



Daniel P. McCoy
County Executive

Mark S. Olsen
Executive Director

November 15, 2023

The Honorable Andrew Joyce
Chairman, Albany County Legislature
Legislative Clerk's Office
112 State Street, Suite 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center respectfully requests approval to enter into a lease agreement with Colonie Youth Center for the operation of the Little Sprouts Daycare at Shaker Place. In 2021, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) adopted minimum staffing levels for nursing homes, consisting of at least 2.2 hours of Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and 1.1 hours of licensed nurse (Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse) care per resident day.

In an attempt to address the acute labor shortage in the healthcare field and to recruit and retain the staffing to comply with this mandate, Shaker Place requested a capital project for a day care center. As part of the 2023 – 2027 Albany County Capital Plan, Shaker Place converted a defunct intake unit into a day care center. Children of employee's will have preferred admission status to the day care which we believe will assist with recruitment and retention of staff.

An RFP was issued for the lease/operation of the day care center, which was awarded to Colonie Youth Center. The term of the agreement is initially for three years, commencing February 5th, 2024 through February 4th, 2027. There is also a mutually agreeable clause for five consecutive, five year extensions. The day care center will be operated initially to serve eighteen month through five year old children. Employees of Shaker Place will be given preference in day care admissions.

If any additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Olsen
Executive Director

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel

