

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

Applicant: St. Elizabeth's Hospital - Belleville

Project Number: 13-034

Hearing Date: Friday, August 29, 2013

Location: Belleville City Council Chambers, 101 S Illinois Street, Belleville IL 62220

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Hearing Officer: Courtney Avery

Staff Support: Courtney Avery, Administrator

HFSRB Representative: Phillip Bradley, Board Member

Hearing Requested by: St. Elizabeth's Hospital - Belleville

The following summarizes the attendance figures:

Oral/Written Presentations:

Support: 15

Oppose: 3

Registered Attendance Only

Support: 14

Oppose: 1

Neutral: 0

Total individuals registered: 33



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Public Hearing Testimony Registration Form

Facility Name: St. Elizabeth's Hospital - Belleville

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Dana Rosenzweig

City Belleville State IL Zip 62220

Signature Dana Rosenzweig

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)

St. Clair County Mental Health Board

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Randy J. Jung, MD

City Belleville State IL Zip 62221

Signature Randy J. Jung, MD

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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St. Elizabeth's Hospital

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Sulbrena Day

City Waterloo State Illinois Zip 62298

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)

Touchette Regional Hospital

5900 Bond Ave

Centerville, Illinois 62202

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Shelly Harkins

City Belleville State IL Zip 62220

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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St. Elizabeth's

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Phil Silsky

City Belleville State ILLINOIS Zip 62220

Signature Phil R. Silsky

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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City of Belleville Alderman Ward 5

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose - depends!

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Larry McCulley

City O'Fallon State IL Zip 62269

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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Touchette Regional Hospital

Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Maria Scarbrough

City Belleuille State Ilh Zip 62223

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 / Resident of Belleville

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Mark Peters

City Belleville State Illinois Zip 62221

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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St. Clair County Health Care Commission

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Dean Herolt

City Belleville State IL Zip 62223

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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City of Belleville

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) Shelley Monheiser
City Belleville State IL Zip 62220
Signature Shelley Monheiser

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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St. Elizabeths Hospital

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Thomas McKelison MD

City LeSawson State IL Zip 62254

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)

Tourette Regional Hospital

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Mark Reifstedt

City Belleville State IL Zip 62220

Signature Mark Reifstedt

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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St. Elizabeth Hospital

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) John A. Cooley PhD

City Centreville State IL Zip 62207

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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Duquoin Regional Hospital Director of
Behavioral Health

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Dr. Christopher Leynd

City Olivette State MO Zip 63132

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) JOSEPH W. HAYDEN

City BELLEVILLE State IL Zip 62220

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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CITIZEN OF BELLEVILLE

ALDERMAN, WARD - 5

CITY OF BELLEVILLE

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Bob White

City BELLEVILLE State IL Zip 62220

Signature Bob White

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 BELLEVILLE RESIDENT

ALDERMAN WARD 6

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) DAVID LYSAKOWSKI

City BELLEUILLE State IL Zip 62223

Signature David Lyssakowski

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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ST. ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) Brian Flynn
City Belleville State IL Zip 62220
Signature Brian Flynn

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)
Resident (CET)

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
Support Oppose

IV. Testimony (please circle)
Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Larry McCulley

City O'Fallon State IL Zip 62249

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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Touchette Regional Hospital

Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) LENORA Jung

City Belleville State IL Zip 62221

Signature Lenora Jung

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) Jason Snow

City Carlyle State IL Zip 62231

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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St. Elizabeth's Hospita

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Donna Meyers

City Belleville State IL Zip 62220

Signature Donna Meyers

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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St Elizabeths

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Patrick A. O'Neil

City O'Fallon State IL Zip 62269

Signature *Patrick A. O'Neil*

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) Brian Reardon

City Springfield State IL Zip 62794

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)
Hospital Sisters Health System

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Susan Beeler

City Belleville State IL Zip 62200

Signature Susan M. Beeler

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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St. Elizabeth's Hospital

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) DEBORAH F. VOGEL, LCSW

City O'Fallon State IL Zip 62269

Signature Deborah F Vogel, LCSW

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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St Elizabeth's Hospital

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) James L Burke

City Belleville State IL Zip 62220

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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Employee with Hospital Sisters
Health System

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

Dr. Christopher Loyd

City

700 Engelman Dr.

State

Illinois MO

Zip

63132

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

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Byron Loy LPC

City Belleville State IL Zip 62225

Signature Byron Loy LPC

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)
St Elizabeth's Hospital BHS

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) J. Nicole Lewer-Holst

City Belleville State IL Zip 62220

Signature J. Nicole Lewer-Holst

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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St. Elizabeth's Hospital

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Savoy Brunen

City Belleville State IL Zip 62223

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)

personal citizen

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Melissa Sterling

City Fairview Heights State IL Zip 62208

Signature Melissa Sterling

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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St Elizabeth's Hospital

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Pete Themas

City Edwardsville State IL Zip 62025

Signature Pete Themas

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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Tourette Regional Hospital

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

**Public Hearing Testimony
Project 13-034**

Hello. My name is Larry McCulley and I am the CEO of Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation and Touchette Regional Hospital. I am here to express my support for the discontinuation of the St. Elizabeth's inpatient behavioral health unit. My reason is that it is coupled with the expansion of the inpatient unit at Touchette through a guarantee of \$10 million to help Touchette finance the expansion of our Behavioral Health unit, and the support for a regional behavioral health network.

It may help to understand our history of delivery of behavioral health services in St. Clair County. St. Mary's Hospital, which later became Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital operated a large BH unit for approximately a century in the City of East St. Louis. St. Elizabeth's has operated a fairly large unit for some time and Belleville Memorial closed their behavioral health unit years several ago. When it became necessary for Kenneth Hall to close due to financial difficulties, both Touchette and St. Elizabeth's entered into discussion about the impact it may have on the region. St. Elizabeth's was losing money on behavioral health, and it was not a core mission for its hospital. Touchette on the other hand was prepared to make inpatient behavioral health care a large component of its acute care safety net services, and has had the support of the State in doing so. Touchette discussed the possibility of operating at St. Elizabeth's under Touchette's hospital license. St. Elizabeth's was receptive and we worked with the State, and appreciate the fact that IDPH and HFS were supportive of our efforts then. However, there were various reasons why that type of collaboration simply did not make sense overall. So Touchette established a 12 bed unit to help absorb the impact of the closure of Kenneth Hall, and we went back to the drawing board.

The proposed closure of the unit at St. Elizabeth's allows it to preserve its resources to address its core mission services and also for it to work with Touchette and the network of Community Health Centers operated by Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation on a regional behavioral health network. This network is intended to provide much needed network coordinated behavioral health services for our communities. The goal is to help people who suffer from mental health and addictive issues. We want to help them avoid spiraling into an acute episode that would require inpatient care by designing a network with appropriate service points supported by care coordination structures.

This represents a win/win for both hospitals and the community. Touchette will be able to expand its unit and is ideally located in Centreville just off of Interstate 255 to serve the entire St. Clair County and surrounding regions. St. Elizabeth's will be able to stem losses and reinvest its resources in other health care services and in supporting the behavioral health care regional network. The hospitals have become closely aligned in their joint missions, which will serve the region well in many other regards in the future.

I appreciate your consideration, and urge you to approve St. Elizabeth's proposed discontinuation, given all of these circumstances.

Thank you.

**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
of John D. Cooley Ph.D LCPC
Project #13-034, St. Elizabeth's Hospital
August 29, 2013**

Hello, my name is Dr. John Cooley. I am the Director of Behavioral Health Services at Touchette Regional Hospital. I have been the Director for the past 3 years and a mental health professional for 20 years. I come before you to show my support of the Regional Center of Excellence that is a joint effort between Touchette Regional Hospital and St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Behavioral Health Services is a critically important service offered by Touchette. The demand for mental health services is constantly increasing. In the St. Clair County area, the demand for psychiatric patient beds is great. Not only is the need great but the severity of the patients illnesses have increased as well. My staff and I have worked very closely with St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the past to meet the need of patients in our area.

Touchette Regional Hospital will create a Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence at our facility. Having two healthcare providers work together is an exciting opportunity for the residents of St. Clair County. It will not only better serve the need of the patients but also serve their families as well as the surrounding communities. St Elizabeth's support of our expansion and collaboration with us is critical for the success of the Regional Center of Excellence. Let's demonstrate that we support the need for high quality mental health care for everyone in our region. Thank you.

Public Hearing Testimony Draft
Dr. Christopher Loynd
Project #13-034, St. Elizabeth's Hospital
August 29, 2013

Thank You for the opportunity to present in support of St. Elizabeth's CON request. It is difficult to support one of these proposed projects without supporting the other. I could not support St. Elizabeth discontinuing if Touchette were not to expand, because without the Touchette expansion there would be severe access issues in the region. I Could not support Touchette expanding if St. Elizabeth's did not discontinue, as there would be no need for an expansion at Touchette. However, it is easy to support the two projects occurring simultaneously because together, they will have a very positive impact for behavioral health patients in our region.

Consolidation of inpatient services makes sense. Currently, patients often seek care rather loosely between the two facilities. This results in a less than optimal approach to their needs as information is not always readily available regarding their treatments, compliance with therapies, visits and other information useful for all care givers involved in their care. Additionally, locating service in one location allows rightsizing to needs and single source information on utilization, treatment effectiveness and programs such as Intensive outpatient Programs in reduction of costs and readmissions.

Nationally, there is a shortage of psychiatrists and other BH providers. Single site inpatient treatment optimizes utilization of our regional BH staff resources. Additionally it enhances the opportunity to be more creative in improving care through establishment of a Regional Center of Excellence for behavioral health. This concept has been fostered by our two organizations collaborating on how behavioral health care and processes could "really" be more effective and efficient. The continuum of care will be enhanced with inpatient, intensive outpatient and outpatient care services in one place. Our location is centrally located for the Metro East and we have van capability for transport.

I am excited and enthusiastic about the opportunities we have jointly discussed. We have had staff & provider meetings and are eager to continue in an environment that is built to the latest standards tying in to the current unit completed at Touchette a couple of years ago. We have excellent providers and staff in the two hospitals, but together really is greater than the sum.

Thank you for your time and support.



**St. Elizabeth's
Hospital**

Good evening.

August 28, 2013

My name is Byron Loy and I am a mental health professional. I would like to express my strong support for St. Elizabeth's Hospital's certificate of need application.

I've worked at St. Elizabeth's for 13 years as a licensed clinical professional counselor, and have coordinated the hospital's outpatient program for about six years.

I've seen patients at some of the lowest points of their lives. But with care, support and access to treatment, they can overcome addictions and mental health issues and lead the life they deserve. These triumphs are the reason I love my job and continue to do everything I can for my patients.

I want to be clear, though St. Elizabeth's has a plan to discontinue its behavioral health program, I believe this change will not impede access to inpatient care. I think it will actually improve access because St. Elizabeth's is collaborating with Touchette Regional Hospital, which is planning to expand its mental health services.

The Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence at Touchette is necessary. This collaboration will help facilitate access to the quality outpatient and preventive care patients deserve, while preserving inpatient care in one consolidated location at Touchette. It will encourage regional providers to work together to ensure there are adequate resources to meet the patients' needs.

It's not easy to overcome challenges like the ones my patients face every day. It takes a comprehensive team effort. Approving the St. Elizabeth's application will start the ball rolling.

I hope you will join me in support of St. Elizabeth's application.

Thank you.

Byron Loy, MA, LCPC, CRADC
Coordinator Outpatient Mental Health Services
St Elizabeth's Hospital

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Public Hearing Testimony

Project 13-034

Re: Support St Elizabeth's Hospital CON request

I am Dr Tom Mikkelson, a Family Physician, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Medical Affairs at Touchette Regional Hospital. I am speaking in support of St Elizabeth's CON request.

St Elizabeth's and Touchette share a history of providing medical and behavioral health care to the patients of our region for many years. Touchette reprogramed internal space to construct our current 12 bed Behavioral Health Unit, which opened Nov 13th 2011. The new unit is appreciated by both patients & staff and positively adds to the milieu of therapeutic interventions. It was built to the latest standards for behavioral health patients improving safety and efficiency as well as esthetics.

Behavioral Health is a welcome addition to the services supporting our mission at Touchette. The behavioral health team is outstanding! They provide a comprehensive and integrated approach through outreach, outpatient; adult and adolescent Intensive Outpatient Care (IOP), and Inpatient Adult Psychiatric care; and we receive the bulk of involuntary admissions in our area. Notably more than 80% of the involuntary patients treated by our team convert to voluntary treatment status within 3 days significantly reducing the burden and cost on the court system.

St Elizabeth's, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, and Touchette have worked together for years on identifying and improving issues we share in the provision of these services for the region.

Over time, the discussions broadened our approach to a systemic and regional approach. We began clarifying issues for the courts, police, and first responders. We looked at emergency rooms, stress & utilization of staffs, and the difficulty obtaining beds for hospitals without inpatient psychiatry. We discussed conditions that can mimic a behavioral crisis, patient utilization of resources, noncompliance, educational levels, homelessness and insurance status and patient economic factors. Key also were safety and cost implications due to fragmented information having treatment occurring in 2 inpatient locations.

Single" management" versus "single facility" solutions, favored single inpatient services for cost and efficiency as well as communications and records of current as well as past treatments.

Gains have been made through identifying area BH resources, and contact numbers. SIHF has increased number of providers, psychologists and AHPs for BH. These collaborative linkages to

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community partners and our integrated services are already beginning to decrease the pressure for inpatient beds, and decreasing the length of stay. We have worked with police crises response teams and first responders regarding behavioral health patient processes through the Region 4 ES Trauma system.

We also identified based on where patients came from, Touchette was ideally located to serve the entire region.

Together we have developed a framework and rationale for establishing a vision for a Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence and for establishing Regional Access to Healthcare Foundation. This is a key to continued stakeholder involvement in improving care and efficiency for the region, identify issues, measures for success, & to provide interim support and seek grant opportunities. I believe it holds promise as an innovative approach to improving care for behavioral health patients in the area, as well as efficiencies for other local medical, legal, county, and state processes.

Consolidation of inpatient beds, and the psychiatric providers and staff resources will continue to improve care. It will more efficiently utilize psychiatrists, (in short supply.) IOP Programs can reduce admissions and the length of stays by providing follow on care, and it will decrease redundant treatments through availability of records with information of prior therapy & medication use.

A new facility expansion at one location, built to current standards will increase patient safety, treatment efficiency and utilization of scarce BH talent. SIHF, St E's and TRH believe the proposed solutions are a great step forward for meeting the region's needs. Touchette has carefully analyzed the number of beds needed given historical utilization at St. Elizabeth's and determined the expansion to a 30 bed unit is appropriate. St. Elizabeth's closure of BH services is timed with our expansion. There will not be a time when access to inpatient BH services is unavailable.

Jointly our organizations have initiated processes to improve the behavioral health of our communities and region. Supporting St Elizabeth's CON request is critical in achieving these goals.

Thank you for your time and support.

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
of Sulbrena Day, RN, PhD
Project #13-034, St. Elizabeth's Hospital
August 29, 2013

I would like to thank you for the opportunity for me to present in strong support of St. Elizabeth Hospital's CON request. I am the Vice President of Ancillary Services at Touchette Regional Hospital. I have the Administrative leadership responsibilities for behavioral health services. I have worked in the healthcare profession for 39 years.

Over the past years, I have observed a myriad of changes in healthcare reimbursement and delivery of services. Impact from many of the changes was St. Mary's Hospital, the closure of Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital, reduction in mental health community services and the downsizing of State Operated Mental Health hospital beds.

Particularly the delivery of mental health services, in my experience, has changed significantly. I have participated in various committees at the State and Local level to develop strategies to build a strong mental health system. Many of the strategies that were discussed had been implemented in the past but not favorably supported that led to longevity and program viability in the midst of shrinking budgets.

With limited mental health resources there was a burden placed on the local community hospitals to develop long term strategies. I find that the need for mental health services is still essential and by designing a model that specializes in these services is a great opportunity for this region.

Therefore due to the reconfiguration of mental health services over the past years and the need to design a sustainable model, it is great to see the local hospitals taking the lead and coming together to establish a workable solution. I am excited that St. Elizabeth Hospital and Touchette Regional Hospital have agreed to collaborate and to build a sustainable mental health delivery model. Establishing a mental health delivery model that will serve this region and bring together the strength of a group of qualified professionals and staff between the two organizations to serve the needs of the mental health population is vital. Having a delivery model operating from one central location will help to improve access to mental health services, improve thru put and improve patient outcomes.

I appreciate your time and request your consideration to approve St. Elizabeth's request to discontinue mental health services.

Thank you,

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

of MARK PETERS

PROJECT #13-034, ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, BELLEVILLE

AUGUST 29, 2013

Mark A. Kern
Chairman
St. Clair County Board

Hello,

My name is Mark Peters and I serve as the Co-Convener for the Health Care Commission for St. Clair County. I am speaking today in full support of the Certificate of Need application submitted to the state by St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and St. Elizabeth's collaboration with Touchette Regional Hospital to create a Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence.

The Health Care Commission is a collaborative public health system that mobilizes resources to meet identified health needs and promote the health and well-being of all the residents of St. Clair County. We do this to enable St. Clair County to be among the healthiest counties in America by 2020.

As co-convener of the Commission, I oversee the community health assessment and planning activities for the County's five-year health assessment and planning process administered through the Illinois Department of Public Health's IPLAN Certification requirements. The need for improved behavioral health services has been identified as a priority health issue for St. Clair County by the members of the Health Care Commission as part of its 2011-16 Community Health Plan.

The Center of Excellence would accomplish several objectives identified in the County's Health Plan, by ensuring access to behavioral care.

This collaboration is forward-thinking and focused on offering more and better behavioral health services to St. Clair County residents. It also ensures that this area will have consistent mental health services for many years to come.

It's important that we have a strong network of behavioral health care services. In the current system, we are splitting our resources among two major providers. The Center will have the kind of comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care that patients and their families need.

In fact, this type of regional plan for behavioral health care is an example of what the Illinois Department of Health has said it would like to see more of throughout the state.

I am very encouraged to see St. Elizabeth's and Touchette working together to do what is best for Metro East-area residents. I hope you will join me in supporting this certificate of need.

Thank you.

Mark L. Peters, MS
Director of Community Health, St. Clair County Health Department

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My name is Dr. Maria Scarbrough. I have lived in Belleville almost my entire life. As a matter of fact I was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Growing up here I saw the need for physicians, so after medical school I accepted a job at Belleville Memorial as an Emergency Medicine physician.

As a resident of Belleville and an ER physician, I am gravely concerned about the reduction in number of mental health beds available in the our area. In addition, the announcement by Call for Help that they are closing the 24 hour suicide and crisis hotline is a sad loss to our community. This greatly reduces the resources available to our most vulnerable population. But mental health illnesses do not discriminate, all of us are affected in some way.

With the current mental health capacity in Belleville and Centreville, we already have difficulty finding beds for our mental health patients that come to the ER. Just this week I had a patient in the ER for almost 24 hours waiting for a bed. This morning alone I had two patients waiting for placement when I left at 4am. One of the patients I had tried to get admitted to Touchette, but the physician wouldn't review the paperwork until 8a this morning. When I left my words to the nurse were, 'please call St. Elizabeth's to see if they will accept the patient'.

I'm not sure, but from what I've heard, the decision to move these beds out of our community was done with little or no input from the area mental health agencies and emergency responders like myself. It appears to me that more preparation and planning needs to occur before an already vulnerable and underserved population becomes completely unserved.

Thank you for your time.

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Executive Director

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY of Dana Rosenzweig Project #13-034, St. Elizabeth's Hospital August 29, 2013

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Hello, my name is Dana Rosenzweig and I am the Executive Director of the St. Clair County Mental Health Board.

The Board serves as the local mental health authority for the county. We are responsible for planning and allocating funding for mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services for our residents.

A critical objective for the Board is to ensure that all St. Clair County residents have access to quality mental health care and for that reason I support the certificate of need (CON) application being submitted by St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

It is my understanding that approval of St. Elizabeth's CON application would assist in the establishment of a Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence at Touchette Regional Hospital. If established, the Center can be expected to provide consumers with an increased range of programs and services.

Currently, behavioral health services in the Metro East region are inadequate to meet the ever increasing need. Continued access to inpatient services is a core service that must be available to meet acute care needs. I believe the expansion of resources at Touchette Regional Center can address this need and better guarantee the long term provision of inpatient behavioral health services for the Region.

In addition, Touchette Regional Hospital has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to providing needed services and has collaborated well with other providers in addressing the needs of consumers and their families. This continued collaboration and involvement of all key community stakeholders will be essential in the planning and implementation of expanded access to services.

With the state's ongoing financial crisis and the looming implementation of the Affordable Care Act, we need to be prudent with our health care resources. The Center is an example of efficient use of health care dollars that could be a prototype for regions throughout the state.

On behalf of those who are in need of behavioral health services, I would I ask you to approve the CON application for St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The resulting expansion of Touchette Regional Hospital will allow a more coordinated, sustainable and responsive behavioral health system that more adequately meets the needs of our county residents.

Thank you.

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PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
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PROJECT #13-034, ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, BELLEVILLE
AUGUST 29, 2013

Hello and good evening to the Review Board Committee and Concerned Residents:

My name is Joe Hayden. I was born at St. Elizabeth's and have lived in Belleville all my life and am proud to serve as Ward 5 Alderman on the Belleville City Council.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital is in my Ward and I support the hospital's certificate of need application to discontinue its behavioral health services, but no other services at this time. It is my hope St. Elizabeth's will remain a medical pillar of our city for a long time.

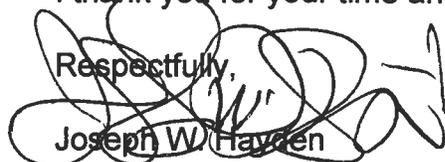
If this application is approved, Touchette Regional Hospital could become the main provider of behavioral health care in the area. I appreciate that both St. Elizabeth's and Touchette are working together. They're making sure that St. Clair County residents who suffer from mental illness and/or addiction will have a centralized location for treatment. A centralized location also serves all the people from a safety perspective.

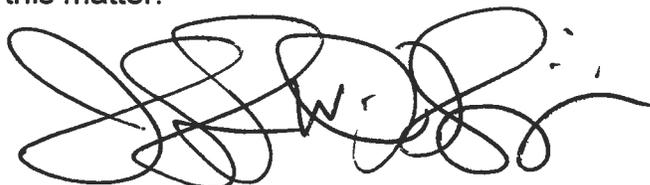
St. Elizabeth's and Touchette are both outstanding organizations that bring a host of benefits to the region. They provide vital health care services to thousands of patients each year, and serve as major employers, economic engines and community anchors.

This collaboration would make for more efficient and effective delivery of behavioral health services. Most importantly, it would ensure the long-term viability of behavioral health care in the region at a time when there are fewer resources available for such services on the national level. Lastly, it will save nearly 2-million in operating funds which allow for better care and financial stability for St. Elizabeth's medical mission within in the City of Belleville and our proud surrounding communities. Keeping St. Elizabeth's in the City of Belleville as one of our two primary hospitals is a key constituent concern and public concern and I have been assured by St. Elizabeth's that Project 13-034 has no connection to any potential re-location from the City of Belleville.

In closing, I strongly request the Review Board to approve this request. The Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence at Touchette will improve behavioral health care for patients and enhance quality of life in the Metro East area overall and provide a centralized care that benefits the patients, their families and the region as a whole.

I thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Joseph W. Hayden



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August 29, 2013**

Hello, my name is Dr. Randy Jung. I am the medical director for St. Elizabeth's Hospital and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry. I am a board certified psychiatrist who has been practicing for more than 20 years.

I stand here this evening in support of the discontinuation of the acute mental illness beds at St. Elizabeth's.

I know we have focused on doing everything we can to make the program more efficient and sustainable. And, I am proud of the excellent care we provide for our behavioral health patients.

But, we needed to ask ourselves if our current path is really what is in the best interests of patients in the long run.

St. Elizabeth's plans to work with Touchette Regional Hospital to help it create a Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence at Touchette are an example of two health care providers coming together to better serve our community.

Health care providers create centers of excellence by combining their knowledge to focus on a particular medical specialty. This Center will give patients suffering from mental illness and substance abuse quality comprehensive care. It will allow all providers to work together to ensure there are adequate resources to meet the patients' needs.

The new Center will have 30 inpatient beds available, once it is expanded. This is an appropriate number of beds to serve the Metro East's inpatient behavioral health needs.



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Once it's built in about two years, Touchette's Center of Excellence will have enough patients to achieve operational efficiencies and manage costs. That is critical in a time of shrinking health care reimbursements.

Care for the acute mentally ill is a long-term core service for Touchette. And, having one strong mental health care provider – Touchette – will be good for the region. This is why I ask the Review Board to approve our application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Randy J. Jung, MD
Randy J. Jung, MD



St. Elizabeth's Hospital

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
of Maryann Reese, President and CEO of St. Elizabeth's Hospital

PROJECT # 13-034, ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL
August 29, 2013

Good Evening. My name is Dr. Shelly Harkins. I am the Chief Medical Officer at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Our President and CEO Maryann Reese couldn't be with us today. She asked me to share these remarks with you all.

Ms. Reese writes...

I'd like to thank Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board member Philip Bradley for being here this evening, as well as Courtney Avery, the Board's Administrator.

St. Elizabeth's is pleased to be working with Touchette Regional Hospital to best address current and future needs of behavioral health services patients in the Metro East region. Together, we have developed a plan for a Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence at Touchette that offers outstanding care for a greater number of patients.

The goal of the Center of Excellence is to:

- Deliver behavioral health services more efficiently and effectively;
- Provide for easier access to services for all Metro East residents; and
- Ensure the long-term viability for high-quality mental health services in the region.

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This collaboration represents two health care organizations coming together to better serve our community.

My goal tonight is to explain why our plan is good for the Metro East region. I am here to support St. Elizabeth's application for a certificate of need to discontinue acute mental health services at St. Elizabeth's.

I'd like to let the review board know that, in our testimony tonight, we're referring to behavioral health care as a way to encompass all the services that will be part of the Center of Excellence – acute inpatient mental health services, addiction treatment and outpatient services.

Allow me to start with a little history. St. Elizabeth's has provided high quality medical care to Metro East residents since 1875. Today, the hospital ministry's purpose remains the same: To care for the sick and needy with a spirit of respect, care, competence and joy.

As you know, St. Elizabeth's is located just around the corner, on Lincoln Street. At the St. Elizabeth's campus we offer: the Southern Illinois Heart Institute; Prime Time Clinic; several primary care and specialty physician offices; a medical arts building home to the SLU/Scott AFB Physician Residency Program; an emergency department; and 338 inpatient beds. We also serve the community with a wide range of outpatient services, and, of course, a behavioral health care program.

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We are here tonight to discuss our application, which we believe is the best direction for our community.

Tonight you will hear from people in our community who support St. Elizabeth's application. Our supporters include elected officials ... business and community leaders ... physicians ... and others who care deeply about continuing to provide high-quality mental health care for patients in the Metro East region. I would like to thank those individuals and others who are with us tonight for your support.

Before you hear from those supporters, I will set the stage for them. In recent years, our sponsoring religious organization – Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) – and St. Elizabeth's Hospital have been faced with an increasingly difficult dilemma as we fulfill our almost 140-year-old mission. How can we sustain this?

While St. Elizabeth's behavioral health unit delivers high quality, compassionate care to patients, and has been successful in bringing new efficiencies to its program, we determined that the best way to sustain this vital service to the community was to collaborate with Touchette so behavioral health care could be provided at a Center of Excellence. Without this collaboration, St. Elizabeth's will be unable to effectively sustain the comprehensive behavioral health program it currently provides, and would be unable to expand its program in the future.

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However, we can continue serving behavioral health patients in our region through our collaboration with Touchette. This ensures the long-term viability of behavioral health care in the region when there are fewer resources available for behavioral care nationwide.

At a time when fewer and fewer Illinois providers are offering behavioral health services, St. Elizabeth's and Touchette have developed a plan to create a Mental Health Center of Excellence to offer even more to this vulnerable patient population. The plan will allow Touchette to expand its facility and inpatient beds to better meet the needs of mental health patients in the Metro East region.

Meanwhile, this collaboration with Touchette will allow St. Elizabeth's to be better stewards in directing our resources towards programs that relate directly to the hospital's overall mission of almost 140 years. These include: medical & surgical; obstetric; emergency and rehabilitation services.

To help make the Center of Excellence a reality, Hospital Sisters Services, Inc. – a subsidiary of HSHS – will guarantee a \$10 million construction loan to Touchette. The loan will allow Touchette to adequately expand its inpatient behavioral care unit.

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The support of Touchette's behavioral health expansion from HSHS speaks to our commitment to regional continuity of care for generations to come, to delivering high quality care and to living a healing mission.

St. Elizabeth's and HSHS will also actively participate in Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation's plan to create a Regional Access to Healthcare Foundation. Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation (SIHF) will invite regional health care providers to be part of the foundation and create a structure of collaboration on referrals, patient flow and transitioning patients from emergency departments to inpatient behavioral care.

This Regional Access to Healthcare Foundation will provide support and guidance to the Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence at Touchette for years to come.

St. Elizabeth's, HSHS, Touchette and Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation (SIHF) have a long-standing collaborative relationship on medical care in the region. For example, St. Elizabeth's and SIHF, along with St. Louis University, have worked together to support a family medicine residency program since 2006.

St. Elizabeth's and HSHS continually invest in health care programs that serve the entire region. For example, in recent years St. Elizabeth's has made investments in programs including:

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- Expanding cardiovascular, cancer and stroke/tele-stroke programs;
- Developing a chronic wound care program utilizing advanced techniques including hyperbaric oxygen therapy;
- Having an in-house pediatrician available to respond to pediatric emergencies in the ER and high-risk deliveries requiring neonatal resuscitation;
- Implementing an intensivist program, where critical care specialists are focused on providing evidence-based care in our intensive care unit; and
- Enhancing infusion services for the Metro-East community.

In closing, I ask you to look at the big picture of our region.

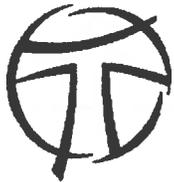
The Metro East area will be better served by having one strong provider – in this case Touchette – of inpatient mental health services. Currently, behavioral health care is fragmented and inconsistent in our region. By bringing community resources together in a smart, efficient way, Touchette will be able to invest in physicians and staff to serve our region's mental health needs for years to come.

I ask the Review Board to vote, "Yes," to approve our certificate of need.

Thank you for your time.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY
of SHELLEY MONHEISER
PROJECT #13-034, ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, BELLEVILLE
AUGUST 29, 2013**

Good evening.

My name is Shelley Monheiser and I am a registered nurse and the manager of Emergency Services at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I support St. Elizabeth's certificate of need application because it is an essential step toward the establishment of a Regional Mental Health Center of Excellence at Touchette Regional Hospital.

The St. Elizabeth's Emergency Services department has developed a strong relationship with Touchette in treatment of behavioral health patients. We have created a culture of communication and multi-disciplinary care that includes doctors and nurses at both facilities. For example, we work together with first responders to ensure that behavioral health patients get the appropriate care at each of our facilities.

This spirit of cooperation will carry over to the Center of Excellence at Touchette. The Center will bring together the knowledge St. Elizabeth's and Touchette have about caring for behavioral health patients. We know Touchette will provide easier access for more patients in the Metro East area, as well as high-quality, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care.

This Center for Excellence will benefit patients and families throughout the region and I urge the board to support St. Elizabeth's certificate of need application.

Thank you.

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