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

Re: Project No. 16-011, Northbrook Behavioral Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed (2) letters of support from Maine Township for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John P. Kniery
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January 11, 2016

Mr. David Schoon
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RE: US HealthVest's Proposed Behavioral Hospital in Northbrook

Dear Mr. Schoon,

This letter is in support of US Healthvest's proposed behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

There is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Approval of US HealthVest's application will increase access to these important services.

I have been working in the field for over five years and with all the budget cuts in the last few years, I have seen many mental health treatment options dwindle. During this time I worked with many clients that required inpatient psychiatric care. Many times they ended up being in the ER for hours until a hospital had an open bed on their psychiatric floor or they got transferred once or twice to other hospitals. Many times these hospitals were very far away and their families could not even visit them frequently. I feel this creates even more stressors on their mental health, instead of actually helping them. By having more access to a behavioral hospital in this community it would significantly help those who need mental health treatment get the services they require quickly.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Anna Dziekonski, MA, LCPC
Assistant Director
Maine Township
MaineStay Youth and Family Services

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

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I have hearn clients report that they have gone to the hospital with suicidal ideation or other urgent mental health symptoms, that they have experienced long wait times, insufficient numbers of beds, and transfers between hospitals, which can be distressing. Having another behavioral hospital would be an asset in the north/northwest suburbs that we at MaineStay Youth & Family Services would utilize.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Kristina Oltrogge, MA, AMFT
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cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

The mission of MaineStay Youth & Family Services is to support the growth of healthier families in the Maine Tawnship community by providing affordable strength-based counseling and comprehensive programs focused on prevention and education.

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Dear Mr. Schoon:

This letter is in support of US Healthvest's proposed behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

In speaking with our staff at the Northbrook Meier Clinics, I understand that no specialized psychiatric services are available at the local hospital. Patients are then either denied the services they desperately need or must seek care at another hospital.

Allowing US Healthvest to establish a hospital in Northbrook would not only be beneficial to our clients and others in the community but would create additional revenue sources for Northbrook.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Nancy Brown

Nancy Brown
President

cc: The Board of Trustees; Ms. Sandra Frum

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RE: US HealthVest's Proposed Behavioral Hospital in Northbrook

Dear Mr. Schoon:

As the Clinical Executive Director for the Illinois Meier Clinics, I have recently been made aware of a situation by staff at our Northbrook clinic. It appears that there is no hospital providing behavioral healthcare in the surrounding area. Those needing such care must travel outside of the community which is often not feasible.

I understand that US Healthvest is very interested in establishing a hospital in Northbrook to fill this void. As a psychologist with over 20 years experience, I encourage you to consider this request as quality mental health care is vital to not only the individual and family but to the community as a whole.

I am endorsing US Healthvest's desire to establish a behavioral health hospital in Northbrook and hope you will support them in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Bradley Kahle, PsyD
Licensed Psychologist
Clinical Executive Director for IL Meier Clinics

cc: The Board of Trustees; Ms. Sandra Frum

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Dear Mr. Schoon:

I have been a psychologist with Meier Clinics for over 20 years, working at the Wheaton and Northbrook locations. We have several nearby hospitals who provide behavioral healthcare in the Wheaton area but there is a great void in the Northbrook area. We must send our clients to communities farther away which creates additional stress during what is already a stressful time for them. Many may not even follow through with hospital care that is recommended due to barriers created by needing to go outside the community.

I am asking your consideration and support to allow US Healthvest to establish a hospital in Northbrook. This would greatly benefit our clients, others in Northbrook and the surrounding communities, as well as the city of Northbrook itself.

Thank you for carefully considering this request and endorsement on behalf of US Healthvest.

Sincerely,

Kris McKnight, PsyD
Licensed Psychiatrist

cc: The Board of Trustees; Ms. Sandra Frum

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Village of Northbrook Development & Planning Services
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Dear Mr. Schoon:

As the Medical Director of the Illinois Meier Clinics, I wanted to let you know that I support US Healthvest's proposed behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

In speaking with our clinical staff who see clients at our Northbrook location, I understand that there is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services. Patients being evaluated at the local hospital must go to other communities if they require hospital care. This is, obviously, not an ideal situation, especially during times of crisis and may cause some people not to follow through and receive the care they need.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary Casaccio

Gary A. Casaccio, M.D.
Licensed Psychiatrist
Medical Director of Illinois Meier Clinics

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum

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Our Northbrook office is strategically located to be accessible to the northern suburbs of Chicago. At present, we provide only outpatient mental health services. When needed, crisis mental health needs are assessed by the local community hospital emergency room. When needed, adults are referred to a hospital in Evanston and adolescents are referred to a hospital in Highland Park. This means that the initial hospital care and follow-up care are not provided in the same location which is certainly not ideal. Our clients, as well as others in the community, would greatly benefit from a central location when hospital care is required which would then offer better continuity of care.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Kim Lurvey

Kim Lurvey, L.C.S.W.
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Northbrook Clinic Director

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