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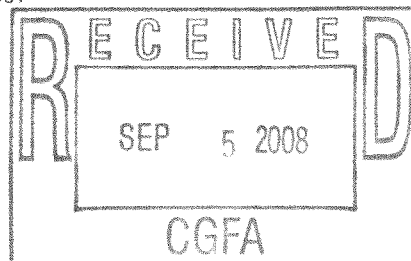
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Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg, Co-Chair
Representative Richard Myers, Co-Chair
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, Illinois, 62706



Re: Notice of Transfer Proposal for Tinley Park Mental Health Center
Tinley Park, Illinois

Dear Senator Schoenberg and Representative Myers:

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS), I am writing to advise you of the intention of DHS and its Division of Mental Health (DMH) to transfer existing bed capacity and associated staff members from the Tinley Park Mental Health Center (TPMHC) in Tinley Park, Illinois, to the Chicago Read Mental Health Center (Chicago Read) and the John J. Madden Mental Health Center (Madden). Chicago Read and Madden are located in Chicago and Maywood, respectively. The needs of persons with severe and persistent mental illnesses remain a priority of DHS/DMH; in order to continue to meet those needs, this proposed transfer is necessary as part of a phased transition of patients from TPMHC while DHS constructs a replacement hospital facility.

It is our understanding that this transfer of bed capacity and staff is not, at this stage, subject to the mandates of the State Facilities Closure Act, 30 ILCS 608/5-1 *et seq.* or Section 3(13) of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability Act (CGFA), 25 ILCS 155/3(13). However, in order to ensure transparency during this process, we have opted to act in accordance with the time lines and other requirements contained therein.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Adams, Ph.D.
Secretary