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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

May 24, 2011

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson St.
Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption – E-1001-11 –
Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 25 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Harl".

Cheryl Harl

FROM: NATHIBEN PATEL
334 N. LEONARD AVE
DUQUOIN, IL 62832

TO: Whom it may concern:

I Support Dr. Magbool Ahmad to
Purchase Marion Surgery Center, because he's
in the field & have knowledge in this center.
Health Centers should be run by HealthCare
Specialist to give better Service to Patient.

Thank you

N. PATEL

5-18-11
640 CR 565
Poplar Bluff, Mo
63901

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir:

I oppose the certificate of need exemption that this attorney is requesting.

The care of this surgery center should be left in the hand of physicians not an attorney.

Sincerely,

Kristie Bagwell

I agree that Dr. Ahmad
should be owner of the Surgery Center
in Marion IL.

Thank you.

Gregory Hamlet
463 E. NORTH ST

Dubuque, IL
62274

I support Dr. Ahmad purchasing
the Marion Surgery Center.

It is a convenience for his
patients in this area.

Allen L. Ross
502 S. St.

DeWitt, Ill. 60927

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

To whom it may concern;

I feel this will not be in
best interest of patients of the
Mason Eye Center.

This is in support of Dr.
Magbool Ahmad and Mason
Eye Center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Bill T. Lyon
831 S. Jefferson Ave.
DuQuain, Ill. 62832

5/20/11

Members of the Board,

I am opposing the sale of the Marion Surgery Center to an individual who is not trustworthy or has no ethical values moreso, I believe the community will not benefit from the sale of the surgery center to a non-medical professional. To have it own and operated by medical professionals in the community is the best interest to the community.

Thank you,
A concerned patient,

DeWain, IL

Dear Sirs,

I had laser surgery in 2005. I had a great experience! I would hate for things to ~~change~~ change with the service that we get @ Marion Eye Center. My whole family goes to MEC.

Thanks,

Jeff Miller
801 Queens way
Pville, IL 62274

5/23/2011

To Whom It May Concern,

I do feel very strongly that a physician should own & operate a physicians office and/or surgical center whereas a physician would have the patients best interests at heart as opposed to an attorney.

An attorney should own & operate a law office, not a medical facility.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wright, RN
105 Dixon Dr
Chester IL 62233

5-23-11

I would like for Dr Ahmad to
purchase the surgery center in Marion

Victoria A. Bruff
206 Edna
Chester Al. 62233

5-23-11

To whom it may Concern:

Doctors should RUN MEDICAL Centers
not Lawyers.

Thank You

Clyde Stephens

6981 WALSH RD

ELLIS GROVE, ILL.

62241

5-23-11

I believe a surgery center should be ran by a Doctor not an attorney. Myself and my children have been going here for years and the service is excellent. I would not feel comfortable going if an attorney made choices. Whats he looking for clients? I feel it should be sold to the Doctor.

Lisa R. Koval

Clute, IL

5-23-11

Dr Ahmad is excellent. I support him 100%. He did my cataract surgery in March and I see better now than I have since I was a young man. My vision is better than 20/20

Thomas B Venable
14546 Singer Rd
Ellis Grove IL 62241

I believe a doctor's practice should be
controlled by doctors, not lawyers

change of ownership would harm access to
healthcare in Marion and the surrounding
communities so I agree with Dr. Ahmed
he should be able to buy this center.

David S. Korach
2112 Swan Pond Road
Jaxxon, Illinois 62950

I believe a dr who would own a surgery center. He knows how to run the practice. Not an attorney who doesn't have pts best interest as top priority. 5.23.11

Rayna McGee-Williams

1506 Springst.

Chester, IL

1 Brandie Esperman,

am backing Dr. Magboul Ahmad
in purchasing the Marion Surgery Center.

5-20-11

Brandie Esperman.

430 Karen dr.

Pepler Bluff, MO

63901

I oppose what Ron Carter is proposing. Please let Dr. Ahmad purchase

Surgery center

Thanks for your concern.

Quantita Crafford

2356 CK 607

Poplar Bluff, Mo

63901

04-21-2011

To whom it may concern:

The Marion surgical center needs to stay in the hands of Doctors. I find it very peculiar that a lawyer is interested in buying a surgery center. Dr. Ahmad has taken care of my husband in the Marion surgery center and I want to make he continues to do so. Please do not allow anyone other than surgeons the privilege buying this center.

Thank you,

Laurie Dunwan

I think the Marion Eye Center
should stop oper at Surgery Center support

Dr. Ahmed

Roger Slagg

5-20-11

204 McMurry St

Piedmont, MO. 63957

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am against the Certificate of
Need Exemption for the Surgery
Center of Southern Illinois.

Thank You!

Joshua W. Johnson
372 North Venedy St.
Nashville TN 62263

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in support of Dr. Ahmad
and his plan to purchase the Surgery
Center of Southern Illinois.

By doing this, I am against the
Certificate of Need Exemption before
your Board.

Thank You.

Charles Sussel

857 W MAPLE

NASHVILLE IL 62263

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Members of the Board

I would like to express my opposition to
the Certificate of Need exemption for
the Marion Surgery Center

Wayne Heberer
16164 Waterwork Rd.
Olawville IL 62271

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to oppose the Certificate of need exemption for the Marion Surgery Center.

Cheryl Hasheider
268.W. Belleville
Nashville, IL. 62263

Dear members of the Board,

I believe it is in the best interest of the patients to keep the Marion Eye Surgery Center open because I have realized that insurance is getting high. Marion Surgery Center has very skilled workers and doctors that just want to help people and not hurt people so in the kindness of your heart think of the elderly people who need help. This center will make many people's lives a lot easier. So I just want to thank you for your help and consideration.

Respectfully.

LAKISHA VUICHARD
9 East Chester St
Pinckneyville IL 62274

13 May 2011

Members of the Board:

The Marion Eye Center is operated by medical professionals in the community, and it should stay that way.

We do not need another medical decision to be made by lawyers (or politicians), those decisions should be made by medical professionals and their patients.

We will not do business with such a business that is not run by someone in the medical field.

Sincerely,
Robert & Lois Waetz

Pineyville, NC

DEAR SIR

I WISH TO PUT MY THOUGHTS IN WRITING ABOUT THE CENTER IN MARION. IT IS A GREAT PLACE EVERYONE IS VERY HELPFUL AND NICE AND THE DOCTOR IS GREAT AND THE ONE IN PINCKNEYVILLE. IS THE SAME ALL THE LADYS THERE ARE SUPER NICE AND THEY ALWAYS WELCOME YOU WITH A BIG HI AND A BIG SMILE. SO PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THE MARION CENTER. PLEASE.

Patricia Helms

Pinckneyville, K

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Cheryl Harl

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Members of the Board,

It is my understanding that the surgery center in Marion, Ill, has filed for a certificate of Need Exemption. I also understand that an attorney has filed this application. I believe that a building where surgery has been performed should be owned and operated by medical professionals. Marion Eye Centers serve our small communities. People depend on their services. Close-knit communities need friendly places that they can trust to remain open. Therefore, I oppose issuing a certificate of need to a non-physician attorney and do not believe it would benefit our community. Thank you for taking the time to address our concerns.

Sincerely,

Ambler Kellerman
6677 White Walnut Road
Pineknobville IL 62274

I support Dr. Ahmad and purchasing the surgical center in
Marion, IL.

Kevin A. Zettel
9174 Kimzey Rd.
Tamarac IL 62888

5-19-11

To whom it may concern,

I support Dr. Ahmad in purchasing
the surgery center in Marion, IL.

Wanda Schlepser
17 S. Peach St.
DuQuoin, Ill.
62832

I feel it is important that someone with
knowledge of a surgical center be owner
rather than someone that is only there
for income such as Ronadd Osman. Patients need
to know they are selecting services for medical
from an established physician. Who better to own and
operate a facility

Barbara Collier
P.O. Box 332
Sparta, Il. 62286

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

I feel it would impose a severe hardship on many in our town and surrounding community if the doctors at the Marion Eye Center no longer do surgery at the Southern Illinois Surgery Center in Marion. If you grant the CON that is being considered, they feel they have no other choice but to go elsewhere. Patients will follow them because they have been going to them for years and trust them. This will be a great loss for our community.

I deeply oppose issuing this certificate of need and hope that you will consider its impact on the patients in this community.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Russell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Regards,".

Tom Russell
1238 Co. Rd. 2300 N.
Carmi, IL 62821

Healthcare Planning Committee Members

The only reason an attorney will buy a surgery center is to make money. A health care facility is more than a money making place. Doctors will do a better job for the patient's care if they own the surgery center.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmi, IL'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Carmi, IL

IL Healthcare Planning Board

Patients will be best served if the surgery center is run and owned by medical professionals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Hass".

Carmie, IL

Ladies and Gentleman of the Board:

I have heard that an outside party is trying to purchase the Marion Surgery Center and that the Marion Eye Center doctors will no longer do surgery there. I think this sale is not a good idea for many reasons. First of all patients are going to follow their doctors, they have faith in them, that is the reason you choose a doctor. This will be inconvenient for patients and also takes business out of our community. I am told that the person that will own the center is a local attorney; I question why a malpractice attorney would want to buy and operate any health care business. My last concern is that the surgery center will fail, it obviously will not work at the capacity it did when the Marion Eye Center doctors were doing surgery there. I believe that the majority of the surgery that has been done there for years has been performed by these well respected surgeons. For these reasons and many others, I ask that you deny the exemption.

Sincerely,

Doris H. Blair

Doris Blair
624 Oak St.
Carmi, IL 62821

To the IL Healthcare Facilities Planning Board

Dear Sir/Madam,

Why did Attorney Osman interfere with the sale of Marion Surgery Center to Marion Eye Center? If this sale to Attorney Osman goes through, the patients will be affected.

Please vote "NO".

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Spence". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "S".

Chris Spence
864 Co. Rd. 950 N.
Carmi, IL 62821

IL State Healthcare Facilities Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center, Marion, IL

A surgery center is not a business where profit is the only goal. Patient welfare will be compromised if an attorney owns it.

Please vote NO to Attorney Osman.

Sincerely,

Emily Spence

Emily Spence
P.O. Box 747
Norris City, IL 62869

To The Planning Board

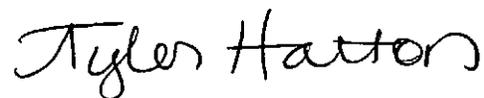
Ladies/Gentlemen:

As a patient of Marion Eye Center, I feel that we are lucky to have retina specialist and surgeons in our small communities. These fine doctors do a wonderful job.

I heard that an attorney in Marion is trying to buy the surgery center. A non-medical person should not operate a surgical facility.

I vote against selling this facility to an attorney.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tyler Hatton".

Tyler Hatton
12 W. Sloan St.
Harrisburg, IL 62946

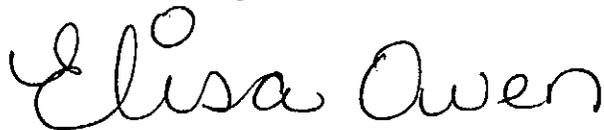
To the Surgery Center Board

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to oppose the sale of the surgery center to a non-medical person. It would not be very good for patient care.

I vote against the sale of this surgery center to an attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisa Owen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Elisa Owen
Ollie St.
McLeansboro, IL 62859

The Planning Board of Healthcare Facilities

To Whom It May Concern.

Healthcare facilities are not a business where bottom line is the only motive. Why should an attorney be given ownership of a surgery center? Please vote NO to Mr. Osman.

Thank you,

Tim Connaway
Carmie, IL

IL Healthcare Facilities Planning Committee

RE: Surgery Center of Southern IL

I am very much against a malpractice attorney running a
medical facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Hatton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Shirley Hatton
7460 Hwy. 34 N.
Raleigh, IL 62977

5-20-11

I support Dr. Ahmad purchasing
the surgery center in Marion.

Arlene Fisher
527 N. Maple
DuQuoin, Il. 62832

I Support Meroun Eye Center.
Dr. Ahmad should be the
owner of this facility!

Haydon Weeks
Pinebluffville, LA

I totally support Dr. Ahmed
in purchasing the surgery
Center in Marion, Ill.

Donald Shockley
725 E. MAIN
DUNDAS, ILL
62274

I oppose Ron Osman's attempt to
Purchase the surgery Center.

Cave Bridgewater

2675 Hwy V

Hannibal, MO

63945

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Members of the Board

I am opposing the Certificate of Need
Exemption for the Marion Surgery
Center in Marion, Ill.

Michelle Ferrari
2761 Bethel Church Rd.
Pinckneyville, Ill
62274

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Board members:

I oppose the Certificate of Need
Exemption for the Surgery Center of
Southern Illinois

Please think of the patients when
voting on this.

Thank You.

Stanley Going
13258 Chickadee Rd.
O'Kawville IL 62274