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Mr. Constantino:

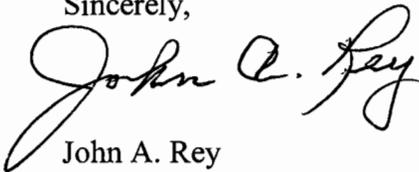
This letter is a follow-up to my original communication to your attention regarding Northwestern Medicine's service of behavioral health in DeKalb County.

My personal letter dated October 16, 2015 was composed following public comment delivered to city council in the meeting of October 12th. I want to make clear the letter is personal opinion and should not be construed as consensus opinion of city council. The public comment at the October 12th meeting of council was not corroborated with the Kishwaukee Health System authorities.

I subsequently have learned Northwestern Medicine intends to continue delivery of highest quality care to behavioral health patients. They intend to explore ease of local care and facilitate patient choice in their delivery system. Northwestern Medicine will bring added resources to the service model, serving the full spectrum of health care needs.

I truly feel Northwestern Medicine will bring positive and enhanced service delivery to patients in the county. Please view this letter as my personal endorsement in support of the merger of KishHealth System and Northwestern Memorial HealthCare.

Sincerely,



John A. Rey
Citizen of DeKalb
Mayor

Cc: Mike Kokott
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Dear Members of the Illinois Facilities and Services Board;

It is the position of the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board that a merger of two well-known health care providers which will improve and provide a greater access to health care for DeKalb County residents is welcomed.

DeKalb County has not had a local facility for mental health patients since 2009 when Kishwaukee Hospital closed its inpatient mental health unit. The DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board looks forward to the opportunity to discuss further improvements in mental health services with the new health system.

Sincerely,



Charles G. Rose
President
DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board