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March 30, 2015

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project No. 15-002

Ms. Olson:

I am writing in support of Carle Foundation Hospital's proposal to build a new orthopedics and sports medicine facility. As Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Director of Strategic Clinical Partnerships at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), I work directly with Carle on a number of collaborative medical research initiatives. With the proposed site at the University of Illinois campus, there is great potential for further collaboration to enhance both provider education and medical research, which will result in even better care for patients.

The research being conducted in collaboration between the University of Illinois and Carle brings significant possibility. A number of Illinois faculty have been conducting research with Carle on sports medicine-related projects over the past 12 years. There are also current projects funded by the National Institutes of Health involving UIUC faculty and Carle physicians in the area of regenerative medicine.

Our vision is to improve the lives of individuals who suffer from musculoskeletal and nervous system injuries and conditions through world-class research and therapy. This facility will allow us to better coordinate research and address various aspects of sports injuries. Examples include enhancing concussion research associated with the Big Ten Concussion Consortium and potential development of new initiatives with Carle's patient care base of athletes.

The proposed facility with its patient services and ability to support research and education will also aid in recruitment of excellent physicians and scientists for both Carle and Illinois. Providers will be even better equipped to train future healthcare providers who will go on to care for those who need orthopedic and sports medicine treatment. We believe the proposed facility will become the inclusive focal point for athletic injury research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

I encourage the Board to approve this important project that will strengthen research, education and quality care for the increasing number of patients who rely upon Carle for orthopedics and sports medicine care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Eardley".

Jennifer Eardley, PhD, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research
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Paris
Community
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Center

March 25, 2015

Ms. Kathryn Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project No. 15-002

Dear Ms. Olson,

I write in support of the proposal by Carle Foundation Hospital to build a new Orthopedics and Sports Medicine facility because it will enhance care for those patients in the region who require this treatment.

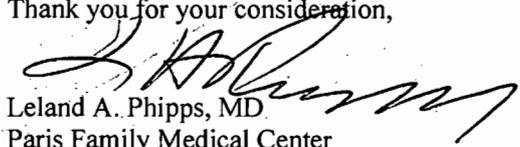
I am a primary care physician based in Paris, Illinois, and I rely upon physicians at Carle when my patients require an additional level of specialized care not available at our critical access hospital in Edgar County. Our hospital has an orthopedic surgeon on our medical staff; however, we often have patients who need the advanced treatment and surgical interventions that are not available in Paris, but which Carle can provide. Over the last few years, my level of collaboration with Carle physicians has increased substantially and I regularly refer my patients to Carle physicians for specialized care that is not available in this community.

For those injuries or conditions requiring specialized treatment, Carle physicians have the expertise to address care needs. Carle offers comprehensive orthopedic and sports medicine care including foot and ankle, sports medicine, adult reconstruction and orthopedic trauma services to support all aspects of orthopedic care and its Level I Trauma Center designation. Additionally, Carle Sports Medicine partners with more than 20 area high schools to provide strength and conditioning programs, physician evaluations, injury prevention and education. It also has collegiate partnerships with Parkland College and the University of Illinois, as well as various club programs in the area. The patients requiring orthopedic services benefit by receiving care from Carle providers, which has been recognized by HealthGrades with five-star ratings three years in a row for hip replacement surgery. Those hospitals with five-star ratings had statistically significantly better patient outcomes.

It is important that Carle doctors can provide this care in a facility that is easily reached at a central location near major roads and interstates for my patients who will travel. The facility should also be accessible for those patients who have mobility challenges. A clinic at Carle that is specifically designed to care for orthopedic patients will serve needs of my current patients and ensure that there is appropriate room for future expansion to address patient needs in the future. The proposed Orthopedic and Sports Medicine facility will provide important services not only for those in Champaign-Urbana and the surrounding communities, but also for patients in outlying communities like mine.

I encourage the planning board to approve Carle Foundation Hospital's request to build this much-needed facility, which will centralize and advance orthopedic care for those throughout the region.

Thank you for your consideration,


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March 26, 2015

Ms. Kathryn Olson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Supporting project # 15-002

Dear Ms. Olson:

I write to convey the positive impact of the Orthopedic and Sports Medicine facility proposed by Carle Foundation Hospital on patient care. I serve as director of Outpatient Physical Therapy for Carle. In this role, I observe the benefits of physical therapy and occupational therapy for those patients who are recovering from acute or chronic injury, disease or surgery. When therapists and physicians can work together to prescribe and oversee a patient's course of treatment, that person is much more likely to return to fundamental activities of daily living and to positively contribute in their communities.

In our work, we see a variety of patient needs, from those born with physical abnormalities, to those who develop conditions such as arthritis and others who sustain injuries from work, accidents or overuse. Such physical needs can create debilitating pain and can be life altering, preventing people from living independently. Successful treatment can mean the difference between requiring significant assistance, and the freedom from pain and ability to move.

The proposed facility will bring a team of therapists together with the physicians in a building designed specifically to care for those needing orthopedic, sports medicine services and therapies. It will include over 7,000 square feet of space for treatment rooms and a therapy gym where licensed Physical and Occupational Therapists will work side by side with Certified Athletic Trainers to address patient needs. It has been designed by experts in the field of therapy department design to best meet patient requirements. For instance, not only will the gym include space where trainers will provide injury prevention, injury evaluation, rehabilitation and sports performance services, it will also accommodate Hand Occupational Therapists who are currently practicing at Carle's Mattis Avenue location. The space would also accommodate growth which is important because we've seen a significant increase in demand for services for patients referred from orthopedic and sports medicine providers. In 2012, Carle outpatient Occupational and Physical Therapists were involved in 2,444 episodes of care, rising to 2,523 in 2013 and to 3,195 patients who received course of therapy in 2014.

Every day I see the impact of successful treatment with physical and occupational therapy. With a facility bringing Carle's two Orthopedics and Sports Medicine locations together with appropriate space dedicated to rehabilitating patient injuries, we will make a difference. I urge the board to support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Chew MS". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Deborah Chew, MS
Director, Carle Therapy Services