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Exempt from Review - Acquisition of Facility

Record #:

2017

Facility Name:

Oakview Commons Adult Care Home

Type of Facility: FID #:

921218

Acquisition by:

Four Oaks Propco Holdings, LLC

County:

Johnston

Dear Mr. Deaton:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) determined that based on your letter of July 28, 2016, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, Four Oaks Propco Holdings, LLC may proceed to acquire the above referenced health service facility without first obtaining a certificate of need. However, you need to contact the Agency's Adult Care Licensure Section to obtain instructions for changing ownership of the existing facility. Note that pursuant to G.S. 131E-181(b): "A recipient of a certificate of need, or any person who may subsequently acquire, in any manner whatsoever permitted by law, the service for which that certificate of need was issued, is required to materially comply with the representations made in its application for that certificate of need."

It should be noted that this Agency's position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this Agency and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Bernetta Thorne-Williams

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cc:

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July 28, 2016

Ms. Martha Frisone, Assistant Chief Certificate of Need Section Division of Health Service Regulation Department of Health and Human Services 2704 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2704



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Re: Exemption Notice for Oakview Commons (Adult Care Home in Wake County) FID#: 921218; Facility License No.: HAL-051-036

Dear Ms. Frisone:

Four Oaks Propco Holdings, LLC ("Four Oaks Propco Holdings") is planning to acquire an adult care home in Wake County, currently known as Oakview Commons (hereafter "the Facility"). The Facility is located at 565 Boyette Road in Four Oaks, North Carolina. The Facility is listed in the "Inventory of Adult Care Home Beds" in the 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan as having 96 adult care home beds.

Four Oaks Propco Holdings is seeking to purchase the Facility through a purchase and sale agreement. The purpose of this letter is to provide prior notice of this acquisition, which is exempt from Certificate of Need ("CON") review, to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Certificate of Need Section (the "Agency"). Four Oaks Propco Holdings seeks confirmation that it is permitted to acquire the Facility as described herein without CON Review, thus acquiring the Facility's existing CON rights to own that existing health service facility (as defined in the CON statute) with 96 adult care beds.

I. THE PROPOSAL

As of this date, DePaul Adult Care Communities Inc., owns the property and building comprising the Facility, which is an existing "health service facility," as that term is defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(9)(b), and DePaul Adult Care Communities Inc., is the Licensee. Four Oaks Propco Holdings will purchase the Facility, and the Licensee will be Four Oaks Opco Holdings, LLC. The Facility will still be known as Oakview Commons.

П. **EXEMPTION NOTICE**

Under North Carolina law, a Certificate of Need ("CON") is required only prior to offering or developing a "new institutional health service." "New institutional health service" includes a variety of services and activities, including a capital expenditure exceeding \$2 million. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)(b).

The North Carolina General Assembly saw fit to exempt certain types of services or proposals from CON review, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184. One such exempt service or proposal includes the

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acquisition of an existing health service facility, "including equipment owned by the health service facility at the time of acquisition." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8).

This project involves only the acquisition of an existing adult care home, which falls within the purview of the statutory definition of "health service facility." After acquisition, the Licensee, Four Oaks Opco Holdings, LLC, will operate the Facility as an adult care home. Furthermore, Four Oaks Propco Holding's acquisition of the Facility does not entail the purchase of any major medical equipment or any *per se* reviewable equipment as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 131E-176(14)(0) and (16)(f1). Likewise, the acquisition does not include the offering of any *per se* reviewable services. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)(f). Thus, given that the transaction involves only the acquisition of an existing health services facility, it is exempt from CON review.

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing information, we hereby request the Agency's confirmation that the proposal described above is exempt from CON review, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8), and thus Four Oaks Proposo Holdings may acquire the Facility with all its existing CON rights without a CON.

In addition, we respectfully request that this request be considered on an <u>expedited basis</u> because the parties wish to proceed with this transaction as soon as possible. If you require additional information to consider this request, please contact us at (828) 261-7318 as soon as possible. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

//Melvin Deaton Executive Assistant