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Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Kewanee Hospital's Affiliation with OSF Healthcare System

E-020-13

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing as the Chief of the Medical Staff, Member of the Board of Trustees and a practicing physician in the Kewanee Community. I am a Board Certified General Surgery that began my practice career in the Iowa Quad Cities. In addition to my clinical activities, I have participated in the management of two HMO's and the consolidation of St Luke's Hospital and Mercy Hospital to form Genesis Health System. Since my coming to Kewanee Hospital in 2009, I have participated in leadership activities to enhance the care provided in our community.

The Board with support from the medical staff has chosen an affiliation which will ensure the availability of healthcare in our area for many years to come. Stability of access to healthcare resources, will allow those providing healthcare and those who need access to healthcare to effectively plan for the future. The access to expertise of more specialty providers will facilitate care in the local community which will help reduce the upward pressure of healthcare costs. OSF's commitment to innovation is in line with the culture at Kewanee Hospital. Our goal in this affiliation is to continue Kewanee Hospital's ability to provide excellent care to the patients of our community.

Because of my experiences in other communities and the reasons stated above, I am submitting this letter of support for the proposed affiliation and encourage the Planning Board to approve the Certificate of Exemption for the change of ownership of Kewanee Hospital.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Daniel P Congreve MD FACS

Chief of Medical Staff
Kewanee Hospital