

November 9, 2016

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**Re: Certificate of Need Application by Universal Health Services  
to Operate a 100-bed Psychiatric Hospital in Wilsonville, Oregon**

As a LCSW, and as an Employee Assistance Professional who frequently seeks services for patients, and as an Oregon resident, I recognize the projected need for inpatient psychiatric beds in Washington and surrounding counties. Immediate action to increase inpatient psychiatric capacity is critically needed. As a current provider in this area with its Cedar Hills facility, UHS is ideally situated to provide additional capacity for patient care. Its relationships and experience in Oregon with other healthcare providers will improve its ability to meet patient needs in a timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner, and most importantly, to deliver accessible, high quality care. I understand the proposed hospital would begin operations January 1, 2018.

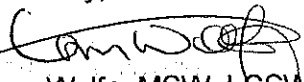
It is my understanding Universal Health Services ("UHS") has submitted a certificate of need request for a 100-bed psychiatric hospital. NEWCO Oregon, Inc., DBA Willamette Valley Behavioral Health, proposes to develop a freestanding psychiatric hospital for children, adolescents and adults in Washington County of the State of Oregon. I fully support its request.

There are current and projected bed shortages for children, adolescents and adults well in excess of the UHS request. Shortages includes care for the most seriously ill individuals who are often involuntarily detained or committed as well as inpatient psychiatric care for children, adolescents and adults with less severe diagnoses but nonetheless requiring inpatient psychiatric care.

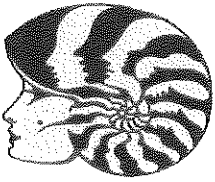
Willamette Valley Behavioral Health is a wholly owned subsidiary of Universal Health Services ("UHS"). Universal is also the owner of Cedar Hills Hospital, an 89-bed adult, inpatient psychiatric hospital, located in Portland Oregon. In my opinion, Willamette Valley Behavioral Health will bring local clinical expertise and market knowledge from Cedar Hills as well as the very broad experience and expertise of UHS in developing and operating psychiatric hospitals.

In closing, I fully support Universal Health Services' certificate of need request for a 100-bed psychiatric hospital in Washington County. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

  
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**Re: Letter of Support for Universal Health Services to Operate a Psychiatric Hospital in Wilsonville Oregon**

I, Louise Bauschard, LCSW, Executive Director of the non-profit Voices Set Free, offer my support for Universal Health Services in their proposal for a 100-bed psychiatric hospital, a freestanding psychiatric hospital for children, adolescents and adults.

There are serious psychiatric bed shortages for children, adolescents and adults. This includes care for the most seriously ill patients in need of psychiatric care. In my opinion, Willamette Valley Behavioral Health will bring local clinical expertise and market knowledge from Cedar Hills.

As a mental health provider, I recognize the substantial, historical and projected need for inpatient psychiatric beds in Washington and surrounding counties.

In closing, I fully support Universal Health Services' certificate of need request for a 100-bed psychiatric hospital in Washington County. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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