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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 07, 2012 3:34 PM  
**To:** Williams, Don A.  
**Subject:** NMH CON request to IL Health Fac Brd.  
**Attachments:** Landmarks IL let to IL Health Fac Board reg. NMH Con request Feb 2012.pdf

Don,  
Thank you for your assistance.

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February 7, 2012

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
525 West Jefferson St., Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Northwestern Memorial Hospital (CON Project 11-107)

Dear Ms. Avery:

Landmarks Illinois would like to request a deferral for the certificate of need (CON) permit application in regards to Northwestern Memorial Hospital's proposed Outpatient Care Pavilion at 259 East Erie St., Chicago, IL.

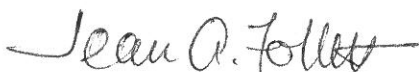
Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH) has stated that demand for healthcare in the Streeterville neighborhood exceeds the available space and therefore the proposed building is necessary. Yet the former Prentice Women's Hospital, located at 333 East Superior is currently empty and unused. This building was occupied by Northwestern Memorial Hospital until September 2011, when its last tenant vacated the facility, and is now planned for use by Northwestern University. While the building site is proposed for demolition, this remains under review, and there is no definitive timeline relative to when the University may be able to proceed with any plans and what those plans might entail.

The former Prentice Hospital currently provides 340,150 GSF, and with a tower addition on the north side of the site, could provide an additional 220,320 sq feet. This means the building is able to accommodate the proposed 362,696 minimum sq feet of medical office space NMH has stated it needs. Also, in 2011, Landmarks Illinois commissioned a reuse study of Prentice which demonstrated that if rehabilitated, medical office space would be a viable use.

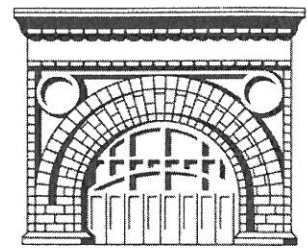
By deferring the CON, the Board can request from NMH further due diligence in reviewing the option of including the former Prentice facility in its long-term plans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jean A. Follett  
Interim Executive Director



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