Legal Notice

Certificate of Need

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services Division of Licensing and Certification announces that an application for a Certificate of Need has been received. An expanded review of the application will be conducted by representatives of the Department from the Health Care Oversight Program in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Certificate of Need Act, as amended (22 MRSA, chapter 103-A).

Applicant: North Country Associates
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Lewiston, ME 04243-1408

Proposal: Construction of Replacement Nursing Home

Description of Proposal: The applicant and their joint venture partner Sandy River Company propose to construct a 90-bed replacement facility for St. Joseph’s Manor. The new facility will be located in Portland, ME on a 9-acre parcel abutting an existing assisted living memory care center named Falbrook Woods. The new facility will be a two-story design of approximately 57,000 square feet and will cost approximately $28,500,000.

Subject to Review under M.R.S.A. §329 (6).

Any person may examine all or part of the public record relating to this application and purchase copies of any or all of that record during the normal business hours of the department. Any person may submit comments or additional information in writing to the Department regarding the application at any time from the date of publication of this notice until the application process is closed for comment. Comments and additional information should be sent to the address below. This comment period will be for no less than 30 days.

The Commissioner, or the Commissioner’s designee, will hold a public hearing if any person directly affected by a review requests, in writing, that such a public hearing be held, and the request is received no later than 15 days following the publication of this notice pursuant to section 339, subsection 2. Requests to hold a public hearing should be sent to the address below.

As soon as practicable, once the public comment period closes, the department staff shall provide the preliminary analyses of the application and the record to the applicant, the commissioner and any person who requests a copy of the analyses and record. Notice of the availability of the analyses will be published in a newspaper in general circulation in Cumberland County, where the project is located. It will also be posted to the department's publicly accessible site on the Internet.

Additional information concerning this proposal and the expanded review process may be obtained by contacting DHHS, Division of Licensing and Certification. All comments, questions or inquiries should be directed to: Division of Licensing and Certification, Attn: Larry Carbonneau, Manager – Health Care Compliance and Operations, 41 Anthony Avenue, Augusta, Maine 04333-0011 (Tel: 287-9216; FAX 287-5815).