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Ms. Bobbie Nice, Administrator
Concordia Lutheran Ministries of Pittsburgh
134 Marwood Road
Cabot, Pennsylvania 16023

RE: Concordia of the South Hills
1300 Bower Hill Road
Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania 15243

Dear Ms. Nice:

Thank you for your request for a waiver of 55 Pa.Code Ch. 2600 (relating to personal care homes). You have requested a waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.54 (relating to qualifications for direct care staff persons) for [REDACTED]

Your request for waiver is being returned for additional information. According to 55 Pa.Code § 2600.54(a)(2), direct care staff persons must have a high school diploma, GED or active registry status on the Pennsylvania nurse aide registry. Each waiver request must include documentation that the non-U.S. educational program is similar to or exceeds U.S. educational requirements. This includes, at a minimum, a high school diploma and a transcript showing at least three years of the specific courses taken to earn the diploma (including dates of completion). A valid transcript must be submitted to the Department that was completed by the issuing institution and contains the specific courses, the name of the student and dates of completion for each grade. The transcript must be translated into English.

The purpose of § 2600.54 is to ensure qualified staff provide services to personal care home residents. The direct care staff members of the personal care home must be able to understand and meet the personal care home licensing regulations.

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If you have any questions regarding the waiver process, please contact Ms. Tara Pride, Policy Director, at telephone number (717) 783-3670.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Melusky" followed by a stylized flourish that appears to be "198".

Ronald Melusky
Director