## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Protecting, Maintaining and Improving the Health of All Minnesotans

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Ms. Trudi Noel Trysla Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel Fairview Health Services 2450 Riverside Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55454

Submitted via email

Dear Ms. Trysla,

Please extend our thanks to Laura Reed and Jeffery Woods for participating in the public meeting held on June 9, 2022 concerning the proposed mental health hospital in Saint Paul, Minnesota. We expect to be releasing a summary document of the feedback by sometime next week.

We also thank the teams at Fairview Health Services ("Fairview") and Acadia Healthcare ("Acadia") for submitting over the past few months a number of materials to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) as part of the public interest review process.

As you know, since MDH formally began the public interest review under Minnesota Statutes, section 144.552, the Minnesota Legislature enacted an exception to the hospital bed moratorium pertaining to the Fairview/Acadia proposal conditional on the commissioner finding it in the public interest (Laws of Minnesota 2022, Regular Session, Chapter 99--House File 2725, article 1, sec.3).

Given that the adopted language establishes certain conditions the new hospital must meet at the point at which the construction project is complete, MDH wanted to invite Fairview and Acadia to submit additional detail either clarifying how the proposal already aligns with the requirements or documenting how the proposal has been modified to best align with the requirements.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions. If you wish to submit any new material, please do so **by July 5, 2022**, so that MDH may effectively consider it during our review.

Sincerely,

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