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City of Utica Planning Board
c/o Department of Urban &
Economic Development
Mr. Fred Matrulli, Chairperson
1 Kennedy Plaza
Utica, New York 13502

Re: *SEQRA Lead Agency Coordination*

Dear Mr. Matrulli:

The Oneida County Local Development Corporation ("LDC") has received an application from Mohawk Valley Health System ("MVHS") requesting certain financial assistance including the issuance of tax-exempt bonds and an exemption from mortgage recording tax that may be imposed on mortgages securing the Bonds in connection with MVHS's project to construct a new hospital in the City of Utica (the "Project"). Specifically, the Project consists of the construction of a $\pm 672,000$ square foot hospital building, together with related parking facilities and physician's office building and all infrastructure to support the same situated on $25\pm$ acres of land located in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York all for the purpose of creating an advanced and integrated health care delivery system that will benefit all residents in the Mohawk Valley.

MVHS prepared Part 1 of the full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") for the Project pursuant to regulations implementing the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). A copy of Part 1 of the full EAF, together with the LDC application and all exhibits thereto, is enclosed for review. The LDC has identified the proposed Project as a Type I action under SEQRA. SEQRA requires a coordinated review with all involved agencies for Type I actions. Therefore, a lead agency must be agreed upon.

Your agency has been identified as a potential involved agency in the SEQRA process due to your possible approval responsibilities in connection with the Project. Based on the scope and nature of the Project, as well as the staffing requirements and knowledge base required to complete a coordinated SEQRA review for the Project, the LDC believes that its jurisdiction with respect to the Project is not as broad as that of other involved agencies, such as the City of Utica Planning Board. Accordingly, the LDC will not serve as the lead agency for the Project and instead expresses its desire for the City of Utica Planning Board to assume the role of the lead agency.

As a potential Involved Agency, within 30-days of the date of this letter, we respectfully request your agency's position with respect to lead agency designation and any preliminary comments your agency may have in connection with the Project. Your response and input should be returned to the attention of Ms. Shawna Papale, 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, NY 13441, by the close of business on March 3, 2018. A failure

to respond by that date shall be construed as an indication that your agency does not desire to become the lead agency.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shaun Pgal". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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