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Kathryn J. Olson, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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,

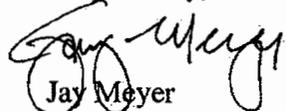
This letter is in support of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's Application for Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital.

A great need continues for specialized inpatient acute care for children and adolescents in our community. Currently, it is a challenge to find an appropriate bed when a patient is in crisis, resulting in delays in needed services, patients being held in emergency departments, families traveling outside of the community and often for long distances to access services, being separated from their family support systems while in crisis, and effective coordination of aftercare when returning to their home community.

The parent company of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital, US HealthVest, has substantial experience in operating behavioral health hospitals, and after meeting with their representatives we believe that they will effectively serve the behavioral health needs of children and adolescents, and become a valuable partner in the community.

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.

Respectfully,


Jay Meyer
Executive Director
OMNI Youth Services