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Joan Vincent Chief Nurse Executive Sibley Hospital 5255 Loughbro Rd NW Washington, DC 20016

Dear Joan,

In doing our JCAHO PPR (Periodic Performance Review) or self-assessment, JCAHO Standard 3.10 states that "patients who may be victims of abuse or neglect are assessed." Specifically, under this standard, Element of Performance #2 states that "staff are educated about abuse, neglect, or exploitation and how to refer as appropriate. To that end we had Dr. Jeanne King to speak on this topic on June 13th at GW Hospital for 3 hours. Dr. King is a clinical psychologist, author, and national speaker on this topic. Her presentation was powerful and informative. The take aways were: 1) how to recognize the abuse and 2) how to assist the victim to be empowered to deal with the abuse. I recommend her program to your organization. Dr. King can be reached at (888) 782-0723 or www.Dr.JeanneKing.com.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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