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Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Review Board
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**RE: Project No. 13-076 Holy Cross Hospital, Chicago
Letter of Opposition**

Dear Courtney Avery;

On behalf of Saint Anthony Hospital located at 2875 W. 19th Street, Chicago, IL 60623, we oppose Project No. 13-076, Holy Cross Hospital. The proposed establishment of a 50-bed acute mental illness (AMI) services at their facilities will attribute to duplication of services.

The 42 bed inpatient unit at Saint Anthony Hospital provides medication management, stabilization, assessment, group, individual, and family interventions as well as aftercare referral. The program provides competent and compassionate care to behavioral health patients with serious psychiatric problems such as depression, psychosis, and substance abuse. It focuses on group therapy and discharge planning as part of a complete psychiatric care program. For patients dealing with issues such as emotional crises, depression and drug and alcohol dependence, Saint Anthony Hospital provides 24-hour intensive psychiatric stabilization by a highly qualified team of licensed professionals.

We also recognize that patients are not the only ones affected by behavioral health issues. To that end we offer numerous support groups for families, extended families and caregivers, all of whom play an integral role in the recovery process. The mission of Saint Anthony Hospital has always been to provide quality care to those who need it most. As a comforting presence in the community, both African American and Latino residents have been able to rely on Saint Anthony Hospital for the healthcare, preventative education, and social services.

Thank you for your consideration,

Guy A. Medaglia
President and Chief Executive Officer

CC: Mike Constantino, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board



March 28, 2014

Ms. Kathryn Olson
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**RE: Project No. 13-076 Holy Cross Hospital, Chicago
Letter of Opposition**

Dear Ms. Kathryn Olson;

As the Psychiatry Medical Director at Saint Anthony Hospital, I am writing this letter in opposition of Project No. 13-076, Holy Cross Hospital. The proposed establishment of a 50-bed acute mental illness (AMI) services at their facilities will generate a surplus of unoccupied beds in the community.

I have been the Medical Director at Saint Anthony Hospital for 2 years. In my professional opinion there are plenty of outstanding inpatient Psychiatric beds in the community for patients. Increasing the number of AMI beds will cause an unnecessary strain on the current providers of inpatient AMI beds. I urge the Planning Board to not approve the Holy Cross Hospital CON to establish a 50 bed AMI unit.

Respectfully,

Roueen Rafeyan, MD