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Ross Manor Addition of 20 Nursing Facility Beds

DATE: May 31, 2011

TO: Mary C. Mayhew, Commissioner, DHHS

THROUGH: Catherine Cobb, Director, Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services

FROM: Phyllis Powell, Assistant Director, Planning, Development and Quality
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SUBJECT: Addition of 20 nursing facility beds at Ross Manor in Bangor, Maine

ISSUE ACTIVATED BY: The referenced proposal requires Certificate of Need (CON) approval as defined in "The Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002," 22 MRSA §326 et seq., as amended.

REGISTERED AFFECTED PARTIES: None

I. BACKGROUND:

Ross Manor is a 159-bed long term care facility located in Bangor, Maine and currently operates 83 licensed nursing facility beds, 24 licensed residential care beds for Alzheimer's patients, and 52 assisted living beds. Ross Manor is a joint venture of First Atlantic Corporation and RossCare, Inc., the long-term care operations of Eastern Maine Health Systems. Ross Manor is in good standing with a current license that expires on October 31, 2011.

The Preliminary Analysis by CONU staff, dated April 26, 2011, concluded that this application met all of the CON review criteria.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Ross Manor is seeking CON approval to add 20 nursing facility beds to its total nursing facility bed inventory. MaineCare neutrality is being accomplished by the applicant acquiring bed rights from C.A. Dean Hospital in Greenville. The project does not involve new construction or renovations. The cost to acquire the 20 nursing facility beds is estimated to be \$240,000. This cost is not recoverable through MaineCare.

III. HIGHLIGHTS:

Letter of Intent filed:	Jan 26, 2011
Technical assistance meeting held:	Jan 26, 2011
CON application filed:	Feb 7, 2011
CON certified complete:	Feb 7, 2011
Public Information Meeting Held:	Mar 3, 2011
Public comment period ended:	Apr 2, 2011
Preliminary Analysis Released:	May 11, 2011
Public comment period ended:	May 31, 2011

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS:

Following release of the Preliminary Analysis, no public comments were received.

V. APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS WITH CONU COMMENTS:

Following release of the Preliminary Analysis, no additional comments were received from the applicant.

VI. CONCLUSION:

The Preliminary Analysis by CONU staff dated May 11, 2011 concluded that this application satisfied CONU review criteria. For all the reasons set forth in the Preliminary Analysis and in the record, CONU concludes that the review criteria have been satisfied and recommends the approval of this CON.

VII. RECOMMENDATION:

CONU recommends this proposal be **Approved**.

Estimated Capital Expenditure:	\$340,000
Estimated Additional MaineCare Operating Costs:	\$0