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Dear Drs. Heartwell and Landy:

Enclosed you will find the submission for the University of Louisville School of Medicine's YR3 No-Cost Extension (NCE).

This submission provides a detailed account of our accomplishments and challenges from May 2014 – April 2015. There have been several accomplishments which include the new family planning training relationship with the University of Louisville Department of Family Medicine and the addition of a new Ryan faculty member, Dr. Ashlee Bergin. Dr. Bergin, a recent graduate from the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), serves as the Assistant Ryan Director and also serving as the state's 3rd abortion provider.

The greatest challenge during this past funding cycle has been the unfilled position of the Ryan Program Coordinator. Administrative responsibilities have been secondary to the clinical care and resident training responsibilities that are priority for our program. Since the University of Louisville Ryan Program is the only referral site in the state and our physicians are the state's only abortion providers, we have the responsibilities of providing all hospital based abortion care, all elective abortion care, and training all residents in family planning for both state OBGYN programs. Now that the University of Louisville Ryan Program has another faculty member our goals for growing the program can be sustained.

The next milestone for the program is to seek and hire a program coordinator with the NCE funds. In this conservative environment, it has been difficult to identify a nurse willing to work as the Ryan Program Coordinator. Therefore, our goals are set on another administrative staff member to fill this position.

Since 2011, The University of Louisville Ryan Residency Training Program has been a very positive experience for OBGYN, Family Medicine, and Pediatric residents. Medical students have also expressed that it was one of the most invaluable and unique learning experiences in medical school. We are very proud of the care and education we have provided. We appreciate the opportunity to serve as a Ryan Residency Training Program Site. Thank you for your continued support and your consideration for this YR3 No-Cost Extension.

Sincerely,



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