Docket Number: 2485

LAUREL HEALTH CENTER

David C. Marshall, Esquire Louis J. Capozzi, Jr., Esquire Michael A. Hynum, Esquire

VS.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

John A. Kane, Chief Counsel James C. Conley, Assistant Counsel

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August 19, 1997

Claim and filing fee filed by attorney for Plaintiff. Amount of Claim: \$471,638.00+.

August 21, 1997

Copy of Claim forwarded to attorney for Defendant and Chief Deputy Attorney General. ANSWER DUE FROM DEFENDANT 9/22/97. August 26, 1997

Acceptance of Service of Claim received from attorney for Defendant. Receipt of same acknowledged by attorney for Defendant August 22, 1997.

September 2, 1997

Acceptance of Service of Claim received from Chief Deputy Attorney General. Receipt of same acknowledged by Chief Deputy Attorney General August 22, 1997.

September 15, 1997

Answer and New Matter filed by attorney for Defendant. Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant. **RESPONSE DUE FROM PLAINTIFF 10/15/97.**

September 29, 1997

Claimant=s Reply to Respondent=s New Matter filed by attorney for Plaintiff. Copy forwarded to attorney for Defendant by attorney for Plaintiff.

February 2, 1998

Certificate of Service of Respondent's Request for Production to Claimant filed by attorney for Defendant. Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant.

August 26, 1998

Letter forwarded to the parties requesting a status report. **Response due 9/28/98**.

September 8, 1998

Entry of Appearance of Louis J. Capozzi, Jr., Esquire, attorney for Plaintiff, filed.

September 8, 1998

Letter received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that they are preparing a settlement proposal for Defendant.

March 29, 1999

Letter received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that they are reviewing the matter with consultants to develop a settlement

proposal for the Defendant. Plaintiff anticipates that this case

will be settled without a hearing.

April 28, 1999

Status letter received from attorney for Defendant advising that discovery is ongoing.

November 15, 1999

Letter forwarded to parties requesting a status report. Now due 12/15/99.

December 3, 1999

Letter received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that they are attempting to draft a settlement proposal. If the parties are unable to resolve the matter they will advise the Board.

June 21, 2000

Letter forwarded to parties directing them to file a status report. Due 7/21/00.

July 25, 2000

Letter received from Plaintiff advising that the parties are involved in negotiations to resolve this matter.

November 29, 2000

Letter forwarded to parties requesting a status. DUE 12/29/00. December 20, 2000

Letter received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that discovery is ongoing.

July 26, 2001

Plaintiff is preparing a position paper for settlement of this matter. The preparation and transmittal of the position paper and work papers will take until the end of October.

March 1, 2002

Letter forwarded to parties requesting a status. Due 4/1/02. April 4, 2002

Notice of Service of Request for Production of Documents of Claimant, Laurel Ridge Nursing Center, Propounded upon the Respondent, filed by attorney for Plaintiff.

April 4, 2002

Notice of Service of The First Set of Interrogatories of Claimant, Laurel Ridge Health Center, Propounded Upon the Respondent filed by attorney for Plaintiff.

April 5, 2002

Letter received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that Plaintiff=s preparation of a position paper to be forwarded to Defendant is still in progress. The Plaintiff intends to seek settlement with the Defendant upon completion of its position paper.

October 28, 2002

Letter forwarded to parties requesting a status report. Response due November 28, 2002.

November 19, 2002

Letter received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that they are still involved in discovery in order to prepare a position paper to be forwarded to Defendant. Plaintiff intends to seek settlement with Defendant upon completion of its position paper.

October 3, 2005

Board rendered an Opinion and Order. Order as follows: "AND NOW, this 3rd day of October, 2005, it is ORDERED and DECREED that pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. §5103(a) and Pa. R.C.P. 213(f), this matter and the record thereof is TRANSFERRED to the Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Hearings and Appeals." Copy forwarded to Plaintiff and Defendant.

October 6, 2005

Board transferred file to Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Hearing and Appeals.

November 3, 2005

Plaintiff filed Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated October 3, 2005. Receipt of same acknowledged October 28, 2005.