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RE: Rockford Memorial Hospital, E-021-16

Dear Juan,

In follow-up to your recent call, I provide the following.

Rockford Memorial Hospital is designated as the area's Regional Perinatal Center, and has operated the area's only neonatal intensive care unit ("NICU") for a considerable period of time. As such, the hospital maintains a highly-qualified staff in each of the medical and support specialties relating to perinatal care identified in Section 1110.930.a). Staffing levels, in all specialty areas, meet or exceed IDPH and professional association standards.

Neonatologists, including the NICU's full-time Neonatal Director, the full-time Subspecialty Obstetrical Director, and anesthesiologists with training in maternal, fetal and neonatal anesthesia are recruited, when needed, on a nation-wide basis, using professional journals, recruitment firms, and personal relationships. A full-time nursing director of obstetrics and newborn nursing services, other appropriately-trained nursing personnel, social workers and respiratory therapists, and a registered dietician, each meeting the qualifications identified in Section 1110.930.a), are employed by the hospital. The recruitment of personnel in these specialties, when required, consists of internal (Mercyhealth) recruitment, as well as the use of professional journals and local newspaper advertisements.

The individuals currently holding the positions identified in Section 1110.930.a) include, and each of which has the experience, training and certifications noted in Section 1110.930.a):

- A) Full-Time Neonatal Director: Gillian Headley, MD. Dr. Headley is a Board-Certified Neonatologist.
- B) Full-Time Subspecialty Obstetrical Director: Dennie Rogers, MD is the Medical Director of Maternal Fetal Medicine. Dr. Rogers is Board-Certified in Maternal Fetal Medicine.
- C) Neonatologists and Obstetricians: The hospital's Medical Staff includes six neonatologists, in addition to Dr. Headley, and approximately ten obstetricians.
- D) Full-time Nurse-Director of Obstetric-Newborn Nursing: Linnette Carter, RN-BC, MSN, APN/CNS holds the title of Women and Children's Services.

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- E) Other Nurses: The NICU is currently staffed by approximately 140 registered nurses.
- F) Board-Certified Anesthesiologists: The hospital's Medical Staff include five Board-Certified anesthesiologists with training in maternal, fetal and neonatal anesthesia.
- G) Licensed Social Workers: Two licensed social workers serve the NICU.
- H) Respiratory Therapists: The primary respiratory therapists covering the NICU include two individuals having Neonatal Pediatric Specialty Certification.
- I) Registered Dietician: Four Registered Dieticians are assigned to the perinatal services, including the NICU.

Regards.



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