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RE: PeaceHealth Riverbend, new
acute rehabilitation hospital

July 28, 2023

Dear Matt,

I am the Medical Director for Trauma Care at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend. In my role, I oversaw the hospital's designation as a Level II Trauma Center from both the Oregon Health Authority and the American College of Surgeons.

Level II trauma centers serve as regional resource centers for definitive care, quality assurance, community education, outreach, and injury prevention. Outside of the Portland metro-area, RiverBend is one of only a very few Level II providers in Western Oregon. Our Level II trauma center designation requires that we guarantee the immediate availability of surgeons, anesthesiologists, physician specialists, nurses, ancillary services, and resuscitation life-support equipment on a 24-hour-a-day basis, dedicated to the care of trauma patients.

Many of our trauma patients experience brain and/or spinal cord injuries. Timely access to post-acute care physical rehabilitation is essential. Modalities and equipment aids, as well as regularly scheduled passive range of motion exercises and body repositioning, is critical. Equipment aids are necessary as well and may include standing frames and tilt tables. As part of the physical rehabilitation program, a setting similar to the patient's pre-trauma home better facilitates reintegration back to the patient's daily routine prior to injury.

The current ORC facility simply lacks the physical space to provide some of equipment and the replication of the home-like environment. The new hospital will include designated space for both acquired brain injury and spinal cord patients. It will also include state-of-the-art equipment such as an Ekso Bionics EksoGT, an exoskeleton for spinal cord injury rehabilitation. It will also feature cooking therapy and an activities of daily living (ADL) therapy suite, styled like an apartment.

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The new PeaceHealth Riverbend, LLC acute care hospital will complete the continuum for our trauma patients and will improve outcomes. Its application should be approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Littman", with a small "MD" written above the end of the signature.

Travis Littman, MD, Trauma Medical Director