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Courtney Avery  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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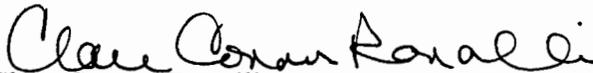
Re: Project 13-036

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find letters of support for the above-referenced project from Drs. Albarcha, Granger, Magner, Cooley and Loynd.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
Clare Connor Ranalli

cc: Tom Mikkelsen, M.D., COO  
Touchette Regional Hospital

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June 24, 2013

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
575 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

CON Board members

**Re: Touchette Regional Hospital Certificate of Need (CON) Request**

I am Bassam Albarcha, M.D., a Board Certified Internal Medicine Physician and President of the Touchette Regional Hospital Medical Staff. I am writing in support of your approval of the Certificate of Need (CON) for an 18 bed inpatient psychiatry expansion of Touchette Regional Hospital.

I have been on staff at Touchette Regional Hospital and Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital since 1997, providing medical service at both facilities. Since the Kenneth Hall closure in 2011, I have continued at Touchette as a Hospitalist, and also have an internal medicine practice as a Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation (SIHF) provider at 8080 State Street in East St Louis.

My long experience here and previously at Kenneth Hall, certainly supports the need for continued psychiatric services to the area. We provide care for acute psychiatric patients and those in need of general medical care from all over the region. Our providers have a long history of experience with these patients. Most of our providers have been with us for many years and are thoroughly familiar and skilled in working with these patients with acute exacerbations or other medical or situational requirements. Key to the success of care the superb ER and behavioral health teams we work with. They are the best I have worked with in my career and I routinely refer to them. From an inpatient prospective, they have developed a methodology of on call support to our physicians helping us by evaluating and thereby expediting the decision process of admission, medical or psychiatric, and arranging appropriate follow up acute outpatient visits or inpatient care provision. This approach helps enables the medical and psychiatric support to the patients in the most effective and efficient way and also reduces disruptions that could otherwise occur.

The added beds proposed in the CON are needed for the region, good for Touchette and will help Touchette continue the mission of providing an important service to our communities and patients. It also helps relieve pressures on other area emergency rooms while moving patients to an experienced psychiatric team dedicated to providing excellent stabilization and follow on support.

Sincerely,



Bassam Albarcha M.D., President Medical Staff  
Touchette Regional Hospital

June 24, 2013

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**Re: Touchette Regional Hospital Certificate of Need (CON) Request**

I am Miguel Granger M.D., a Board Certified Family Physician and Medicine Department Chairperson of the Touchette Regional Hospital Medical Staff. I am writing in support of your approval of the Certificate of Need (CON) for an 18 bed inpatient psychiatry expansion of Touchette Regional Hospital.

I have been on staff at Touchette and Kenneth Hall Regional Hospitals for 12 years, providing medical service at both facilities. Since the Kenneth Hall closure in 2011, I have continued at Touchette, and also have a family medicine practice as a Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation (SIHF) provider at 2001 State Street, East St. Louis IL.

My experience here and having grown up in East St Louis, validates the need for continued psychiatric services to the area. We provide care for acute psychiatric patients and those in need of general medical care from all over the region. Our psychiatrists have a long history of experience with these patients; most of our providers have been with us for many years and are thoroughly familiar and skilled in working with these patients with acute exacerbations or other medical or situational requirements. We have an excellent emergency service and behavioral health teams at Touchette. I routinely refer to them. They provide on call support to our physicians helping us to expedite the decision process of admission, medical or psychiatric, and in provision of follow up acute outpatient visits or inpatient care. This approach helps enable the medical and psychiatric support to the patients in the most effective and efficient way getting the needed treatment patients require.

The added beds proposed in the CON are needed for the region and good for Touchette helping us will continue our overall mission as a provider to communities and patients. It also is important to other area hospitals helping relieve pressures on their emergency rooms and, moving the patients in need to an experienced psychiatric team dedicated to providing excellent psychiatric stabilization and follow on support.

Sincerely,



Miguel Granger M.D., Chair Medicine Dept.  
Touchette Regional Hospital

June 24, 2013

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Springfield, Illinois 62761

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**Re: Touchette Regional Hospital Certificate of Need (CON) Request**

I am Jay Magner M.D., a Board Certified Family Physician and President Elect of the Touchette Regional Hospital Medical Executive Staff. I am writing to request your approval of the CON for an 18 bed inpatient psychiatry expansion of Touchette Regional Hospital.

I have been on staff at Touchette and Kenneth Hall Regional Hospitals since 1997, providing medical service at both facilities. Since the Kenneth Hall closure in 2011 I have continued at Touchette, and also have a family medicine practice in Cahokia.

My experience at Touchette and previously at Kenneth Hall and in my practice supports the need for psychiatric services. We provide care for acute psychiatric patients and those in need of general medical care from all over the region. Our providers are experienced professionals providing care for these patients. Most of the providers have been with us for many years and are thoroughly familiar and skilled in treating these patients with acute exacerbations or other medical or situational requirements. Key to the success of care is the superb ER and behavioral health teams we work with. They are the best and I routinely refer to them. On call support is available helping us in evaluating and expediting the decision process of admission, medical or psychiatric, and arranging appropriate follow up acute outpatient visits or inpatient care provision. This approach helps enables the medical and psychiatric support for the patients effectively and efficiently.

The added beds proposed in the CON are needed for the region and good for Touchette. It will help us continue our overall mission as a provider to the communities and patients that need our care. Also important for area hospitals, helping to relieve pressures on their emergency rooms moving the BH patients in need to an experienced psychiatric team dedicated to providing excellent psychiatric stabilization and follow on support.

Please support CON approval!

Sincerely,



Jay Magner M.D.

Touchette Regional Hospital

June 18, 2013

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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**Re: Touchette Regional Hospital Certificate of Need (CON) Request**

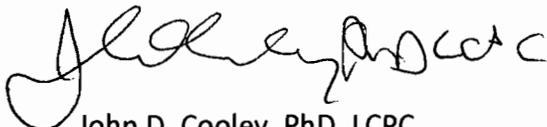
My name is John Cooley, Ph.D., and I am the Director of Behavioral Health at Touchette Regional Hospital. I am writing in support of and requesting your approval of the Certificate of Need (CON) for an 18 bed expansion of Touchette Regional Hospital's inpatient psychiatry service.

I have been on staff at Touchette since March of 2009, initially as a Group Therapist in the Intensive Outpatient program at Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital in East St Louis. I have been the Director since February 2010. I also assisted in the design and completion of the current 12 Bed Inpatient Adult Psychiatry Unit at Touchette.

My experience at Touchette supports the need for continued psychiatric services to the area. We admit patients from a service area larger than the rest of our services at Touchette. Our team is excellent and they are focused on a broad based approach at optimizing the level of functioning for our patients through inpatient when needed, but also a through a variety of outpatient services directed to that goal. Our outpatient attendance and staff have doubled in the four years I have been here. The potential is great for continued growth in both inpatient and outpatient programs. In addition, it provides for the continuity of care that is desperately needed in our service area.

My expectation going forward is we will see more patients, resulting in more inpatient and outpatient services as well as the need for additional psychiatric staff. We accept Involuntary Psychiatric patients at Touchette and there is a need for more beds so that we can serve those patients as well. The added beds proposed in the CON would, in my estimation, be a good investment for the region, helping relieve pressures on the local emergency rooms, assist Law Enforcement CIT officers, as well as other community mental health treatment providers in our region. Most importantly, the additional services will provide excellent psychiatric stabilization and access to follow up care and support.

Sincerely,



John D. Cooley, PhD, LCPC  
Director of Behavioral Health Services  
Touchette Regional Hospital

June 25, 2013

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
575 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

CON Board Members

**Re: Touchette Regional Hospital Certificate of Need (CON) Request**

I am Kelechi Loynd M.D., trained in General and Adolescent Psychiatry. I am on staff at Touchette Regional Hospital and work with outpatient adolescents. I request for approval of the CON for an 18 bed inpatient psychiatry expansion at Touchette Regional Hospital.

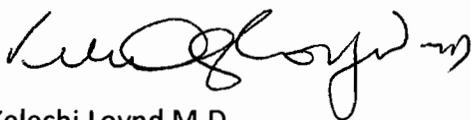
I have been on staff at Touchette since 2011, providing Intensive Adolescent Outpatient service and I am also on staff at BJC and St Louis Children's Hospital.

My short experience at Touchette Regional Hospital has highlighted to me the need for psychiatric services for adult and adolescent patients here. I feel there is more need than available space at present and the expansion will help in provision of care to those patients.

I have been very impressed with the staff in both programs and their dedication to their patients, the region, and in making a difference! They are experienced compassionate professionals, skilled in treating patients. I am pleased to contribute.

Please support the CON

Sincerely,



Kelechi Loynd M.D.  
Touchette Regional Hospital