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Dear Sir or Madam,

I write this letter of support for the Cook County Health clinic which operates out of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center. I have been told that there is the risk of the clinic being moved due to funding and I would like to ask that for the benefit of the children who are served at the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center that you reconsider.

As the Commanding Officer of The Chicago Police Department's Special Investigation Unit for over the past three years, I am quite familiar with the work that is done by the Cook County Health Clinic which is based inside the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center. The Clinic provides a less intrusive setting than a hospital or doctor's office for child victims of sexual abuse whom need to be examined not only as part of any criminal case that may be pending but to ensure that the child victim did not suffer any serious physical injury or contract a sexually transmitted disease that may impact them for life.

The staff who are employed at the Health Clinic are some of the few medical personnel who have been specifically trained in child sexual abuse cases in Cook County and the City of Chicago. This specialty allows medical personnel to treat their patients with empathy and understanding which is something that is not always done in a busy emergency room.

Not all medical doctors are trained in child abuse and it is my fear that some children would slip through the 'bureaucratic cracks' if they were not treated by a specialist who is cognizant of the signs of abuse.

Because of the staffs training it is not unusual for the clinics medical personnel to get information needed in a criminal investigation from a child they are treating. This information then helps result in criminal investigators being able to move forward with a case. If children do not disclose to an act of sexual abuse they may be in jeopardy of returning to a household where they can experience additional abuse. The Health Clinic is a needed partner in the Criminal Sexual abuse of children investigations. We have seen in the media what happens when abuse is not detected and children end up being harmed. Not only is this terrible for the child it casts a bad light on the involved agencies that missed clear signs that the child was in danger.

The medical personnel who work within the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center are a part of the Multidisciplinary Team that work together to help ensure the safety of children who have been exposed to abuse in Cook County. It is important that they remain on site and continue to be part of this team as many of our CPD staff depends upon their expertise and guidance. I fear if they moved off site, many of the children who receive the service of a medical exam would go without. This would be problematic to the child's physical health and could ultimately have an effect on the outcome of some of our criminal cases. Having lack of services effect even one case is way too many!

Once again, I would like to offer my full support of the Cook County Health Clinic which is operational in the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, reiterate what a remarkable job the doctors and staff do as part of our Child Abuse team and ask that you reconsider removing the clinic from our site as part of upcoming budget cuts.

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Rationale: Keep Cook County's Medical Clinic at Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
Presented Thursday, November 2, 2017

As a life-transforming resource within the Cook County Health & Hospitals System, the Cook County Medical at CACC's purpose is to evaluate and treat children who are abused.

Since it opened in 2001, Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, a not-for-profit organization, has served as a welcoming and accessible trauma-informed destination for approximately 600 children cared for by the Medical Clinic each year. By providing a one-stop resource at CACC, this Medical Clinic effectively assists and supports some of County's most vulnerable children.

To succeed in its mission, the Medical Clinic needs direct and immediate access to CACC staff and other onsite professionals, including child life and mental health professionals, first responders, police officers, State's attorneys and investigators. They function as a team with a multi-disciplinary approach to identify, diagnose and treat myriad harmful consequences of sexual abuse young patients experience.

From a clinical perspective, it makes sense for Cook County to keep this Medical Clinic at CACC. Here, these young patients receive sustained, interdisciplinary support not available at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital. Since 2001, the agency has provided *at no charge* to the County several professional services and use of its facilities.

CACC also has assumed all financial responsibilities for necessary professional staff and ancillary services used to advance the care of youngsters served by the Medical Clinic. The Clinic occupies approximately 4 percent of the entire CACC facility and pays no rent.

According to its chief operating officer, CACC completely underwrote costs for the following services in 2017 totaling \$111,500. CACC affirms its intention to continue support at this level for Cook County's Medical Clinic on its site.

Salary for child life staff dedicated to the Medical Clinic	\$ 54,000
Staff to manage intake, advocacy and interpreting services	20,000
Mental health service professionals	20,000
Transportation, security and reception services	7,500
Proportionate share of occupancy costs	10,000
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It recently was discovered the Medical Clinic's budget shows a line item for a psychiatric social worker, who was never hired and who never has worked in any capacity with children served by the Medical Clinic at CACC. So, the only costs the County pays now for the Medical Clinic at CACC total \$151,455 for three staff members.

The stated goal of saving \$200,000 by moving this Medical Clinic to the Hospital would, in the best-case scenario, only reduce costs by \$151,455 if its staff's compensation was allocated in another budget. This move would increase operating costs by \$111,500 or more because the required services and immediate access to aligned providers need to be added at the Hospital. So instead of saving \$200,000 this decision would cost the County at least an additional \$111,500 for staffing and support services over and above its budget of \$151,455.

Any lesser support would damage the integrity of the Medical Clinic's positive impact and the efficacy of its programs.

2017 Budget

PERSONAL SERVICES - SUMMARY OF POSITIONS BY BUSINESS UNIT AND JOB CODE DEPARTMENT 893 - AMBULATORY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK OF COOK COUNTY

Job Code	Title	Grade	2016 Appropriation		Approved & Adopted	
			FTE Pos.	Salaries	FTE Pos.	Salaries
6738	Psychiatric Social Worker	20			1.0	81,449
1524	Medical Social Worker III	17	2.0	141,813		
0048	Administrative Assistant III	16	1.0	49,958	1.0	53,786
5296	Medical Assistant	12	6.0	234,523	8.0	319,583
0907	Clerk V	11	4.0	193,826	7.0	333,870
4826	Health Advocate - Inpatient	11	1.0	35,111		
			24.0	\$2,121,121	27.0	\$2,137,397
12 VISTA(Northwest/Palatine) - 8930605						
5384	Nurse Coordinator II	NS2	1.0	102,621		
6651	Ambulatory Clinic Manager	23			1.0	96,422
1816	Physician Assistant I	22	1.0	109,845		
6738	Psychiatric Social Worker	20			1.0	77,726
1524	Medical Social Worker III	17	2.0	107,264		
1941	Clinical Nurse I	FA	3.0	242,700	3.0	286,074
1653	Attending Physician Senior 7	K07	1.0	229,135	1.0	232,572
1652	Attending Physician Senior 6	K	3.0	580,130	3.0	607,964
5296	Medical Assistant	12	6.0	225,564	6.0	239,646
0907	Clerk V	11	4.0	183,867	3.0	153,882
4826	Health Advocate - Inpatient	11	1.0	38,468		
			22.0	\$1,819,594	18.0	\$1,694,286
13 Child Advocacy Center - 8930606						
1943	Nurse Clinician	FC	1.0	103,281		
6651	Ambulatory Clinic Manager	23			1.0	76,445
6738	Psychiatric Social Worker	20			2.0	81,271
5296	Medical Assistant	12	1.0	37,594		
0907	Clerk V	11			1.0	37,416
			2.0	\$140,875	4.0	\$195,132

2017 CORRECTED BUDGET

			22.0	\$1,819,594	18.0	\$1,694,286
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1943	Nurse Clinician	FC	1.0	103,281		
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6738	Psychiatric Social Worker	20			2.0	81,271
5296	Medical Assistant	12	1.0	37,594		
0907	Clerk V	11			1.0	37,416
			2.0	\$140,875	4.0	\$195,132
					3.0	\$151,455

03 South Cluster

02 Woodlawn Adult - 8930424

5384	Nurse Coordinator II	NS2	1.0	79,178		
1816	Physician Assistant I	22	1.0	83,578	2.0	197,370
1524	Medical Social Worker III	17	2.0	106,698		