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November 24, 2014

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator, Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL. 62761

Re: Project 14.046

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the CEO of St. John's Hospital and am writing to oppose the proposed AMI unit that Decatur Memorial wishes to establish. It is duplicative of St. John's unit. Also, the application incorrectly states that St. John's does not provide geriatric services. In fact, all of the AMI beds at St. John's operate to serve patients 65 and older. The utilization of the beds is 54.9% (based on 2013 data). We have ample capacity to serve patients in need of psychiatric services who are 65 years or older.

I also want to point out that in Decatur, St. Mary's, which is part of the same health care system as St. John's (Hospital Sisters Health System) operates 56 AMI beds, including a geriatric psychiatry service. As a result, St. John's and St. Mary's can and do collaborate and work together to serve the patient population at issue in Health Service Area 4, where there is a stated excess of 78 AMI beds per your inventory.

I find the proposal to be unnecessary. It will result in a duplication of services and negatively impact St. John's Hospital. I appreciate your consideration of our concerns, and urge you to deny the project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles L. Lucore'.

Charles L. Lucore, M.D., M.B.A.
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