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To: Catherine McNicoll <CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov>
Date: 10/19/2017 8:17:51 PM
Subject: Re: Williamsburg Regional Hospital Temporary OR

Thanks. I'll call him tomorrow

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From: Catherine McNicoll
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:53:14 PM
To: Danny Varat
Subject: Fwd: Williamsburg Regional Hospital Temporary OR

Best Regards,
Catherine McNicoll
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From: "Batson, Steven " <sbatson@emd.sc.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 5:51 PM -0400
Subject: RE: Williamsburg Regional Hospital Temporary OR
To: "Catherine McNicoll" <CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov>
Cc: "Stenson, Kim" <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>, "Ryan, Elizabeth" <eryan@emd.sc.gov>

Hello Catherine,

Thanks for the email. Unfortunately, we have had several contractor payment inquiries related to this project. It would be wrong for us to get involved in this particular contractual dispute between the grant subrecipient (Williamsburg Regional Hospital) and their contractor. We do understand the hospital is operating under fiscal constraints as there are rigorous eligibility reviews that the Temporary Operating Room is receiving from the FEMA program.

Background: FEMA's Public Assistance program is a reimbursement program, and projects are subject to a number of reviews, revisions, and delays in reimbursement. We are actively working with FEMA to get Williamsburg Regional Hospital the funding for which they are eligible. To date, Williamsburg Regional Hospital has received over \$6 million from FEMA to fund the temporary hospital facility. Only Williamsburg Hospital can issue a payment to their contractor.

I am not aware of any alternative means of funding the project or resolving this contractor dispute. I'd be happy to

discuss this further, provide a more in depth understanding of FEMA's PA program and describe the current roadblocks slowing the resolution of this project, in person if you wish.

Sincerely,

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From: Catherine McNicoll [mailto:CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Batson, Steven
Subject: FW: Williamsburg Regional Hospital Temporary OR

Good Afternoon Steve,

Attached is a memo regarding a hospital in Kingstree that was in theory being funded through FEMA but there has been a hiccup. This came from a constituent and we are trying to help them figure out what to do or if there are alternative means of funding the project. Would y'all be able to help or direct me to who might be able to help? Thank you for your help.

Best Regards,

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