



# Douglas County Hospital

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Julie Sonier, Director  
Health Economics Program  
Minnesota Department of Health  
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Dear Ms. Sonier:

I am writing in support of Prairie St. John's request to build a psychiatric hospital in the Twin Cities. Prairie St. John's has been an excellent partner in our mission to provide the patients we serve with the highest quality medical care possible. Prairie St. John's does an excellent job accepting transfers from our facility of psychiatric patients.

Prairie St. John's contribution to the care of psychiatric patients in Minnesota and North Dakota is substantial. We are very fortunate to have them as a member of our medical community, and we believe they will make an excellent contribution in the Twin Cities as well.

Sincerely,

William G. Flaig  
Administrator  
WGF/lib

cc: Torrey Westrom, State Representative  
Bill Ingebrigtsen, State Senator