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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Update to Project #12-101, Trinity Medical Center-Rock Island

Dear Ms. Avery;

Mr. Constantino has asked Trinity Medical Center-Rock Island ("Hospital") to provide the following information to update the application for Project #12-101, Heart Center/Emergency Department Tower, that is currently in the review process.

Trinity Ambulance Service ("TAS") currently functions as a department of the Hospital. As part of the Hospital's ongoing efforts to achieve its vision of "Best outcome, every patient, every time," the Hospital regularly evaluates its services. During recent evaluations, it has become increasingly evident that it would be necessary to restructure the ambulance service to achieve our vision. Further, with our limited fleet, the growing ambulance and other transport needs of our community, and a changing environment, the challenge of restructuring the service did not appear to be the best use of our limited resources. In the process of identifying and studying our options, we learned more about Advanced Medical Transport ("AMT").

Advanced Medical Transport is a high performance ambulance service based in nearby Peoria. AMT not only provides a comprehensive full service ambulance and other transport services (including vans, mental health cars, a critical care rig, and ambulances for bariatric patients) but also extensive training programs for the response teams. Senior leadership at AMT has experience integrating their highly respected ambulance service with other existing services and providing the infrastructure and management support to ambulance programs joining their organization.

Preliminary conversations ultimately led to a partnership agreement. The terms of the agreement include the transfer of ownership of the TAS fleet to AMT; in return Trinity Medical Center gained two board positions, one on AMT's parent board and one on AMT of Central Illinois. All TAS employees are eligible for AMT employment and all ambulances will be co-branded with both TAS and AMT insignia. AMT will be responsible for providing management services, training and operations for TAS. AMT will also become the exclusive transfer service for Trinity Medical Center transports. The partnership is intended to increase quality while reducing costs.

The new AMT/TAS partnership is not part of Project #12-101. However, TAS's provision of ambulance services to the community was mentioned on pages 143, 263, and 264 of the application when describing the Hospital's service to the community. Under this new partnership, the community will not only receive more comprehensive ambulance and transport services than it did in the past, but also benefit from enhanced clinical care and operational effectiveness.

There are no costs related to this partnership included in the application for Project # 12-101.

If you have any further questions, please call Janet Scheuerman at 219-464-3969 or e-mail her at prismjanet@AOL.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Willsher", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jay Willsher, FACHE
Chief Operating Officer

Cc: Mike Constantino, Supervisor of Project Review
Janet Scheuerman, PRISM Healthcare Consulting