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E-016-14

RE: Application for Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital - Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois

Dear Ms. Olson,

This letter is in support of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's Application for Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital.

As a SASS agency dealing with almost 2000 assessments of children and adolescents per year, we see a great need for specialized inpatient acute care for children and adolescents, particularly DCFS wards. A need also exists for the seniors population. Currently, it is a challenge to find an appropriate bed when a ward of the State is in crisis resulting in some young people being held in emergency departments, traveling long distances, and being separated from their family support systems while in crisis.

Since the Maryville reduction in intake, Kenneth Young Center crisis staff has had to make multiple calls (at times 8-10) to find available beds for wards. There were examples of wards waiting days in ER rooms for a bed to open and that bed might be 1-2 hours away. We have instances where wards have been hospitalized in Indiana or Missouri.

The parent company of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital, US HealthVest, has substantial experience in operating behavioral health hospitals and states they will continue serving the behavioral health needs of the community with a special emphasis on children and adolescents.

I urge you to support the approval of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital application for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital.

Sincerely,

Mitch Bruski
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Dear Ms. Olson,

This letter is in support of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's Application for Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital.

A great need continues for specialized inpatient acute care for children and adolescents. A need also exists for the adult and seniors population. Currently, it is a challenge to find an appropriate bed when a patient is in crisis resulting in patients being held in emergency departments, traveling long distances, and being separated from their family support systems while in crisis.

The parent company of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital, US HealthVest, has substantial experience in operating behavioral health hospitals and will continue serving the behavioral health needs of the community with a special emphasis on children and adolescents.

I urge you to support the approval of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital application for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital and thank you for your assistance in allowing us to continue to provide access to care for children and adolescents who need inpatient psychiatric care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyn Orphal".

Lyn Orphal
Interim Executive Director