

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL
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Mr. Craig Smith
Chief, Division of Facility Services
Certificate of Need Section
701 Barbour Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

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Medical Facilities
PLANNING SECTION

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR INPATIENT HOSPICE BED SPECIAL NEED PETITION OF
LOWER CAPE FEAR HOSPICE FOR NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am Joe Stanley, Chairman of the New Hanover County Veterans Council, which serves
New Hanover and supports Brunswick and Pender Counties.

I am writing in support of the Special Need petition of Lower Cape Fear Hospice seeking to
have the state designate a special need for 5 inpatient hospice beds in New Hanover County
for the FY2014 planning year. It is my understanding that the only inpatient hospice facility
in New Hanover County, Lower Cape Fear Hospice has operated at over 101% for the past
year and the Proposed 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan projects that New Hanover County
will have a 5 inpatient bed deficit, one short of the required six beds to generate a need
determination.

The Proposed 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan shows an overall deficit of 5 inpatient
hospice beds in New Hanover County. Lower Cape Fear Hospice is petitioning to have
these 5 inpatient hospice beds included in the 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan and The
New Hanover County Veterans Council fully supports an adjusted need determination for 5
inpatient hospice beds in New Hanover County. We are both honored and proud of the
support our Veterans receive from the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and ask that you provide
full consideration of this request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Joe Stanley
Chairman, New Hanover County Veterans Council