



LA RABIDA
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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Courtney Avery, Administrator
State of Illinois
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Project Number: 12-040
Facility Name: La Rabida Children's Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery,

In the process of filing our final report for project 12-040, and in the interest of full transparency, I want to make you aware of what I hope is an insignificant issue.

The permit for our project expired December 31, 2013. Substantially all the work was completed by that time. In fact, the majority of spending for this project related to new construction which was completed in August, 2013 and fully functional that month. The second phase of the project was renovation of existing facilities, and it commenced immediately thereafter. By the expiration of our permit on December 31, 2013, substantially all of the work had been completed and 100% of our hospital services were operational. However, city inspections and punch list items prevented us from obtaining a certificate of occupancy from the City of Chicago until January 17, 2014. We did not deem it necessary to apply for an extension of the permit.

In addition, as I mentioned to your staff earlier today, I had been interpreting 'project completion' as the time when all billing disputes had been resolved, final payment had been made to all parties and the books had been closed. And since that didn't happen until recently, we were not prepared to submit the report until today. I now understand that this should have been submitted earlier.

On behalf of La Rabida Children's Hospital, I apologize for the delay and respectfully request that any associated penalties be minimal. I would be glad to discuss this further or provide any additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Renfree". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail on the "f".

Mark Renfree

Chief Financial Officer and VP Administration

773-753-8630