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Helen Sieger
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 and Care Center
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 (By facsimile)

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 (By facsimile and email)

Dear Ms. Sieger and Mr. Rifkin,

In my letter of April 11 to Jacob Perles and Michael Rifkin, I requested the parties pursuant to Section 700 of the New York State Labor Law to attend a meeting arranged by the New York State Employment Relations Board for the purpose of resolving the dispute between the Kingsbridge Heights Rehabilitation and Care Center and 1199SEIU. Having received no response from the Employer and because Deputy Commissioner Mark Kissinger of the New York State Department of Health had indicated to me that he was unable to attend on the scheduled dates, I rescheduled the meeting for April 22.

The best interests of the people of the state are served by the prevention or prompt settlement of labor disputes. The voluntary resolution of such disputes will tend to promote permanent industrial peace and the health, comfort and safety of the people of the state. Article 20 New York State Labor Relations Act

Ms. Sieger advised me that she would be unable to attend on April 22. To accommodate her, I am rescheduling the meeting for Tuesday April 29 at 10:00 AM. It is urgent that representatives of both the Union and the Employer attend this meeting. This prolonged dispute has been imposing great hardship on the employees, the facility and the patients. Please advise me by close of business Friday, April 25 of the names of anyone who will be coming with you, so that I may alert building security. You may email me at Barbara.Deinhardt@labor.state.ny.us or call me at 212-352-6029.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. I look forward to meeting with you next week.

Sincerely,



Barbara C. Deinhardt
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