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To Whom it May Concern;

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the need of a proposed alcoholism and substance abuse treatment facility in Kane County, Illinois.


There are 66 DASA-approved Methadone programs in Illinois. All but four are Outpatient programs. The four are: Cornell Interventions – Southwood (Chicago); Specialized Assistance Services, Inc. – Branden House (Manteno); Women’s Treatment Center – Chicago; and Cermak Health Services, Cook County Jail, (Chicago). Over 90% of methadone is dispensed in outpatient free standing facilities not attached to a hospital or treatment center.

The facility being discussed is significantly different from all but four programs. The treatment center being proposed does not provide outpatient methadone treatment. Further, the center is exceptionally different from a ‘methadone clinic’ in that your program will be composed of several levels of care which would not be present in a free standing outpatient only clinic (the word clinic and treatment center are used here interchangeably). These include residential detoxification and substance abuse treatment facilities which are highly specialized medically supervised centers.

There are 58 remaining providers who have outpatient only free standing facilities. This supports the data that the majority of methadone replacement treatment takes place in an outpatient free standing facility. They provide dosing of methadone through outpatient treatment only and may not offer adjunct services like individual, group or DUI assessment and treatment.

The State of Illinois does not have group homes that are used for substance abuse treatment. In fact Illinois has gone to great length in policy and legal actions to assure individuals with substance use disorders are not admitted or residing in a group homes or Institute for Mentally Diseased (IMD). {(Williams v. Quinn, 2005) (Williams Consent Decree 2010)} Group homes would most likely be a term used by the Illinois Division of Developmental Disabilities to describe housing where clients may reside for many years.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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