Bloomington Normal Birthing Center, LLC
6 Westport Court
Bloomington, IL 61704

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August 23, 2016

Mr. Galassie
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Bloomington Normal Birthing Center, LLC respectfully requests a permit extension for **Project #15-006** to establish a freestanding birth center. The Birth Center will be located at 6 Westport Court, Bloomington, IL 61701.

1. **Requested Completion Date**: We request a project completion date of August 23, 2017. This would extend the project's completion date by approximately 1 year. From August 31, 2016 to August 23, 2017.
2. **Status Report on Project**: The birth center is located in a freestanding building recently renovated and we are awaiting final security and alarm modification. In addition, we have had some staffing changes and need to hire, train and credential additional staff.
3. **Reasons why the Project has Not Been Completed**: We are not certain we will be able to accomplish IDPH recommendations and that IDPH will issue our license by the expiration date required by the Certificate of Need. We have been working with IDPH since we submitted our licensure application. As the second free-standing birth center in Illinois, there have been may questions about our facility and clinical operations. IDPH has reviewed all of our document and approved us with Facility and Safety. Our next steps are to purchase the remaining equipment and supplies, add additional staff, and to finalize security options. We anticipate that an extension will be necessary to await the final approval and licensure efforts from IDPH.
4. **Confirmatory Evidence**: As the authorized representatives, we confirm that the project's costs and scope are in compliance with what was approved by the Health Facilities and Service Review Board. We have sufficient financial resources available to complete the project.

Our Providers, Staff, Patients, and Community eagerly await the official opening of the Birth Center. Thank you for your ongoing support to bring this new model of care to families in Central Illinois.

Sincerely,

Dele Ogunleye, MD
Medical Director

Sincerely,

Joseph Santiago, MD
CEO