



Beth Israel Lahey Health

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Secretary Marylou Sudders, MSW, ACSW
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
One Ashburton Place, 11th Floor
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Dear Secretary Sudders,

Thank you for your recent phone call and, more importantly, for your interest in the North Shore Birth Center, which is located on the campus of Beverly Hospital. My team and I sincerely appreciate your engagement in addressing the complex challenges around the feasibility of long-term operations of the center.

As we discussed, we are committed to engaging in a robust process regarding our plans for the birthing center. We agree that we should spend additional time to bring together leaders from Beth Israel Lahey Health and Beverly Hospital, as well as from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Health and representatives of the Beverly community. We agree that no further decisions about the operations of the North Shore Birth Center will be made in the next 90 days while we engage in these discussions.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter, I look forward to further discussion with you and your team on next steps.

Sincerely,

Kevin Tabb, MD