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Re: Correspondence with the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs

This report is submitted pursuant to Section 60 of the Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Act (Act), which requires the Capital Development Board (CDB) to "provide the General Assembly with unredacted copies of all correspondence and communications with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs related to securing funding for the renovation, restoration, rehabilitation, or rebuilding of the Quincy Veterans' Home" (330 ILCS 21/60).

CDB has been working closely with the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) to assist IDVA obtain federal reimbursement grant funding from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) for design and construction work at IDVA facilities completed under CDB contracts. CDB apologizes for the delay in submitting this report. It is uncertain if the communications reported herein are subject to the reporting requirements under the Act, since they are not outwardly related to securing funding from the USDVA. To promote full transparency, the communications are being reported.

The first communication is an introduction meeting regarding CDB project 040-010-115, which constructs a new long-term care center and domiciliary at the Quincy campus. This project is scheduled to receive a federal reimbursement from the USDVA. A meeting was held on August 31, 2021 between staff from CDB, IDVA,

USDVA, and design and construction teams under contract with CDB. During the meeting, a status of the project was provided. USDVA staff discussed their review process. Meeting minutes are attached.

The second communication is an email dated February 14, 2022 between staff from CDB, IDVA, and the USDVA, as well as a member of the design team under contract with CDB for the 040-101-115 project. In this communication, the design team member and CDB staff seek general guidance whether the federal reimbursement funding can be used on projects that are currently under the federal reimbursement review process. Staff from USDVA provided guidance on the appropriate use of the federal reimbursement funds. A copy of this email correspondence is attached.

Should you need any additional information regarding this report, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Romano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Jim Underwood, CDB Executive Director