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To: [Watson, Connie J.](#)
Cc: [Diehl, Gwen](#)
Subject: [External] Re: IL-19-04 & IL-19-05
Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:21:22 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Connie

I will send you a complete list of VA forms and documents needed between now and Grant Award.

Thanks for asking.

David

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From: Watson, Connie J. <Connie.Watson@illinois.gov>
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Good Morning, Mr. Edge,

We wanted to see if there are any VA Forms that are due at this time for the Quincy projects?

Thank you,
Connie

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From: [Gaug, Anna](#)
Cc: [Moore, Lisa J.](#); [Bussey, Demetrius](#); [Onyeobia, Emmanuel](#)
Subject: [External] COVID MOA template
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:32:41 PM
Attachments: [COVID MOA Template 4.19.21.doc](#)
Importance: High

Greetings and Happy Friday!

If you are receiving this message, you have applied for a COVID grant under CARES Act funding. Attached is the approved Memorandum of Agreement that must be received back to VA completed and signed by the approved governor's designee by June 30, 2021. Please do NOT use any other template for COVID grant funding as legally this is the only cleared and appropriate form to use. If you have already filled out a different MOA form and submitted it, you will have to fill out this form instead and resubmit it on your application's Max.gov page. We apologize for the delay in release and for any inconvenience this may have caused. We understand that this is a new process for applicants so we are happy to answer any questions you might have about this form. This document has also been posted to Max.gov under our templates and forms page. If you cannot locate this page, please let us know. Again, if you have questions regarding this document, additional required forms or the status of your COVID grant application, please reach out to your grant manager immediately. Please forward to the appropriate parties if you are not the correct person to fill out this form.

Thanks and have a wonderful weekend,

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Subject: [External] RE: FAI 17-053 COVID Emergency Isolation Rooms
Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 8:33:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[FAI 17-053 A.1.A. Project Scope.docx](#)
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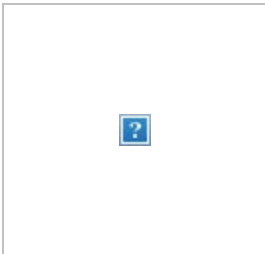
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Subject: [External] COVID MOA correction
Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:57:39 AM
Attachments: [COVID MOA Template 4.28.21.doc](#)

Hello! We apologize for the inconvenience but there was an error that was caught on the MOA template that was sent out. The signature block is Dr. Beth Taylor, Assistant Under Secretary for Health, Patient Care Services, Chief Nursing Officer. The one that was sent out earlier was for Dr. Stone, which is not to be used for COVID grants. Please use this MOA. If you have already submitted an MOA, using the incorrect version, please let your grant manager know immediately. We may not need you to resubmit it. The latest version has been posted to Max.gov as well.

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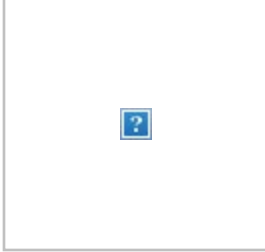
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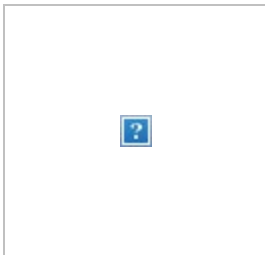
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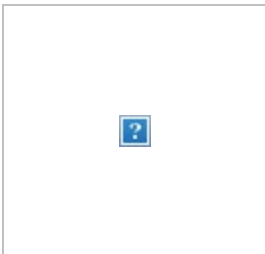
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