

August 1, 2014

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson Street 2nd floor
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Re: Project #14-021 Establishment of a Comprehensive Physical rehabilitation service
Northwest Community Healthcare and Northwest Community Hospital

Dear Mike

Attached are letters of comment on the proposed project from Loyola University Health System
and Centegra Health System.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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July 15, 2014

Re: Project #14-021 Establishment of a 17 Bed Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Category of Service

Dear Mr. Scogna,

We understand that Northwest Community Hospital has submitted a Certificate of Need application to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to establish a 17 bed comprehensive physical rehabilitation service. The proposed unit will be located on the third floor of the hospital and will be operated by RehabCare.

Loyola University Medical Center operates a 32 bed comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit within Foster G. McGaw Hospital in Maywood. Based on a review of our patient origin and referral data, last year eight patients were admitted to our unit from your primary service area for rehabilitation care. Also there were no patients transferred from your facility to Loyola for rehabilitation. We do not anticipate this project will impact our unit's volume.

We are providing this information for the record and it does not represent support of or opposition to the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Larry M. Goldberg
President and CEO
Loyola University Health System

July 7, 2014

Michael S. Eesley
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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson
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Re: CON project #14-021: Proposal to establish a Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Service
Northwest Community Hospital and Northwest Community Healthcare

Dear Chairperson Olson:

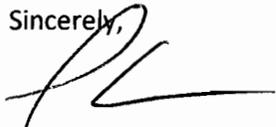
I am pleased to write in support of the proposal to establish a 17 bed comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit at Northwest Community Hospital.

Centegra Hospital-McHenry is a 179 bed community hospital in McHenry, IL, with a 22 bed inpatient rehabilitation unit. Except for our rehabilitation unit and the unit located at Vista Medical Center – West in Waukegan, there are no inpatient hospital rehabilitation facilities north of Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights in the vast areas of Lake County, McHenry County and northern Cook County. Centegra Hospital - McHenry is over 28 miles from Northwest Community Hospital, a travel time of approximately 50 minutes. Vista in Waukegan is even farther from NCH, with a travel time of almost 45 minutes. I maintain that large parts of this area are underserved for physical rehabilitation services.

As the operator of an inpatient rehabilitation unit, Centegra is able to meet the needs of patients who are discharged from an acute care unit and require follow-on rehabilitation care in an inpatient setting. Patients benefit from the convenience and continuity of care enabled by a rehabilitation program in our facility. For example, care is enhanced and patient satisfaction is increased when Centegra neurologists, cardiologists and orthopedic surgeons who provided acute care for patients in our medical/surgical floors are able to follow their patients in the rehabilitation unit. The establishment of a rehabilitation unit at Northwest Community Hospital would enhance its ability to provide continuity of care for their patients.

I urged the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Eesley
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Stephen O. Scogna, President and CEO, Northwest Community Healthcare