

# North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Service Regulation

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Brenda Ewing 1000 West Hamlet Ave. Hamlet, NC 28345

### No Review

Facility or Business: Sandhills Regional Medical Center

Project Description:

Utilize existing acute care beds for medical detoxification

County:

Richmond

FID #:

000195

Dear Ms. Ewing:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your email letter of May 28, 2015 regarding the above referenced proposal. Based on the CON law in effect on the date of this response to your request, the proposal described in your correspondence is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. However, please note that if the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

Moreover, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Sections to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by this office. Changes in a project include, but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.



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Please contact this office if you have any questions. Also, in all future correspondence you should reference the Facility ID # (FID) if the facility is licensed.

Sincerely.

Tanya S. Rupp Project Analyst Martha J. Frisone

Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

cc:

Construction Section, DHSR

Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning

## Rupp, Tanya

From: Ewing, Brenda < Brenda. Ewing@sandhillsregional.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 2:08 PM

To: Rupp, Tanya

Cc:Clay, David; Ewing, Brenda; Moody, KenyettSubject:Sandhills Regional Medical Center-Detox beds

#### Good afternoon Tanya,

It was good to talk with you earlier today. Our plans for the medical detox unit consist of utilizing 8 existing acute-medical beds on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of our facility. This plan will not include the need to make any additions or changes to the existing structure of the existing 8 beds. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor has been closed for the last 2 years due low census. We currently have a 10 bed inpatient behavioral health unit that offers treatment for dual diagnosis, that is primarily mental health illness related. We are currently the only facility in the county that offers inpatient behavioral health services and we service a nine county catchment area and have seen an increase need to offer this service to the community. Again, due to us being the only facility in the county, and only having limited bed space, we stay to capacity a lot and cannot admit exclusively for medical detox when patients/clients present with a need. With that being said, that is why we are looking to utilize our existing available space in order to separate our population and provide a much needed service for us as well as the surrounding counties that we service. If you have any further questions please contact myself or Kenyett Moody Director of BHU at 910-205-8137.

### Thank you,

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