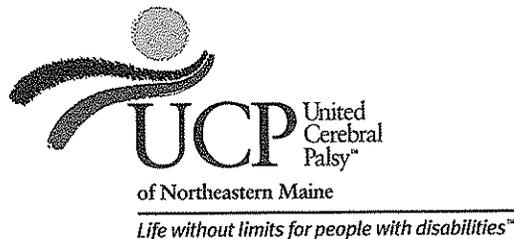


January 13, 2009

Ms. Phyllis Powell  
CON Unit, Licensing Regulatory Services  
Department of Health and Human Services  
State House Station 11  
221 State St.  
Augusta, ME 04330-0011



Re: Letter of Intent  
Change of Ownership-Elizabeth Levinson Center, Bangor, ME

Dear Ms. Powell,

We are sending this Letter of Intent (LOI) as required by Section 71.05 of the of the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services Policy Manual, titled, CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR NURSING FACILITY LEVEL OF CARE PROJECTS. Pursuant to this section, we are providing the following information and seek determination whether or not this particular project is subject to CON review by your office.

Brief Description:

The State of Maine is privatizing the Elizabeth Levinson Center (ELC) and has awarded operation of this ICF/MR to United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine (UCP of Maine or UCP). The state will convey assets that are not fixtures to UCP of Maine. These assets include, but are not limited to, beds, office and family room furniture, equipment and tools, a van, bed linens and towels, walkers, wheelchairs, pool supplies and equipment, and other supplies...essentially assets that presently exist and are necessary in the ongoing operation of the facility. The real estate will continue to be owned by the state and will be leased to UCP of Maine at nominal cost.

UCP of Maine has hired the present ELC Administrator, Jane French, to operate the facility and is in the process of interviewing for other positions. Several present staff have applied for these positions and UCP of Maine is committed to maintaining the existing high quality of care to the clients. To this end, UCP will be hiring the best qualified candidates for all of these positions. It should be noted that UCP's proposed acquisition of the Center will not affect or substantially change the day to day operations of this health care facility.

The total projected budget is \$3,103,533. Costs to begin operations include the purchase of a van (about \$30,000), a telephone system (about \$20,000), as well as Computer & IT equipment (about \$25,000). Copier equipment will be leased. Additionally, UCP of Maine will be investing between \$250,000 and \$500,000 in working capital to cover operating costs as we await being paid for billings.

We are presently in the process of negotiating final details with Jane Gallivan's office. The state expects to convey ownership and have applicable leases in place by the last week of February so that UCP of Maine may begin operating Elizabeth Levinson Center likely on February 25<sup>th</sup>. UCP is requesting an emergency CON in order to meet the February deadlines established by DHHS for the transfer of ownership of the Elizabeth Levinson Center to the UCP.

Sincerely,

  
Bobbi Jo Yeager  
Executive Director