare in the community. Families who used only the emergency room - including for routine ailments - never developed the kind of ongoing relationships with a physician that has been shown to lead to good health outcomes. Our staff works with patients to provide social work, mental health, prescription drug assistance and benefits counseling in a safe environment. Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease and End Stage Renal Disease very often have a gamut of other health issues like heart disease, hypertension, diabetes and obesity. Housing multiple services together in one facility ensures that the care patients receive is comprehensive across different disciplines.

The SAH Dialysis Center at 26th Street located in the Little Village Clinic by SAH in collaboration with Esperanza will deliver accessible high-quality healthcare and health advocacy in the community it serves.

Sincerely,


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Rev. Richard Nelson, Pastor



January 8, 2013

Dale Galassie
Chairman, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Chairman Galassie,

Since 1948, Greater Open Door Baptist Church has been a strong fixture in the North Lawndale neighborhood in the City of Chicago's west side. Our congregation has continued to grow and prosper through the years in a community that has so many struggles from gun violence, economic disparity and a community wide epidemic of chronic obesity, hypertension and diabetes. Over the years, I have come to learn that many of our congregants have been diagnosed with chronic kidney disease. The African American community is more than three times likely than Caucasians to be diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease.

I also sit on the Saint Anthony Hospital Mission and Community Board. It is through this work that I and other members of the Board have come to truly appreciate the mission of Saint Anthony Hospital which has always been to provide quality care to those who need it most. As a longstanding presence in our community, both African American and Latino residents have been able to rely on Saint Anthony Hospital for the healthcare, preventative education, and social services. By caring for the whole person and addressing multiple medical conditions an ESRD patient faces by having all the necessary tools the patient would need at one location.

I support Saint Anthony Hospital's proposed dialysis center on 26th Street because Saint Anthony Hospital continues to provide very necessary services that my community needs. Supporting Saint Anthony Hospital's proposed dialysis center is the right thing to do for my congregants.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Richard Nelson", written over a large, faint watermark of the church's logo.

Pastor Richard Nelson
Greater Open Door Baptist Church