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CANCER CENTER

A Service of Morehead Memorial Hospital

Mr. Ted Hopkins
Board Chairman
Hospice of Rockingham County
P.O. Box 281
Wentworth, N.C. 27375

RE: A petition for additional need determination for hospice inpatient beds in Rockingham County.

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

Dr. Boris Darovsky and I are medical oncologists who see patients at the Smith McMichael Cancer Center of Morehead Memorial Hospital in Eden, N.C. Many of our medical oncology patients have incurable cancers and as their disease progresses they often need the services of Hospice of Rockingham County. As our patients become sicker, they require increased care which is not able to be given to them by their family members and when this occurs we ask Hospice of Rockingham County to admit our patients for inpatient hospice bed care.

Up until this time, we have only had 3 inpatient hospice beds available to us and many of our patients are placed on a waiting list to eventually be admitted to an inpatient hospice bed. During these times, our patients may need to be admitted to the Morehead Memorial Hospital for care and this may represent a change in the care that patients who have previously seen outpatient hospice nurses, social workers, and aides may receive.

Because of this, Dr. Darovsky and I eagerly support the petition request to add 3 inpatient hospice beds to the facility in Wentworth, N.C. We have found that additional capacity for inpatient hospice care is greatly needed and our inability to obtain an inpatient bed is a hardship for our patients and also causes extended length of stay in our acute care Morehead Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Darovsky and I feel that the petition for more inpatient hospice beds at the Wentworth facility of Hospice of Rockingham County is urgently needed and we urge the approval to add 3 more inpatient hospice beds to the 3 beds that already exist at your facility.

We have appreciated the wonderful care that hospice affords our patients and we are happy to support the Hospice of Rockingham County's request for more inpatient beds in the Wentworth facility.

Sincerely,



Kenneth S. Karb, M.D.



Boris M. Darovsky, M.D.

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KK/tm

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June 13, 2011

RE: Hospice of Rockingham County.

Dear Ms. Wilsey,

This letter is in support of 3 additional inpatient hospice beds for hospice of Rockingham County. Apparently, 3 residential beds would be converted to inpatient beds. I am a long time supporter of hospice of Rockingham County because of the excellent work that they have done over the past years. The demand for hospice services has and will continue to increase. With this increase in demand for hospice services, there is already an increased demand for inpatient hospice beds. In the last several months I have personally experienced patient's having to delay their admission to the hospice inpatient facility due to all of the current beds being full. It is my opinion that with our aging population in Rockingham County and with our high incidence of chronic disease that the demand for hospice services will continue to climb.

Conversion of 3 residential beds to 3 inpatient beds will be a cost effective way of providing more services to the residents of our County and will reduce the acute care hospital stay.

I fully support the conversion of the 3 residential beds to inpatient beds and I urge the approval of the adjusted need determination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. L. Hawkins', followed by a horizontal flourish.

Edward L. Hawkins, M.D.



MOSES CONE HEALTH SYSTEM

Annie Penn Hospital

618 South Main Street
Reidsville, NC 27320
336.951.4000

Writer's Direct Number:

June 8, 2011

Mr. Ted Hopkins
Board Chairman
Hospice of Rockingham County
Post Office Box 281
Wentworth, NC 27375

Re: Petition for Adjusted Need Determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in Rockingham County

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As the President of Annie Penn Hospital, I value the great service and excellent quality of care provided by Hospice of Rockingham County. Our organization works collaboratively with the hospice team to facilitate transfer of terminally ill patients from the acute care setting to hospice. Often, there is a waiting list for admission to the inpatient beds because utilization has remained high. This extended stay in the hospital is costly and inappropriate. It is also an emotional hardship for patients and families who have the decision to seek hospice services. With three additional inpatient hospice beds, many more patients can obtain the timely access to the hospice care they deserve.

The population of Rockingham County is growing and aging, which increases the need for high quality hospice services. Hospice of Rockingham County is justified in requesting the adjusted need determination for three general inpatient hospice beds. Approval of this petition will benefit our community and help us to expand access to inpatient hospice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Foster'.

Mickey Foster
President, Annie Penn Hospital

MOREHEAD

June 9, 2011

Mr. Ted Hopkins
Board Chairman
Hospice of Rockingham County
Post Office Box 281
Wentworth, NC 27375

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Sincerely,



W. Carl Martin, FACHE
President and CEO

WCM/ww



MOSES CONE HEALTH SYSTEM

The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital

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Greensboro, NC 27401-1020
336.832.7000

Writer's Direct Number:

Mr. Ted Hopkins
Board Chairman
Hospice of Rockingham County
Post Office Box 281
Wentworth, NC 27375

June 10, 2011

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I am writing to support the petition by Hospice of Rockingham County to include the adjusted need determination for three inpatient beds in the 2012 State Medical Facilities Plan. Approval of this petition will allow for a Certificate of Need application to develop these additional inpatient hospice beds.

As a former Board member and citizen of Rockingham County I fully recognize the need to provide the most thoughtful and caring approach to Hospice patients and their families. Being able to be in an environment that is like home and provides close care serves a number of important purposes. As the Executive Director for Medical Education at Moses Cone Hospital, I know our Family Medicine and Internal Medicine Residents are involved in palliative care and end of life planning for our terminally ill patients. It is an extremely stressful time for patients, families and care givers. Knowing that Rockingham County has an option to move the patient out of the acute care setting into a hospice setting reduces the emotional stress on families and care givers. It is truly the right thing for our county and our citizens. From a financial perspective having the three additional inpatient hospice beds will reduce unnecessary extended acute care hospital stays as patients are often placed on a waiting list for hospice services.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca W. Knight
Executive Director
Medical Education and Greensboro AHEC



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Post Office Box 281
Wentworth, NC 27375

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Hospice of Rockingham County has provided superb end-of-life care to many of our former recipients. We are very thankful for the caring and compassionate staff and the excellent hospice facility.

I am aware that the inpatient hospice beds have maintained high occupancy and three additional inpatient beds are needed to keep pace with increases in demand. I strongly support the approval of this petition request.

Sincerely,

T. Lee Covington
Executive Director

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Hospice of Rockingham County provides exceptional end-of-life care and we are very thankful for the caring and compassionate staff. Our county is truly blessed to have such an excellent facility and services that hospice provides for the people of this county.

The first time I visited this facility, I was very impressed by the tasteful design and the thoughtfulness that had been incorporated into its construction. Having been involved with hospitals for almost thirty years, I know how important these things are to patients and their families.

I understand that the inpatient hospice beds have maintained high occupancy and three additional inpatient beds are needed to keep pace with increases in demand.

I strongly support the approval of this petition request.

Sincerely,



Helen L. Bondurant
Annie Penn Hospital HR Director (retired)

June 8, 2011

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Board Chairman
Hospice of Rockingham County
PO Box 281
Wentworth, NC 27375

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As members of the community, we greatly value the service and excellent quality of care provided by Hospice of Rockingham County. We have witnessed first-hand the benefit to patients and their families provided by Hospice care and we are writing in the hope of expanding the availability of such services in our county. With three additional inpatient hospice beds, many more patients can obtain the timely access to the hospice care they need and deserve.

The growing, aging population of Rockingham County is increasing the need for high quality hospice services. Hospice of Rockingham County is justified in requesting the adjusted need determination for three general inpatient hospice beds. Approval of this petition will benefit our community.

For these reasons, we are urging the approval of the adjusted need determination for three inpatient hospice beds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Cash". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Rev. Dr. Randy Cash, Associational Missionary, Dan Valley Baptist Association
Mrs. Martha Cash, LCSW.

June 8, 2011

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Sincerely,



Mrs. Betty Craddock
1536 W.Harrison Street
Reidsville, North Carolina 27320

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
— A great place to grow —

Mr. Ted Hopkins
Board Chairman
Hospice of Rockingham County
Post Office Box 281
Wentworth, NC 27375

Re: Petition for Adjusted Need Determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in Rockingham County

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

The Chamber of Commerce understands the importance of Hospice in Rockingham County and appreciates their exceptional end-of-life service to our friends and family members through their caring staff and excellent facility.

I am writing to support the petition by Hospice of Rockingham County to include the adjusted need determination for three inpatient beds in the 2012 State Medical Facilities Plan. Approval of this petition will allow for a Certificate of Need application by Hospice of Rockingham County to develop the addition inpatient hospice beds that are greatly needed.

I understand that Rockingham County has a higher median age and significantly higher mortality rates as compared to statewide figures and the three existing inpatient beds are fully utilized with a delayed patient admission. These three additional inpatient beds are needed to keep pace with increases in demand. I strongly support the approval of this petition request.

Sincerely,



Jean Ann Wood
President
Eden Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Ted Hopkins
Board Chairman
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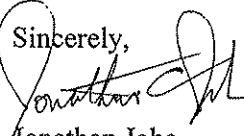
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Sincerely,

Jonathan Jobe



Madison-Mayodan Recreation Commission

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Albrecht

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Madison-Mayodan Senior Center Director



TOWN OF MAYODAN

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June 7, 2011

Mr. Ted Hopkins
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P.O. Box 281
Wentworth NC 27375

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Sincerely,

Debra E. Cardwell
Town Manager

Dr. P. Steven Neal
727 Ayersville Road
P.O. Box 30
Madison, NC 27025

June 17, 2011

Mr. Ted Hopkins
Board Chairman
Hospice of Rockingham County
Post Office Box
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Re: Petition for Adjusted Need Determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in Rockingham County

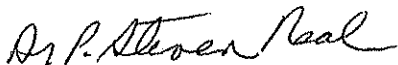
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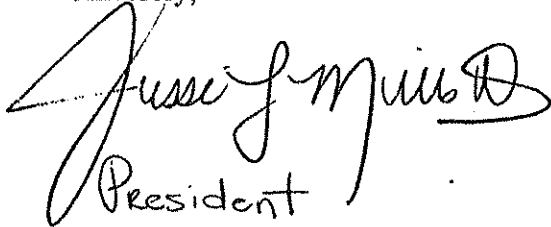
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Jesse J. Mills
President

J. L. Mills Company, Inc.

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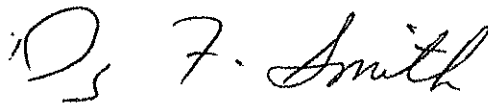
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Sincerely,


DANNY F. SMITH

Flynn Furniture & Carpet
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Madison, NC 27025
Phone: 548-2305

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Mr. Ted Hopkins
Board Chairman
Hospice of Rockingham County
Post Office Box 281
Wentworth, NC 27375

Re: Petition for Adjusted Need Determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in Rockingham County

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

In 1987, I was involved with the start up of Hospice of Rockingham County because I saw the need for this organization's services first hand. Many years later, the Reidsville Area Foundation participated in funding the construction of the inpatient facility while I served as Executive Director of the Foundation.

My experience with Hospice of Rockingham County continued when my former secretary needed inpatient Hospice care and a waiting list delayed her admittance.

I support the petition by Hospice of Rockingham County to include the adjusted need determination for three inpatient beds in the 2012 State Medical Facilities Plan. Approval of this petition will allow for a Certificate of Need application by Hospice of Rockingham County to develop the addition inpatient hospice beds that are greatly needed.

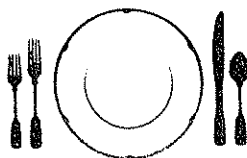
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Sincerely,



R. Craig Cardwell
Executive Director
Reidsville Area Foundation



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June 14, 2011

Mr. Ted Hopkins
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Hospice of Rockingham County
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Hospice of Rockingham County has provided exceptional end-of-life care to friends and family members, including my late father. We are very thankful for the caring and compassionate staff and the excellent hospice facility.

I understand that the existing inpatient hospice beds have maintained high occupancy and three additional inpatient beds are needed to keep pace with increases in demand. I urge approval of this petition request as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Page".

Robert L. Page, C.P.A.
Chairman & CEO

Glenn L. Martin, Director

Rockingham County Department of Public Health

Rockingham County Governmental Center
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June 13, 2011

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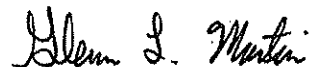
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Sincerely,



Glenn L. Martin, M.S.E.H., R.E.H.S.
Public Health Director

GLM/npb

June 10, 2011

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Sincerely,



Lionel and Lois Rudd

June 7, 2011

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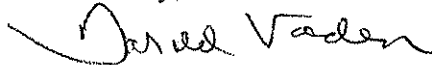
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Sincerely,



Harold Vaden
8030 NC 87
Reidsville, NC 27320



Western Rockingham Chamber of Commerce

112 West Murphy St., Madison, NC 27025

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Mr. Ted Hopkins
Board Chairman
Hospice of Rockingham County
Post Office Box 281
Wentworth, NC 27375

Re: Position for Adjusted Need Determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in
Rockingham County

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

I am writing in support of the petition by Hospice of Rockingham County to include the adjusted need determination for three inpatient beds in the 2012 State Medical Facilities Plan. Approval of this position will allow Hospice to apply for a Certificate of Need to develop the additional beds so vital to the continued excellent care of the residents of Rockingham County.

Many of us in the community have utilized and experienced the services of Hospice of Rockingham County with family and friends. We very much appreciate the invaluable services they provide. At the Chamber, we are keenly aware of county statistics showing the population of Rockingham County has a higher median age. This results in significantly higher mortality rates when compared with statewide figures. The existing beds are consistently full which delays patient admission and necessitates the creation of a waiting list.

Hospice of Rockingham County is the sole inpatient facility in the county and is geographically distant from other licensed inpatient hospice facilities.

I strongly support the approval of this petition request.

Should you need further comment or clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

T. Anne Griffin
Executive Director