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George K. Roate, Reviewer  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
Office of Health Systems Development  
525 West Jefferson 2nd Flr.  
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Re: Project 14-043

Dear George:

Enclosed is a replacement narrative page, correcting the number of ICU beds to be proposed from 8 to 16. The number 16 is consistent with the rest of the application.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
Clare Connor Ranalli

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## 2. Narrative Description

Provide in the space below, a brief narrative description of the project. Explain **WHAT** is to be done in **State Board defined terms**, **NOT WHY** it is being done. If the project site does NOT have a street address, include a legal description of the site. Include the rationale regarding the project's classification as substantive or non-substantive.

### Replacement of Hospital

St. Elizabeth's Hospital (St. Elizabeth's, Hospital), Hospital Sisters Services, Inc. (HSSI) and Hospital Sisters Health System (HSBS) are proposing to replace St. Elizabeth's at a new site which is 7 miles to the northeast of the current site.

77 Adm. Code, Chap. II, Part 1130.140 Definitions includes the following. "Establish' or 'Establishment' means ... the replacement of an existing health care facility on another site..."

Based on this definition, the proposed replacement of St. Elizabeth's Hospital requires the discontinuation of the existing Belleville facility and the establishment of the proposed new facility (the project).

At the new site, St. Elizabeth's will be readily accessible by the major highways serving the Metro East region which includes the established market area of the Hospital. The project has been designed to meet the challenges of the evolving healthcare delivery environment and to preserve the Hospital's ability to continue the mission of the Hospital Sisters to care for all, especially the poor and vulnerable, with a spirit of respect, care, competence, and joy. In addition, the new facility will support St. Elizabeth's established role as a regional care center and contribute to its recognized ability to quality, safe patient care.

Consistent with historic utilization trends, the project will establish 144 beds, which is 159 fewer than St. Elizabeth's current authorized bed complement. The project will reduce medical surgical beds from 202 to 100, pediatric beds from 14 to 0 (the pediatric service will be discontinued), ICU beds from 24 to 16, Obstetrics from 30 to 12 and rehabilitation beds from 33 to 16. (The Acute Mental Illness category of service has been approved for discontinuation pursuant to a permit previously issued by the Health Facilities & Services Review Board.) This bed reduction will substantially contribute to the reduction of excess bed capacity identified by IDPH in Health Planning Area F-01.

The replacement hospital will be 351,130 Gross Square Feet, and will cost \$253,471,535.00. In addition, to this main hospital building, St. Elizabeth's will lease 65,269 square feet of space in a physically attached ambulatory care center/physician office building for use for hospital services, administrative space and employed physician office space. The cost associated with leasing space in that building is \$34,243,594. The leasing of space in that building is the subject of a separately filed Certificate of Need application.