

September 26, 2019

Dana Farrakhan
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University of Maryland Medical Center
22 S. Greene Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

**Re: University of Maryland Medical Center
Construction of Addition for Cancer Center
Docket No. 19-24-2438**

Dear Ms. Farrakhan:

The application for a Certificate of Need for the project identified above has been received and reviewed for completeness by the Commission's Staff. The application will be docketed for formal review as of **October 11, 2019** and notice of the docketing of the application will appear in the *Maryland Register* on that date.

Although not affecting the completion of the application, staff has the following additional information question:

1. Regarding the \$125.0 million in grants to UMMC, UMMC states on pp. 1-2 that:

To apply for funding through Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") and state Capital Budget, applicants must provide thorough descriptions of the goals of the proposed project, the nature of the proposed work and provide a highly detailed cost estimate to the DBM. In the State Capital Budget Volume, the DBM

recommends the projects it believes deserve funding to the Governor. Not all proposed projects in the Capital Budget Volume receive the support of the Governor, who determines which projects to include in the proposed capital budget, which is presented to the General Assembly for passage.

UMMC continues by stating that the Governor proposed \$5,000,000 in funding for the Cancer Center in FY 2020, but “UMMC ultimately received \$3,000,000 in State funds for FY 2020.”

Based on this response, it is possible that UMMC will not receive all of the \$125 million in state grants earmarked for the proposed Cancer Center. Please discuss what contingencies UMMC has in place to finance the construction of the cancer center in the case where there is a shortfall and UMMC does not receive all of the grant funding through the CIP and state Capital Budget process. Identify the source for these funds.

Please submit six copies of the responses to completeness questions and the additional information requested in this letter within ten working days of receipt. Also submit the response electronically, in both Word and PDF format, to Ruby Potter (ruby.potter@maryland.gov). Given the number of questions posed, as well as the time required for staff to compile these questions, we will certainly grant an extension to the ten day target specified in regulation as soon as you would request it.

All information supplementing the applicant must be signed by person(s) available for cross-examination on the facts set forth in the supplementary information, who shall sign a statement as follows: “I hereby declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated in this application and its attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.”

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact Kevin McDonald at (410) 764-5982.

Sincerely,

Ruby Potter
Health Facilities Coordinator

cc: Letita Dzirasa, M.D., Baltimore City Health Department
Tom Dame, Esquire