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**The Maryland Department of Health's
Responses to the DLS FY 2022 Budget Analyses
February 23, 2021**

Maryland Department of Health – Capital

The Department thanks the Governor, the Department of Budget and Management, and the Budget Committees for their support in 2020 and in 2021 with COVID-19 response efforts. We thank the Department of Legislative Services for its insightful budget analysis.

Issues

1. Further Delays in the Perkins North Wing Renovation

MDH should comment on the status of the design contract to be submitted to BPW and other factors contributing to the delay of the North Wing renovation project.

MDH Response

MDH coordinated with the Department of General Services to develop a RFP for design services for the North Wing Renovation Project. The RFP was issued December 8, 2020. MDH participated in the virtual DGS Pre-proposal Conference held on December 15. The Department is currently working with DGS to evaluate technical proposals from offerors. The current AE Selection Schedule projects submission of the contract for BPW consideration and approval in June 2021. Design for the project is scheduled for 18 months. Construction is projected to start in the spring of 2023 following bidding, negotiation, and BPW contract approval.

The AE selection process has been delayed due to the allocation of DGS and MDH staff resources to the State's COVID-19 response

2. Facility Master Plan Delay Due to COVID-19

MDH should comment on the status of the Springfield Hospital Center report as well as the facilities master plan. MDH should further comment when these reports will be submitted to the General Assembly.

MDH Response

The Department has completed an internal draft of the Facilities Master Plan. The plan is currently undergoing review with our partner state agencies and will be released at the earliest opportunity.

The Springfield Hospital Center report will be informed by the review and release of the facilities master plan. The Department will submit the report to coincide with the release of the Facilities Master Plan at the earliest opportunity.