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Subject: Re: [External]
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 1:22:41 PM

Hi Mr Constantino

I can answer that.

1- MESC always was a one OR surgery center with two pre op and two post op bays. We used to just do gastroenterology procedures in the OR. Then we got the CON to start doing general surgery cases and plastic surgery cases in the OR last year, and have been doing so for a year.

2- in addition, since we expected business to get busier, we requested you and IDPH to grant us permission to build a second OR at MESC. Permission was granted last year, and we were told to build the second OR and add two more post op bays to the ASC.

3- that additional construction is done. We are a fully equipped 2 room OR surgery Center now, with 2 pre-op bays and 4 post op bays. We have Med gases, sterilizer and everything else in place. We have passed city inspections for everything. Once IDPH passes the second room, we can start using that too.

Hope this clarifies things. We provide an amazing level of care to Illinois patients. 25% of our patients are Medicaid. I would be very happy if you would find time to come visit us, so we can show you what we have done for the community here.

Shakeel Ahmed, M.D.

On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 1:14 PM Constantino, Mike <Mike.Constantino@illinois.gov> wrote:

Can someone tell me how many operating rooms, procedure rooms and pre and post recovery stations are at the ASTC?

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Thank you.

We will review the project certifications submission and will be in touch

Henry

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Mr Kowalenko

The work is done. Our subcontractors and architects are filling this form out as we speak.

I will send this back to you early next week.

Please let us know if you will then need anything else from us.

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On Thu, Jan 30, 2020 at 1:35 PM Kowalenko, Henry <Henry.Kowalenko@illinois.gov> wrote:

To the best of my knowledge, the Department has not received a Final Occupancy Checklist Certification for Request for Occupancy for the project. I have attached a link to the form:

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/forms/formohcrfinaloccupancychecklist.pdf>

Please complete the form and supply the necessary documentation to this office. Once received and found acceptable, a survey will be scheduled.

Thanks!

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Dear Mr Kowalenko/Miss Senger

This is regarding the addition of the second OR room at Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center .

We have finished the construction and passed all city inspections. We are ready for the state inspection.

Kindly give me a date you would like to visit. I will work our procedure schedule accordingly.

Thankyou.

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