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SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Mike Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Constantino:

Please find the enclosed letter of support for Vista Medical Center East Project: 15-026.

Please feel free to call or contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Martin
President and CEO

Cc: Clare C. Ranalli

Fire Department

July 8th 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my wholehearted support for the Vista Health System's Application #15-026 in its proposal to convert all existing rooms to private use.

This will not only benefit their patients, as well as family members and other visitors, aiding them to receive the best available care.

The North Chicago Fire Department recognizes that the industry standard for all new hospitals facilities is privatizing rooms, with that Vista's proposal to take this step for all remaining rooms will represent a major commitment to the community we serve.

I understand there are extreme challenges that face our health care organizations in today's changing environment, with this stated we are asking hospitals to provide added services while they are tasked with remaining fiscally viable.

Vista Health System's is moving forward to make a sizable investment in their largest facility and we fully support of their endeavors.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dell Urban
Fire Chief

City of Zion

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT
1303 27TH STREET
ZION, ILLINOIS 60099
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"Historic Past - Dynamic Future"

JOHN LEWIS
CHIEF

July 10, 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

As the Fire Chief for the Zion Fire and Rescue Department, I am writing today to show my support for Vista Health System's Application #15-026 for their plan to convert all existing rooms to private rooms. The conversion to all private rooms will benefit patients, family members, and other visitors providing yet another means to receive the best available care. It has become apparent that the standard for all new hospitals is to provide private rooms for their patients. Vista's recent proposal to take this step to meet the standard for all remaining rooms represents a major commitment to our area.

Overseeing a fire department that provides EMS transport, it is readily apparent that there are many challenges facing our hospitals and other healthcare organizations in today's changing environment. Hospitals are being asked to provide more and more services while continuing to remain fiscally responsible. Vista Health System is stepping forward to make a significant investment in its largest facility and I believe that we need to support this project in any reasonable way possible.

I personally wish to extend my thanks to the Board for your consideration in approving their application, and I look forward to a positive "yes" vote for this proposal so that it can move forward. If you have any questions or wish to speak with me directly, please do not hesitate to contact me at (847) 746-4042.

Sincerely,

John Lewis
Fire Chief

BEACH PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

3233 Lewis Avenue • Beach Park, IL 60087

Chief Paul N. Tierney

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July 09, 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I have known and worked with the people of Vista Health System for many years. I have seen a great number of changes for the better – a new ICU, new Progressive Care Unit, new Wound Care Center, new Obstetrics Unit, new Same-Day Surgery Center – and more. I am very excited to learn that Vista is proposing to do major renovations throughout the hospital and convert all remaining semi-private rooms to private rooms.

This is the same standard that applies to all new hospitals, and Vista is willing and able to create the same amenities in its existing hospital. I am personally very excited to see this move forward. I can't imagine any possible reasons for there to be objections to this proposal since the end result will completely positive for patients, staff and the community at large.

Thank you for your consideration, and I wholeheartedly ask you to support Vista Health System's Application #15-026.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Tierney
Fire Chief

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847-872-3911

Justin Stried
Fire Chief

Winthrop Harbor Fire Department

830 SHERIDAN ROAD
WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS 60096

July 9, 2015

Dear Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I would like to emphasize the important role that Vista Health System has played in caring for the health of our community. Thousands of people are seen by Vista physicians and nurses each year – whether it's to have a baby, visit an ER, have lab testing, undergo surgery, or receive treatment for every kind of injury and illness imaginable. The physicians, nurses and staff at Vista have shown great compassion and dedication to care for their patients.

We have seen a wide range of improvements and changes at Vista over the years, and in the past 6 – 8 years in particular. This new proposal to significantly renovate its facility and convert to private rooms can only be a positive influence on the community. I can see no reason why there would be any objection to this plan and am asking that you vote in favor of this proposed plan.

We look at Vista as a close partner in public safety along with our police, fire and EMS departments. Please stand with us and lend your support to Vista Health System's Application #15-026 in making these important renovations to its facility that serves countless people who live and work in Lake County.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Stried
Fire Chief

Lake Villa Fire Protection District

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June 26, 2015

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Frank Slazes, Fire Chief
Lake Villa Fire District

NORTH LAKE COUNTY EMS SYSTEM

VISTA HEALTH SYSTEM

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Sincerely,

David R. Chase

Dave Chase, EMS Educator, Paramedic Programs
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