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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). The transcript needs to show at least three years of schooling information. Documentation provided to the Department does not show three years of schooling information.

Other possible alternatives to the GED/non-U.S. high school education which may be considered through the waiver process include:

1. An individual may complete the English Literacy portion of the GED.
2. An individual may complete the Test for Basic Adult Level of Education (TABE) or comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS).
3. An individual may seek literacy testing through a Careerlink or job placement service center.

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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 cursive script that reads "Ronald Melusky" followed by a stylized flourish.

Ronald Melusky
Director