

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

Applicant: St. Bernard Hospital Ambulatory Care Center/Physicians Office Building
Project Number: 14-032
Hearing Date: Monday, September 15, 2014
Location: 1438 west 63rd Street, Chicago
Time: 4:30 PM-7:00 PM

Hearing Officer: Catherine Clarke, Administrative Assistant
Staff Support:
HFSRB Representative: Richard Sewell, Board Member

Hearing Requested by: Sustainable Englewood Initiatives

The following summarizes the attendance figures:

Oral/Written Presentations:

Support: 7
Oppose: 4
Neutral: 1

Registered Attendance Only

Support: 10
Oppose: 0
Neutral: 5

Total individuals registered: 27



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) TIFFANY Sledge

City Chicago State ILLINOIS Zip 60621

Signature Tiffany Sledge

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)

Appearing on behalf of myself as a Concerned Resident.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) ERIC HUDSON, PhD.

City CHICAGO State IL Zip 60636

Signature *Eric Hudson*

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) HABILITATIVE SYSTEMS INC. -
'URBAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SER-
VICES INSTITUTE'

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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Name (Please Print)

GUY ALTON

City

CHICAGO

State

IL

Zip

60612

Signature

Guy R. Alton

II.

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ST BERNARD HOSPITAL

III.

POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Derek Michaels

City Chicago State IL Zip 60616

Signature Derek Michaels

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. Bernard Hospital

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Diahann Sudaew

City Chicago State IL Zip 60621

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 Bernard Hospital.

employees of the Hospital.

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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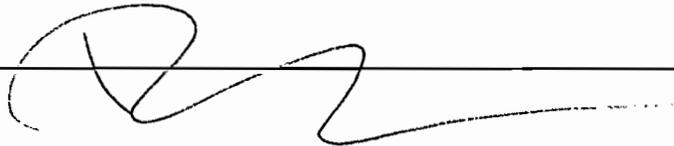
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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) ROLAND ABELLARA

City CHICAGO State IL Zip 60621

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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ON BEHALF OF ST. BERNARD
HOSPITAL

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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Name (Please Print) CHARLES HOLLAND

City CHGO State IL Zip 60621

Signature Charles Holland

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ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Ed Parkhurst PRISM Healthcare Corp

City Glen Ellyn State IL Zip ~~60137~~ 60137

Signature EW Parkhurst

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 Bernards Hospital

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Tom Siciński

City Melrose State IL Zip 60448

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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Berglund Construction

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) CATHERINE SPEED

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature Catherine Speed

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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ENGLEWOOD RUST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6400 S. STEWART AVE.
CHICAGO, IL 60621

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Rubbie Largea

City Chicago State Illinois Zip 60636

Signature Rubbie Largea

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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Self

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

Bernoth Bash

City

Chgo

State

IL

Zip

60678

Signature

Bernoth Bash

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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Chicago State University

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print)

Julia Decker

City

Forest Park

State

IL

Zip

60130

Signature

Julia Decker

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Julia Decker

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Victoria Per sky

City Chicago State IL Zip 60612

Signature Victoria Per sky

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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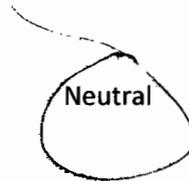
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III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral





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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) ENCE B DAVIS

City CHgo State IL Zip 60643

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

III. POSITION (Circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral



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I. IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) Ronald Campbell
City Chicago State Illinois Zip 60621
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)
Bernard Hospital 326 W. 64th St

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)
Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION
 Name (Please Print) Perry L. GUNN

City MATTESON State IL Zip 60443

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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Teamwork Englewood

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Evelyn Jones

City Chicago State IL Zip 60621

Signature Evelyn Jones

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. Bernard Hospital

326 W. 64th St. Chicago, IL

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) GLEN FULTON

City Chicago State IL Zip 60621

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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GREATER ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) Earl D. Liggins
City Chicago State Illinois Zip 60621
Signature Earl D. Liggins

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 Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)
 Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) TIMOTHY M. GREGG
City CHICAGO State IL Zip 60601
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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PROTEUS GROUP ARCHITECTS

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
 Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)
 Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Rev St. John A. Chisum

City Chicago State IL Zip 60621

Signature Rev St John A Chisum

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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Gifts From God Ministry Church
Pastors of Englewood

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Brian Uebaszewski

City Chicago State IL Zip 60607

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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Respiratory Health
Association

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Seth Johnson

City Chicago State IL Zip 60640

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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Environmental Law and Policy Center

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

Factor
Planning Act



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) John Paul Jones

City Chicago State IL Zip 60621

Signature John Paul Jones

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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www.SustainableEnglewood.org

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

until
Oct. 1, 2014

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

Submitted by
Sept. 10, 2014



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I. IDENTIFICATION
Name (Please Print) Kenneth Newman
City Chicago State IL Zip 60637
Signature Kenneth B. Newman

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) Having St. Bernard Hospital as a possible partner to area organizations, as well as CPS and the City of Chicago, to repair the broken Englewood High School track, would be a positive benefit for the entire community.

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)
Support Oppose Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)
Oral Written



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I. IDENTIFICATION

Name (Please Print) Mr. John J. Ellis

City Chicago State IL Zip 60621

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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Sustainable Englewood Industries

III. POSITION (please circle appropriate position)

Support

Oppose

Neutral

IV. Testimony (please circle)

Oral

Written

ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE CENTER

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TELEPHONE 773.962.3900 FACSIMILE 773.602.3849

*Ronald
Campbell
w/jz*

Testimony of Ronald Campbell - Vice President, Coordination of Care

Public Hearing, Monday, September 15, 2014

Project 14-032: St. Bernard Hospital Ambulatory Care Center and Physician Office Building

Good afternoon, my name is Ronald Campbell. I am vice president of Coordination of Care at St. Bernard Hospital, a safety-net hospital that has served the South Side of Chicago for 110 years. Since our founding, we have upheld our mission to provide quality health care to anyone in need, including the poor and powerless. We serve higher numbers of indigent and uninsured patients than most hospitals, regardless of their ability to pay for services. In doing so, we have not only improved access to health care, but become an important economic engine — providing employment to many thousands of local residents over the years.

Begun in 1904 and expanded over the years, our current facilities were primarily developed to accommodate inpatient care. While our existing professional building, houses physicians and some specialty clinics, these offices require additional space to meet the demands for outpatient care. As the care delivery model continues to shift from inpatient to ambulatory care, especially under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), we find our current outpatient facilities to be inadequate to support current patient population.

We propose to develop a three-story ambulatory care center and physician office building at the northwest corner of our Hospital campus. The facility will have approximately 70,000 sq. ft. of space and accommodate an outpatient pharmacy, diagnostic imaging, non-invasive cardiology, and physical therapy services. Select Hospital sponsored clinics such as a walk-in clinic, our Prenatal Women's Wellness Clinic, and specialty clinics will be relocated to the facility, as well as a number of physician offices.

The community in which St. Bernard is located suffers from not only health disparities, but from a lack of access to quality healthcare. The residents of Englewood face numerous challenges in managing chronic conditions as a result of high rates of poverty, lack of education and urban blight. Our proposed Ambulatory Care Center is very important to improving the health outcomes of this population and to bring needed new employment opportunities to the community.



Ronald
Campbell
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In addition, the site where the building is to be located has been vacant for more than 30 years. St. Bernard has devoted a great deal of planning and resources to alleviating blight in the neighborhood. Real estate development and economic growth are rare in Englewood and the Ambulatory Care Center is very much needed.

Lastly, I have worked in this community for more than 30 years. During that time St. Bernard has grown in response to the needs of our community by actively working with our community partners. I cannot understate the importance of continuing to develop health care services that are desperately needed on the South Side. I ask that you approve St. Bernard Hospital's CON for the Ambulatory Care Center. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

Ronald Campbell
Vice President, Coordination of Care

Teamwork Englewood

Investing in Our Community through Partnership, Pride, and Persistence

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September 15, 2014

Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

Teamwork Englewood (TWE) is pleased to submit a statement in support of the Ambulatory Care Center that is being proposed on the campus of St. Bernard Hospital at the corner of 63rd Street and Stewart Avenue. We believe the health of our community depends on ensuring the approval of the new Ambulatory Care Center without delay so that neighborhood residents will have access to a range of important outpatient services that are currently limited because of space and capacity issues.

Teamwork Englewood has been at the forefront of building a stronger community since we were founded in 2003. As community organizers focused on safety, health, and education, TWE continues to bring together neighborhood stakeholders and residents to improve the quality of life in the Englewood community. Since many of our clients use St. Bernard Hospital for healthcare services, we feel that a new facility can offer benefits to everyone.

A high quality Ambulatory Care Center can serve the needs of many underserved residents in Englewood that typically rely on the emergency room for primary medical care. It can offer expanded outpatient services; while at the same time provide a viable alternative to the emergency room. This new venture can also bring economic opportunity. Building a new 70,000 square foot facility in our neighborhood would bring much-needed jobs into the community as well as strengthen the economic corridor in and around the Hospital. Bringing new jobs into our community is critical in helping to revitalize our community. As an organization that works with job seekers, we would welcome employment opportunities.

St. Bernard Hospital plays a critical role in the provision of quality healthcare for residents of Englewood and neighboring south side communities. More than 80% of the patients are Medicaid or Medicare insured and are considered low income. The community looks forward to this new facility and the many benefits it will bring into the neighborhood. Although we know there might be someone out that opposes this venture for whatever reason, we have heard nothing but full support from our constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Perry L. Gunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Perry L. Gunn
Executive Director

ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE CENTER

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*Evelyn
Jones
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Testimony of Evelyn Jones - Vice President, Nursing Services

Public Hearing, Monday, September 15, 2014

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Good afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to speak, and thank you Board Members for convening this hearing today. My name is Evelyn Jones and I am vice president of Nursing Services at St. Bernard Hospital, where I have worked for over 30 years.

An important part of my duties is as director of the hospital's Prenatal Women's Wellness Clinic. Founded in 2010, the Clinic was established to combat the high rates of infant and maternal health problems during and after pregnancy on Chicago's South Side. Since our launch we have steadily grown and now see more than 1,200 women a year, and I am happy to say, deliver many healthy babies. We have outgrown the space available to us inside the main building at St. Bernard Hospital and need larger quarters to better serve the increasing numbers of women who come to us for care during their pregnancies. I ask that you approve the St. Bernard CON which will allow us to better serve our patients.

Not only has the Prenatal Women's Wellness Clinic outgrown its current space, but a number of other services offered at St. Bernard Hospital need additional space to accommodate the many newly insured people who have received coverage through the Affordable Care Act. Not merely an insurance plan, tenets of the ACA are intended to provide better health outcomes by developing systems which keep people healthy and out of the hospital. In order to address the needs of population health management, St. Bernard has opened new clinics and services that our data shows have been needed in the community, but seriously lacking.

We recently opened a Specialty Clinic offering care for chronic conditions, diabetes, gynecology, surgery, and cardiac care. Most of these clinics can only operate one day per week as we rotate them through the same space on various days of the week. Additionally, we have added an MRI to the campus that we expect to move to the proposed building if approved. The space provided in the new building will facilitate better access to services and a much improved system of outpatient care. We plan to create outpatient diagnostic imaging in addition to the MRI, a walk-in clinic and phlebotomy, as well as relocate Physical Therapy and Orthopedics to the building, along with a pharmacy.



Evelyn
Jones
2/12

It has been well documented that health care is moving to an outpatient model nationwide. Improving health outcomes requires that we direct patients to primary and outpatient care so that we may treat conditions before they become acute. We cannot continue to funnel people through the emergency room as a substitute for primary and outpatient care. Not only is the demand for outpatient services steadily increasing, but as our buildings age we must face the fact that updating our facilities is too expensive and new structures are needed. We need to enhance the medical home model that we are working toward which will help us provide services in a more effective and far less costly way.

I ask that you approve our project as it will bring innumerable benefits to the communities we serve. Thank you again for your time.

Evelyn Jones
Vice President, Nursing Services



Greater Englewood Community Development

Rebrand Rebuild Revitalize

Glen
Fulton
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September 11, 2014

Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Glen Fulton. I am the Executive Director of the Greater Englewood Community Development Corporation and I am a RESIDENT of Englewood. My father bought our home in 1958 and it is located on South Harvard Avenue 2 blocks from Saint Bernard Hospital. 5 years ago my father passed away. He had a vision that our home would be a legacy home.

Which means when I have met my final destination, my children and then their children will continue to reside here.

What this signifies is that I see promise for my family and other families in Englewood and I want to ensure that this promise is delivered.

WHY WE NEED THIS PROJECT:

The residents of the south side have the highest needs for cases of diabetes, heart disease, pediatric obesity, breast and colorectal cancer. Yet there is no facility that can accommodate our needs. These health care needs are leading the south side in cause of death.

We need the new Ambulatory Center to save the lives of the people in our community. We need to focus on these specific health care needs and have a strategically located facility like the St. Bernard Ambulatory Center.

Additionally the new Ambulatory will address Women's health care needs. This is critical to a community that does not have these types of services that are offered in other communities.

St. Bernard hospital has served our community all of my life and has been the institution that my parents relied on since they moved to our community. One of the reasons my parents moved to the area is because of its proximity.

This hospital saved my fathers life on several occasions due to his heart disease. It also has saved my mothers life due to the same illness.

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When I was 9 years old a car hit me in front of our home as I walked across the street holding my fathers hand. I was knocked unconscious and woke up at St Bernard. They told my father if I had not got to that particular hospital I would have died. Saint Bernard saved my life.

As our community continues to grow from an economic standpoint we need to have the current services this great institution has provided and the new services that they will be bringing to our community.

Momentum is strong.

Englewood is on the Rise.

Our history has been one of the debates.

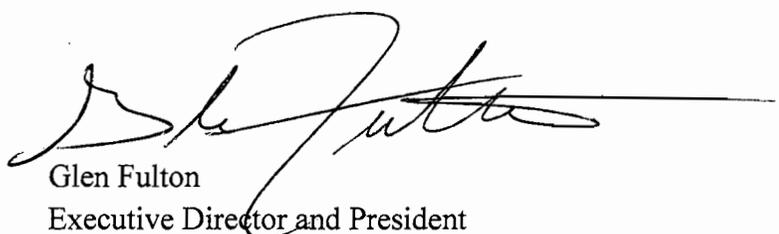
This delays or stops our progress.

While other communities are being built and are growing there are groups that debate our future. Many of these groups do not even live in the community.

The penalty of lost momentum and the delay in building this facility will result in the additional lost of lives to people who have a need for these services now and for those who will potentially need these services in the future.

I ask that this council allow the building of the Saint Bernard Ambulatory Center to be built in the best interest of this community.

And I pray that this council votes to move forward.



Glen Fulton
Executive Director and President
Greater Englewood Community Development Corporation

Bill D. Loggins
St. Bernard
9/15/2014

Englewood Community need the health services and jobs this project will bring.

We want to ensure this project will bring not just any jobs, but good jobs with good wages to the community of Englewood.

We believe it's essential that front-line healthcare workers have a voice with the employer in order to achieve high quality care.

St. Bernard's Hospital employees have a union which guarantees that a voice and a contract can negotiate fair wages and benefits.

The Worker in this new project deserves nothing less.

Our support for the plan is conditional upon ensuring good jobs for the community and a voice for healthcare workers.

Summary: Pay fair/decent living wages/Prioritize hiring from within the community. Workers need a voice over the decision that affects them.

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

RE: St. Bernard Hospital
Public Testimony in support of the new
Ambulatory Care / Physician Office Building

Dear Ms. Avery and Board Members:

I am an architect with 27 years of experience, and an owner of a firm that primarily designs healthcare facilities. My company has worked with clients throughout the state of Illinois that have required a Certificate of Need - this is the first time that I have written a letter in support of a project.

In the months that we have been working with St. Bernard, I have seen and heard remarkable things with regard to how care is delivered in a true urban community setting. We do a lot of work with storied hospitals including the University of Chicago, RUSH University Medical Center, Loyola University Medical Center, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Elmhurst Hospital but none are more deserving to grow their practice than St. Bernard.

As a hospital, St. Bernard tends to the lives of all of the residents of the Englewood neighborhood. Many of the patients do not have primary care physicians nor the means to pay for their services. Many end up in the emergency room with an acute situation because of a chronic condition or a simple medical need that has not been addressed and has become challenging. Statistically, patients who have the means to go elsewhere have gone to the academic medical centers of downtown Chicago, leaving the community rather than seeking treatment locally, leaving St. Bernard with the "sickest-of-the-sick".

At its best, the Affordable Care Act seeks to provide better medical care in all communities, managing not only specific occurrences of disease but rather the overall life of a patient population. In order to do that, the hospital needs to engage their constituency with more primary care physicians, and better interaction between those physicians and the broader specialist referral system. They need basic tools that allow for diagnostic and treatment of their outpatient population in a setting that is not encumbered by scheduling between inpatient procedures.

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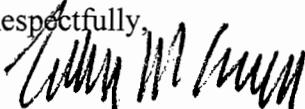
This community has an enormous need for quality healthcare. The patient population has a variety of chronic conditions that are endemic of an inner city neighborhood. We see a multi-generational support structure that has aging parents and grandparents along with young couples of child bearing years and young children within the same household. With that, comes a unique demand at all levels of the healthcare spectrum - from chronic conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, depression, dementia to women's wellness / pre-natal care, and pediatrics. St. Bernard's has an enormous outreach program with a neighborhood health van that goes to schools providing basic physicals required for education, vaccinations and dental exams. They have a remarkable dental clinic that serves special needs children from the neighborhood, but also from as far away as East St Louis and Southern Illinois. In fact, they received the Wisdom Tooth Award for outstanding service from the Illinois Delta Dental Foundation this month for their impassioned commitment to pediatric dental health.

Today, the majority of outpatient care occurs in the Pavilion Building on the South East corner of the campus above the emergency room. The building is physically tied to the hospital, and feels like more of departments within the hospital rather than a facility for outpatient care. A new Ambulatory Care / Physician Office Building would provide needed decompression and growth for hospital based outpatient departments as well as new primary care physician offices. That would allow for future enhancements to programs such as the pediatric dentistry center of excellence. New imaging facilities, walk-in clinic, phlebotomy, non-invasive cardiology and outpatient PT/OT and outpatient pharmacy would create a "one-stop-shop" environment that will be more appealing to patients who have a choice of where to receive their care. Providing a better portal for ambulatory care will reduce the number of visits to the emergency room and improve patient outcomes as mandated by the affordable care act.

In addition, St. Bernard is leading the community on the environmental front, working with the City to make the project as environmentally progressive as feasible. 75% of the rooftop will have a "Green Roof". The mechanical and lighting systems are highly efficient and energy saving; the electrical design betters the code requirement by 14%. In regards to site design, plant materials have been chosen that work well and are natural to our climate, not requiring excessive water. The parking lot will be constructed of permeable pavers which help prevent the City's sewer system from being over taxed and helps to replenish ground water.

I am in support of the new Ambulatory Care / Physician Office Building at St Bernard Hospital.

Respectfully,



Timothy M. Gregg, AIA, ACHA
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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR ST. BERNARD HOSPITAL
NEW AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

Courtney Avery
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Dear Courtney Avery,

I am making this statement in support of the New Ambulatory Care Center being proposed by St. Bernard Hospital as long as contractors and sub-contractors use an environmentally sound approach to all construction activities and are required to hire workers from the Englewood community. I have found St. Bernard Hospital to be a very good community partner for a number of years starting with the development of the Bernard Place Housing Project. I have worked closely with Mr. Chuck Holland and Mr. Ron Campbell on a number of community related issues. Also, I, my family and church members have received good service at the St. Bernard Hospital Emergency Facilities.

I feel the New Ambulatory Care Center will be a welcomed addition to the St. Bernard Hospital Medical Center Complex providing additional medical care to the Englewood Community and beyond.

God Bless!



Rev. St. John Chisum
Pastor, Gifts From God Ministry Church
Co-Chairman, Pastors of Englewood
September 15, 2014

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**Comment of Brian Urbaszewski
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RE: 14-032 St. Bernard Hospital Ambulatory Care Center/Physicians Office Building, Chicago

I would like to thank St. Bernard Hospital and the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for holding this hearing on the proposed ambulatory care center and office building for 326 W 64th Street. My name is Brian Urbaszewski and I am the director of Environmental Health Programs for Respiratory Health Association (RHA). Founded in Chicago in 1906 RHA's mission is to promote healthy lungs and fight lung disease through research, advocacy and education. That includes working to reduce exposure to air pollution.

Englewood is a neighborhood that continues to see a great number of challenges. As the materials for this project Assembled by St. Bernard's note it has a "Population demographic with a proportionally high degree of chronic conditions with various co-morbidities. It is not generally a health population." One of the challenges remains the growth in asthma and the challenge of managing the disease. In 2011 the US Centers for Disease Control documented a 50% increase in asthma prevalence for African American children nationally that occurred over less than a decade. A lot of progress has been made in providing educational and medical resources to prevent asthma attacks and need for hospital care, but the needs are still stark for communities like Englewood and surrounding neighborhoods. African-Americans are still three times more likely to die from asthma than any other population group.

Unfortunately, diesel exhaust is a significant source of air pollution people are exposed to in the Englewood area. The Interstate slices through the area, and major intermodal freight yards add diesel truck, locomotive and equipment emissions as well. This air pollution is a trigger for asthma. It can exacerbate other lung diseases such as COPD. And two years ago the World Health Organization declared diesel exhaust as carcinogenic to humans. The fine particles found in diesel exhaust also contribute to heart attacks, strokes and premature deaths. One study by the Clean Air Task Force calculated that diesel exhaust causes more than 20,000 asthma attacks, more than 680 heart attacks and approximately 570 premature deaths each year in Illinois.

Yet the technology to nearly eliminate this pollutant from diesel engine exhaust is commercially available today. In fact it's the industry standard for new diesel engines, and devices are commercially available that can be used on older engines to achieve similar results. We have been involved in efforts to reduce diesel exhaust locally, ranging from the rebuilding of the Dan Ryan Expressway to the more recent successful effort with Sustainable Englewood Initiatives and the Environmental Law and Policy Center to greatly reduce emissions from the expanding Norfolk Southern rail yard. We've worked with Metra to reduce their locomotive fleet emissions. And we successfully worked to pass City of Chicago and Cook County ordinances to promote the use of newer or retrofit diesel engines that have soot pollution controls in their own contracts.

But as the first rule of medicine is 'do no harm', we are now asking you to take similar action to reduce diesel emissions for this project. Solutions exist to ensure the construction of a new facility does not harm patients, staff or the surrounding neighborhood through added diesel exhaust pollution. We ask this particularly in light of the chronic health threats faced by the population St. Bernard's serves. If hospitals will not take precautions to ensure harm is avoided, who will?

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Given the availability of clean diesel construction equipment and add on pollution controls, we suggest the following actions be taken:

1. St. Bernard Hospital only utilize heavy-duty diesel equipment that achieves EPA Tier 4 emission standards, or the modified equivalent, during the construction period.
2. St. Bernard Hospital use only Tier 4 generators, or the modified equivalent, for any construction activity.
3. St. Bernard Hospital put into place a strict no-idling policy for all construction equipment and trucks while on the site.

We hope that the board will consider the increase of diesel pollution as it considers approval of this request. Respiratory Health Association urges the Board to consider approving the proposal with a modification addressing the need to ameliorate any increased diesel pollution that would come from this substantial project.



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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY CENTER

Protecting the Midwest's Environment and Natural Heritage

Prepared testimony of Seth Johnson

Policy Advocate with the Environmental Law and Policy Center

Thank you to St. Bernard Hospital and Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for holding this hearing today on the proposed ambulatory care center and physician's office building to be located at 326 W 64th Street. My name is Seth Johnson and I am a Policy Advocate with the Environmental Law and Policy Center head quartered here in Chicago.

The Environmental Law and Policy Center is a non-profit that has been working in the Midwest for more than 20 years on protecting and enhancing the Midwest's natural heritage. In the last decade we have been working to address air pollution and combat ever increasing asthma concern and respiratory illness around Chicago.

Today, I am here to talk about a key contributor to air pollution and lung disease: diesel pollution. Diesel pollution whether it is from trucks, trains, or construction equipment is dangerous and we believe needs to be addressed in this proposal from St. Bernard Hospital.

Diesel-powered vehicles and heavy equipment emit thousands of tons of pollution in Illinois every year. Diesel exhaust is toxic; it contains more than 40 air contaminants, plus carcinogens, ozone-forming compounds ("smog") and fine particulate matter ("soot"). Exposure to fine particles alone is cause for concern, since it contributes to asthma attacks, heart attacks, lung cancer, strokes and premature death. In Illinois, it is estimated that diesel exhaust triggers more than 20,000 asthma attacks, causes more than 680 heart attacks and leads to approximately 570 premature deaths each year. Sensitive populations, such as children, seniors, occupational workers and people with lung disease are especially at risk.

The problem of diesel pollution is especially severe in Chicago. According to the Clean Air Task Force, Chicago ranks in the 95th percentile for metropolitan areas with the worst health impacts from diesel pollution. Englewood is not exempt from the high levels of diesel pollution; in fact, diesel pollution is higher here than most other parts of the city.

Not only is Englewood exposed to diesel pollution from heavy truck traffic and the Dan Ryan expressway but also from an expanding Railyard. Over the past few years ELPC has worked with Sustainable Englewood Initiatives to address increased diesel pollution from the upcoming expansion of the Norfolk Southern Railyard. This expansion, which will take ten years to complete, adds to the aggravators already present in the Englewood area.

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As a result, it is imperative that St. Bernard Hospital address diesel pollution during the upcoming construction of the outpatient center. People think of hospitals as places where they can go to get better. Yet if St. Bernard Hospital does not address pollution from this construction, they will be adding to the health problem in the neighborhood not improving it. Recently, we requested a meeting with St. Bernard Hospital to discuss the options to address diesel pollution from construction. For the sake of time, I will briefly lay out the requests that ELPC has for the hospital construction. We request that:

1. St. Bernard Hospital only utilize heavy diesel equipment that meets tier 4 requirements or is retrofit with equivalent pollution controls for the duration of the construction.
2. St. Bernard Hospital use only tier 4 generators or those retrofit with equivalent pollution controls for any construction.
3. St. Bernard Hospital put into place a strict no idling policy for all construction equipment while on the site.

We hope that the board will take into account the increase of diesel pollution as it considers going forward with the approval of this request. We at the Environmental Law and Policy Center hope that the board will consider approving the proposal with a modification including a portion addressing the increased diesel pollution that will come from a project this large.

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Good evening. My name is John Ellis and I have lived in Englewood continuously since 1988 at my home, 517 West Englewood Avenue. I am pleased to report that I have retired, although I am still an ordained minister and will be happy to present any proofs requested. Among many other community activities, such as my avocation for community gardening, I served as a precinct captain for the 44th Precinct of the 20th Ward. I did so for about twenty years under former Alderman and Committeeman Arenda Troutman and when she left office, I continued with Alderman/Committeeman Willie B. Cochran. The 44th Precinct developed a reputation as the "winningest precinct" in the 20th Ward with lopsided majorities for the Alderman/Committeeman every time and heavy turnout. On retirement, I put aside political activities but my point is: St. Bernard Hospital was almost in the geographical center of that precinct as was its real estate development, Bernard Place, just to the south of the hospital. I was and am indeed still in an ideal location to observe St. Bernard Hospital and its workings.

Rebrand the Ambulatory Care Center as, the "Ben Wilson Ambulatory Care Center": If indeed St. Bernard Hospital succeeds in getting the proposed care center plans approved, I urge the hospital to consider rebranding it as the "Ben Wilson Ambulatory Care Center." "**Benjamin Wilson, Jr.,**" according to his Wikipedia biography, "often known as either "Ben" or "Benji",^[1] (March 18, 1967 – November 21, 1984) was an American Chicago area high school basketball player who was shot to death just prior to basketball season, during his senior year of high school.^[2] He was the first Chicago basketball player to be named the top high school basketball player in the country.^[3]"

"Per Chicago emergency protocol of the time," continuing the Wikipedia bio, "a patient was to be transported to the nearest hospital. The hospital closest to Simeon and the shooting was St. Bernard Hospital, which not only did not have a trauma center but also did not have a surgeon on staff who could treat Wilson. A surgeon was called for but was not immediately available and it took until 3:14 pm, two hours and forty minutes later, for Wilson to be operated on."

"Although doctors were optimistic that they could save him," continuing the Wikipedia article, "Wilson's brother and mother were not. As Curtis Glenn saw his brother wheeled into surgery, he noticed that the soles of his feet were unnaturally pallid and were continuing to get paler. Mary Wilson, who was an emergency nurse by trade, also saw this. The second shot had damaged Wilson's liver and aorta, with the latter resulting in blood being unable to reach his lower extremities. The massive blood loss only made things worse and Mary came to the conclusion that nothing could be done to bring her son back, as even if he made it through surgery enough

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damage had been done with the blood loss that Ben would not have emerged from a persistent vegetative state. Early the next morning, Mary Wilson elected to have her son removed from life support and Ben Wilson died shortly thereafter.^{[6][12]} Wilson's family later sued the hospital, as they felt medical care had been inappropriately delayed.^[13] The lawsuit was settled in 1992, for an undisclosed amount.^[14] Thus I conclude the Wiki reference to Ben Wilson.

A number of things happened that had adverse consequences for St. Bernard. First, Ben Wilson was a hero, even nationally, but certainly in Chicago and not least in Englewood. I am told his mother had lived in Englewood and his father had a barber shop at 63rd and Ashland. It was as if a foul smell had enveloped St. Bernard Hospital and even its name was given the "A.K.A." of "St. Barnyard." Not coincidentally perhaps around 1986, two years after Ben's death, the hospital dropped its malpractice coverage, deciding to become self-insured; that is to say, in the event of a legal action, the hospital would "pay the freight" entirely on its own. It became increasingly difficult to attract nurses to work in the hospital, and it was ultimately forced to entice nursing graduates from the Philippines to ensure it was fully staffed. The young ladies would be guaranteed work permits and be given the opportunity to establish at least permanent residency. St. Bernard Hospital is the *only* hospital in the United States with such an arrangement.

As I mentioned, even the name of the hospital has degenerated into a joke, i.e., "St. Barnyard." Indeed, within the last year or so I heard the physicians and staff at Rush-Presbyterian's emergency room referring to "St. Barnyard, a terrible, terrible hospital!" Police and Fire personnel will openly admit that they themselves would never seek treatment at St. Bernard! They encourage others to follow their example.

The hospital should seek to come to terms with the community it happens to sit in, and a good step would be rebranding their proposed ambulatory care center, dropping the St. Bernard moniker which carries bad connotations, and substituting Ben Wilson's. At one stroke, it would demonstrate to all and sundry that the hospital, if not willing to accept blame for Ben's death, is at least cognizant that Ben Wilson mattered to people and that, somehow, the fate of the hospital and Ben are linked.

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The Dorris N. Roberts affair: Several years ago I had the privilege of renting my second floor unit to a then President of the South Side Branch of the NAACP, Rev. Dorris N. Roberts. Rev. Roberts was also one of the assisting pastors at Antioch Missionary Church on the next block. From boyhood the time of his boyhood in Clarksville Tennessee, Rev. Roberts had known and been a great friend and admirer of Antioch's greatest pastor, the Rev. Wilbur N. Daniel.

On evening Rev. Roberts urgently summoned me to his bedside. He had soiled himself and we concluded he was probably suffering from the flu. I began calling a taxi so as to have him transported to Lakeside VA Hospital. He urged calling an ambulance instead, even though that meant going to St. Bernard. He reasoned that, since it was probably just a flu syndrome, he would be given immediate treatment and then discharged to home or another hospital. Upon my seeing him at the St. Bernard emergency room, however, he expressed regret at his decision to go there. He asked me to draft a letter asking then CEO Sr. Elizabeth Van Straten, by reason of his complex medical history, that he be transferred to a VA facility. I did so at once, I notarized his signature, and then conveyed the letter to Sr. Elizabeth's office.

The next morning or thereabouts, I received an extremely angry call from someone in Patient Care, denouncing my action and otherwise abusing me, personally. I went to visit Rev. Roberts in the ICU, only to discover that he was unconscious. According to the nurses, his pacemaker had misfired, with the result that he flew off his bed and landed, full body, on the floor. I alerted Doris's friends and relations, and then notified the Chicago Department of Human Relations, urging an intervention. I also notified Charles Holland, the current CEO, of my concerns. I never received a response from him.

Over the next few days, St. Bernard insisted a transfer was not possible and no VA hospital had bed space for Rev. Roberts. The investigator from Human Relations informed me, however, that the Veterans Administration claimed that bed space for Rev. Roberts was hardly a problem. Rev. Roberts was eventually released from St. Bernard and he went straightaway to Jesse Brown VA Hospital where he underwent a long recuperation. I noticed, as did others, that his mind seemed to have been severely affected. I attribute his misadventure with St. Bernard as a direct contributor to his helpless performance at the NAACP and his overwhelming loss for re-election as president of the chapter. There is little doubt in my mind, too, that the effects of his St. Bernard hospitalization contributed to his untimely death within about a year of his discharge.

I can give you a rendition of two other bad incidents I was witness to at St. Bernard, but time is short and I must spare you. You must pardon me, perhaps, for thinking that the maiming and cover-ups of such treatment of patients is almost a *tradition* at St. Bernard. Perhaps Englewood needs an ambulatory care center, but judging from what I have seen at its hospital, I fail to see how that can benefit the community until bad habits are broken, first.

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What is it we see at St. Bernard?: It is worth noting that St. Bernard is a facility under control of , not the Hospitaliers of Montreal so far as I can tell, but Catholic Health International of New Brunswick. The hospital, according to what IRS records I can access, takes in a gross of about \$95 million a year, writes off about \$7 million in charity care, but then—quite mysteriously—sends \$65 million to Canada. The hospital then complains of lack of money, but I fail to see what benefits it gets from the \$65 million to Canada, unless it comes back to Englewood in the form of seal skins for the Christmas coat drive, packed, salted herring for the cafeteria or whatever. One thing is certain, however, the top ten executives are richly rewarded, each taking in \$300 K a year in salary and benefits; a matter of some consternation I might add, to a *Consumer Reports* study issued in 2013, which noted that high salaries existed in inverse relationship to patient safety. *Crain's* examined the report and rated the hospitals in the Chicagoland area. It found that St. Bernard rated just third from the bottom, ahead of Roseland Hospital and the infamous Sacred Heart on the west side, now deceased, so to speak (*viz. Crain's* article.)

What are we seeing? It appears to me that we see the ongoing, adverse results of absentee ownership, on a scale writ large.

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Safety a key metric in gauging hospital CEO pay

By Kristen Schorsch April 20, 2013

As insurers and government agencies that pay the bills hold hospitals more accountable for outcomes, quality and safety are becoming more important benchmarks in hospital CEO pay.

A deadly outcome or a poor safety record can deliver a direct hit to a hospital's reputation—and ultimately to its bottom line.

Of the 45 nonprofit hospitals Crain's analyzed as part of a study on CEO compensation, none scored higher than 60 out of 100 in a 2012 Consumer Reports hospital safety rating. Many states fared the same, with the top scorer—Billings Clinic, a health network that includes a 272-bed hospital in Billings, Mont.—rated at just 72.

The Consumer Reports score ranked hospitals in six categories, including infections, readmissions and mortality. The information was gleaned from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, states and Leapfrog Group, a Washington-based nonprofit that represents large corporations and public agencies that buy health benefits for employees.

St. Bernard and Roseland Community hospitals, two South Side "safety net" facilities, scored the worst (28), while Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital (41) and Loyola University Medical Center of Maywood (40) were the only systems with at least \$1 billion in annual 2011 revenue to rank among the lowest scorers. Chicago's Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Medical Center, which scored 42, is part of the Presence Health network, which has 12 hospitals statewide.

Of the 10 bottom-scoring hospitals, six were safety nets, which typically treat a largely uninsured population and rely heavily on government funding. Swedish Covenant Hospital, a Northwest Side safety net, was the top scorer, at 60.

Lisa McGiffert, campaign director for the Safe Patient Project at Consumers Union, the advocacy arm of Yonkers, N.Y.-based Consumer Reports, says it was surprising that most hospitals in many states scored low.

"There definitely are many of us who believe that CEOs should be measured based on the quality and safety of the hospitals they run," she says. "We think whether you're poor or rich or middle income, you should be getting high-quality care in America."

Several hospitals told Crain's that the rating report's scope was too narrow or didn't reflect progress they have made.

"The hospital ratings do not account for the geographically high-risk community that St. Bernard serves, where poverty, violence, access to health care and other socio-economic disparities are profound," St. Bernard representatives say in a statement.

The hospital has instituted bar-coded bedside medication administration and provides a free 30-day supply of medication when patients are discharged.

Sinai Health System CEO Alan Channing recalls a board meeting in 2007 in which improving the quality of patient care was a major focus. He says some colleagues pushed back, saying the West Side safety net didn't

September 15, 2014

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Re: Testimony in support of St. Bernard Hospital's Outpatient Center:

Being a resident of the Englewood Community, located in Chicago Illinois, for the majority of my life I have seen significant changes, some good and some bad. In the last couple of years, there has been positive changes occurring and the more recent possible change that I am most excited to come to fruition is the expansion of St. Bernard's hospital.

I am in favor of St. Bernard Hospital's efforts to expand their offering of services by building an outpatient center that will include a walk in clinic, a specialty clinic and physical therapy. The Englewood community not only needs but deserves to have a diverse offering of services that can address the needs of the community without residents having to venture outside of its community. The addition is a perfect opportunity to take the Englewood community in the positive direction of making it into a community of choice that will encourage individuals to relocate here. As a resident of the community, not only do we desire, but we deserve to have access to the same level of quality care as other communities such as Wicker Park or Lincoln Park enjoy.

St. Bernard is currently providing excellent emergency and in-patient care in its current facility, and it will continue with that legacy through the outpatient center. I look forward to this application being approved and providing me the opportunity to have quality outpatient medical care in my "own backyard".

Sincerely,



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