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May 8, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project 15-021 Saint Anthony Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery,

This correspondence is sent on behalf of Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, IL in support of their planned bed tower expansion. Rochelle Community Hospital is a regional partner of Saint Anthony and understand this expansion will provide private rooms for patients, which will enhance the patient and family experience and improve patient outcomes.

Saint Anthony Medical Center is a long-standing member of the Rockford Community and employs in excess of 2,000 individuals from Rockford and the surrounding areas. Saint Anthony is a strong partner to Rochelle Community Hospital supplementing our healthcare offering with their expertise in specialty services and tertiary care. We utilize Saint Anthony as our primary destination for patient referrals and transfers, due to their designation as a Level 1 Trauma Center.

From an inpatient perspective this project will provide Saint Anthony with nearly all private patient rooms increasing desired outcomes, providing space for larger high-tech equipment, while offering much more privacy for the patient's family and visitors.

We actively support this project as it enhances the healthcare environment for all of us in this region. As a partner of Saint Anthony, we are certain to experience the benefits of this project through cooperative efforts to bring healthcare services to the communities we serve and through the improved care of our patient referrals.

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Re: Project Number 15-021

Dear Ms. Avery,

My mother was hospitalized at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center and received excellent care during her critical time of need. She experienced a severe stroke and had to spend an extended time in a patient care room. The care was exceptional, however, the room she was in was small, and there was no room for us to comfortably visit for the extended periods of time required during her stay. In addition, the room was shared with other patients during her stay and it was difficult to have any privacy. Moreover, it was uncomfortable for my mother to share a bathroom considering her paralysis. I think Rockford area residents who choose OSF Saint Anthony for their care should not have to receive it in an outdated and cramped patient care room facility.

I urge you to approve the subject project application to build the bed pavilion at OSF Saint Anthony, in Rockford, IL, that will offer private rooms for future patients.

Thank you for your consideration and time with this important subject,



Brent S. Bernardi
840 Boulder Ridge Drive
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RE: Project 15-021 – OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Modernization

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of Rosecrance Health Network, I offer support for the OSF St. Anthony Medical Center Modernization Project 15-021. This project will provide for nearly all private rooms at OSF Saint Anthony, which will result in a more healing environment with enhanced privacy, no longer a need to share a toilet or shower, and the reduction of noise and distraction.

OSF Saint Anthony and Rosecrance have a strong community partnership. Their reputation as a champion of wellness and healthcare benefit the citizens of Rockford; as well as help recruit valuable medical professionals. OSF Saint Anthony has a history of excellent quality of care.

Their intent to improve and modernize the hospital is consistent with their values and will benefit the community, Rosecrance staff and the clients we serve.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Eaton
President/CEO

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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to provide my support for Project 15-021, the Saint Anthony Modernization Project. The goal of the project is to provide private rooms for nearly all patients at Saint Anthony Medical Center. Once accomplished the modernization of the medical center will have a marked positive impact on the patient experience. Private rooms will enhance privacy and allow for a more healing environment by reducing noise and distractions. Needed medical procedures and interactions can occur with a much greater degree of privacy. Similarly, private rooms will result in a high degree of confidentiality in regards to the interaction between health care providers and their patients. Equally, patients will be able to interact with family and friends in a much more conducive environment.

In essence, the modernization project proposed by OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center will result in the provision of a higher quality of care. This is positive for the patients, OSF Saint Anthony, and the greater Rockford community. Similarly, the modernization of the facilities will assist in the recruitment and retention of outstanding physicians to the medical center.

In conclusion, it is with pleasure that I provide my strong support for the planned modernization of OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Stagnaro-Green".

Alex Stagnaro-Green, MD, MHPE

Regional Dean

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RE: Letter of Support for OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Modernization Project 15-021

Dear Ms. Avery:

I write on behalf of the Physicians at Rockford Gastroenterology Associates to offer support for the proposed modernization project at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center.

We understand that this project will support the conversion of nearly all patient rooms at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center to private rooms. It is our experience that patients and families have a strong preference for private rooms during a hospitalization.

We believe that single rooms are optimal for a number of reasons: they provide privacy which will give us the freedom to discuss sensitive medical information or diagnoses without concern for another patient or their family overhearing; private rooms are less stressful for patients, which improves the inpatient experience and may lead to a more rapid recovery; and the risk of infectious disease is reduced.

We support this building project and respectfully ask the board to approve this petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joseph Vicari MD'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph Vicari, MD
Managing Partner



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Dear Ms. Avery,

This is our Letter of Support for OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Modernization Project 15-021.

FHN is in support of the OSF bed tower project as it will allow for patients to have private rooms. This will improve the experience for patients and visitors as well as enhance privacy for medical discussions. Private rooms are larger and will allow for more equipment and procedures to be done in the rooms.

Thank you,

Michael Perry, MD
FHN
President/CEO
1045 W. Stephenson St.
Freeport, IL 61032

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Ms. Courtney Avery,

In regards to Project: 15-021 St. Anthony Medical Center.

With one exception in 1970, all of my in hospital experience in Rockford have been in OSF St. Anthony Medical Center. In every case, my treatment has been excellent. Every time, my rooms have been double occupancy. Two times other patient's use of the TV at all hours was disturbing; vomiting by another patient was not good. The unauthorized visit by a girlfriend at night was uncomfortable. In all cases, visits by family or friends were cramped. Visits by doctors and nurses also compromised privacy.

Needless to say, I am very much in favor of construction of private rooms and transforming double rooms into private rooms.

Sincerely yours,



George P. Gendron