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VIA EMAIL AND FEDEX

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

**Re: Permit Renewal Request-Javon Bea Hospital-Rockton Avenue Campus,
Project #19-056**

Dear Ms. Avery:

On February 25, 2020, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("HFSRB") approved Project #19-056, an application to establish a 17-bed skilled care unit to be housed in 12,450 gross square feet. The unit will be located within the Javon Bea Hospital-Rockton Avenue Campus ("JBH") at 2400 North Rockton Avenue, Rockford, Illinois 61103. The purpose of this letter is to request a Permit Renewal pursuant to 77 Ill. Admin. Code 1130.740. Enclosed under separate cover you will find a check with the permit renewal processing fee. This is our first renewal request.

Request Project Completion Date

The permit holder requests that the HFSRB grant a permit renewal and establish Monday, February 28, 2021 as the project completion date for this project.

Status of the Project

This project involves the modernization of existing space at JBH. When this project was approved by the HFSRB, Illinois was experiencing its initial cases of patients diagnosed with COVID-19 (Coronavirus). As we all know, since that time the state of the world and our state have dramatically shifted. Like many other providers in the state, JBH has met the challenges associated with COVID pandemic by being flexible and utilizing surge capacity in available space within their facility. In particular, the space that was to house the new sub-acute care unit is being utilized as surge space to treat patients diagnosed as positive for COVID-19. As result, the applicant has been unable to undertake the necessary pre-planning to initiate the project.

The permit holders are in the process of completing the Illinois Department of Public Health (“IDPH”) project submission form and have engaged an architectural engineering firm to manage that process. The completed form and architectural rendering of the space will be submitted to the IDPH Life Safety and Construction Division for review upon completion. The applicant is still in the process of selecting a general contractor for the project.

Statement Regarding Project Completion

Given the delays associated with the ongoing pandemic and the required processing of our construction plans, we have no choice but to seek a permit renewal at this time. The time and diligence we have undertaken over the last several months was dedicated to facilitating the orderly design and actualization of this project. While there is a proposed construction timeline, the applicant out of an abundance of caution is seeking a project completion date far enough out to provide flexibility should there be a second wave of COVID-19 in the region. Additionally, given the scope of the overall undertaking, we are requesting additional time to ensure appropriate completion of the project and licensure consistent with IDPH and HFSRB rules.

To date approximately \$5,000 of the approved \$5,329,625 has been expended on the project. The HFSRB set the current financial commitment date for this project as August 31, 2020, which is in line with the current project completion date. However, we understand that if this permit renewal is approved the new financial commitment date for the project will be February 25, 2021, which is consistent with the time periods described in 77 Illinois Admin. Code Section 1130.720.

Confirmatory Evidence of Permit Compliance

Enclosed is a verified statement from Joanna Benning, Vice-President of Facilities and Construction that confirms the permit holders are currently complying with the scope, costs, and conditions of the project approved by the HFSRB, pursuant to the permit letter issued for this project. Additionally, the aforementioned verified statement confirms that there are sufficient financial resources available for and committed to complete this project.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the project, please feel free to contact my colleague, Mark Silberman, via phone at 312-212-4952 or via email at MSilberman@beneschlaw.com. You can also contact me via phone at 312-212-4967 via email at JMorado@beneschlaw.com with any questions.

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Very truly yours,

BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER,
COPLAN & ARONOFF LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan Morado, Jr.", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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JM:
Enclosures