



RE: Project #13-011

April 22, 2013

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

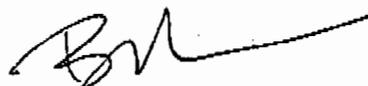
I am writing this letter of support for the Presence Center for Advanced Care, as I am confident that it is destined to become a center of excellence for Presence St Joseph Hospital and a vital part of the Lincoln Park/Chicago community. The goals of the center are many, and while I am not going to highlight all of them, I want to touch on two that are personally important to me.

The Musculoskeletal Institute will provide collaborative care to our patients with a wide variety of issues, from a painful shoulder in a high school pitcher to the antalgic gait of a ninety-year-old woman living in one of the many local senior buildings. Specialists in orthopedics, neurosurgery, rheumatology and rehabilitation will collaborate in person and provide efficient and personalized care from the Center. In this way we will limit the inefficiencies and fragmentation of care that often leaves patients frustrated.

The Center for Cancer Care is another collaborative center that will offer a personalized care experience for our patients. It will utilize an innovative interdisciplinary model to guide our patient's through the challenges associated with the often overwhelming and terrifying diagnosis of cancer.

Thank you for your support of the Presence Center for Advanced Care. As I look ahead to the future opportunities that this center will bring to our patients and community, I am truly excited.

Sincerely,



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Re: Project 13-011

4-20-13

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TO: Ms. Courtney Avery

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Re: Project # 13-011

I have been caring for patients at St Joseph Hospital since 2000 as a resident physician and later as an Attending Physician. I can first hand vouch for St Joseph Hospital's commitment to the community, its vision in expanding care for the neighborhood and outreach for the community's disenfranchised.

I strongly endorse and support the proposed Presence Center for Advanced Care addition to St Joseph Hospital. The new addition will bring much needed quality physician office space; alleviate the difficulties outpatients experience in finding their way through the hospital.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Re: Presence Center for Advanced Care, *Project #13-011*

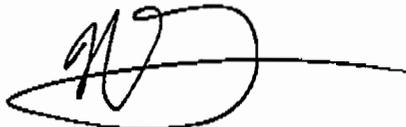
Dear Ms. Avery:

My name is Dr. Nicholas Galanopoulos and I am a radiation oncologist at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago, IL. I am writing this letter in strong support of the proposed Presence Center for Advanced Care.

As an oncologist I see first-hand the struggles my cancer patients must deal with on a daily basis. I am always eager to find ways in which I can improve on their experience while they deal with such a devastating diagnosis. One of the ways I feel we can improve in the care of our cancer patients is by creating a more welcoming and calming environment. The proposed Presence Center for Advanced Care is being planned with the patient at its core. Everything from the building design to the services available at the Center for Cancer Care will be with the patient in mind. In doing so we hope to create a comfortable environment in which we can give our patients high quality cancer care in their own community.

It is my sincere hope that the IHFSRB will give strong consideration to our proposed center so that we can continue in our mission to provide high-quality and compassionate care to patients in our community.

Sincerely,

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Nicholas S. Galanopoulos, MD

April 16, 2013

To:

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Re: Please support project #13-011 - the Presence Center for Advanced Care

Dear Ms. Avery,

Construction of the Presence Center for Advanced Care is critical for physicians and other health care providers to provide the best access of patients in our neighborhood and across the city to the best quality, innovation, and health care service. The design of this facility, it's location in the community, and physical connection to Saint Joseph Hospital will allow us to realize the full potential of comprehensive models for care that we have established. This building will facilitate partnership with patients in planning and delivering their care. It will provide for collaboration between the members of the health care team for efficient, comprehensive care. We sincerely appreciate your support for this project.

Thank you for your consideration,



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In my capacity as President of the Medical Staff, I represent our physicians who see the Presence Center for Advanced Care as a much needed resource, providing more quality office space in our neighborhood and the physical connection of a contemporary outpatient setting to those offices and the hospital itself.

As a long standing member of the medical staff in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, I personally feel that the specific programmatic elements of interest being incorporated into the Presence Center for Advanced Care (such as the Women's Imaging Center) will have a positive impact on my patients and enhance my ability to care for them.

I am in support of the Presence Center for Advanced Care.



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April 17, 2013

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

525 West Jefferson

Springfield, IL 62761

Project #13-011

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing in support of the planned construction of the new outpatient center for Provena St Joseph Hospital in Chicago. I am the section chief for Ophthalmology and have been practicing across the street in the Stone Medical Building since 1983. The hospital first identified the need for a new professional building and Outpatient center almost twenty years ago. This is a very high density neighborhood with many senior citizens. It is much more convenient for patients to stay here in the neighborhood for their health care, rather than travelling to the loop or elsewhere. Unfortunately, there are not any other quality medical office buildings in the immediate area. The Stone building has been full and physicians have had to leave the area to find a good place to practice. Frankly, the Stone building is quite old and dated and the mechanicals are less than ideal.

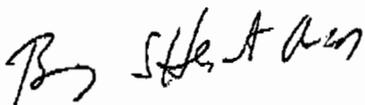
I hope we are able to improve ophthalmological care for the area by improving the surgical facility and having a new outpatient surgical center available. In addition, I believe that the new building will allow St. Joseph to move many of the hospital departments which currently are in hospital patient areas over to the new building and allow conversion of these areas back to private patient rooms. I hope this will

allow the hospital to convert the current double bed rooms over to private patient rooms. This will be very advantageous to patients from both an infection as well as privacy standpoint.

I hope that the review by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board results in approval for this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry S. Herst". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Barry S. Herst, MD

Section Chief, Ophthalmology

Provena St. Joseph Hospital