

Brief Letter of Intent

Description of project: An independent birth center in southern Vermont run and staffed by certified nurse-midwives (APRNs) to serve low-risk birthing families throughout Vermont. We plan to provide prenatal care, well-woman care, childbirth and breastfeeding education, as well as care during labor, birth and the postpartum period. We perceive a clear need for safe out-of hospital birthing choices in southern Vermont as well as for a center for childbirth classes and parenting groups.

We anticipate that our project does not fall under the Board's CON jurisdiction.

As we are still in the early planning stages, we are not yet sure if this project will be run as a for-profit or non-profit organization. All funding will likely come from personal loans and assets. We plan to employ one or two midwife assistants initially and potentially other midwives in the future.

We anticipate having one location in Brattleboro or a surrounding town with the square footage of an average single family house.

Anticipated supplies:

- Medications: antibiotics, oxygen, Vit K, local anesthetic, methergine, misoprostol, pitocin, epinephrine, rhoGAM,
- Prenatal Care Supplies: Two dopplers, adult scale, speculums, thermometer, gloves and lubricant, urine dipsticks, two sizes of blood pressure cuffs, lab collection supplies, nitrazine paper, microscope, office supplies (printer, pens, etc), NST machine, electronic medical record such as "maternity neighborhood"
- Birth and Immediate Postpartum Supplies: Amniohooks, urinary catheters, suction machine, cord clamps, hand disinfectants, heating pad, instrument disinfectant, IV supplies, suture, needle driver, clamps, gauze, syringes, positive pressure ventilation bag mask, pulse oximeter, newborn scale, scissors, mattress covers, towels and washcloths, bed sheets, birth stool,
- Other supplies: exam table, birthing rooms furniture
- Other costs: malpractice insurance, accountant, upkeep of licenses, upkeep of physical facility, marketing, mortgage or rent

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