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Via Hand Delivery & Email Communication

Ms. Carol Brockmiller, CEO  
Quincy Medical Group  
1025 Maine Street  
Quincy, IL 62301

Dear Carol:

To positively address issues raised by QMG before the Health Facilities & Services Review Board concerning the Blessing Surgery Center, Blessing Hospital staff and Dr. Joe Meyer initiated dialogue at the Monday, March 18, 2019 Medical Consulting Committee (MCC) meeting about QMG's stated issues, including extended hours at the Surgery Center. Unfortunately, as you may know, not all QMG physician members on the Committee attended the meeting even though QMG's Surgery Center issues were noted in the written agenda distributed days before the meeting. The QMG members in attendance indicated that the QMG Surgery Center issues were concerns of those who were not present at the meeting and chose to not discuss them. Nonetheless, in Blessing Hospital's continuing good faith efforts to collaborate with QMG, and to address and resolve the Surgery Center issues raised by QMG, Blessing Hospital and the Quincy Anesthesia Associates (QAA) are prepared to begin extended hours as noted below:

- Monday – Thursday: one (1) OR will be staffed to operate until 5:00pm (surgical close time). We estimate that patient recovery may take as long as an additional two (2) hours.
- Monday – Thursday: two (2) GI rooms will operate until 5:00pm (last patient arrival time) for one (1) gastroenterologist.
- Saturday: one (1) OR will be staffed to operate on two (2) Saturdays per month of OR availability from 8:00am – 12:00 noon of actual OR time. Preoperative and recovery time will need to be added to these hours to accommodate the entire surgical process. For April, the Saturdays we are prepared to staff are April 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The additional Saturday will be forthcoming shortly.

In order to make these additional hours of operation work, we will need to work with your personnel to ensure that the patients and staff can egress into and from the building. Our plans anticipate that we will be ready to extend these hours starting April 1, 2019.

Blessing Hospital personnel working on this initiative include Elliot Kuida, Tim Tranor and Lori Wilkey. If you can please let me know who their QMG counterparts will be, I am sure they can work out the details to operationalize this plan. If you have any questions or comments for me about this initiative, please feel free to call me at 223-1200, ext. 6807.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maureen A. Kahn'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Maureen A. Kahn  
President/CEO

Cc: Joe Meyer, MD  
Quincy Anesthesia Associates