

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

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#### **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

July 16, 2013

Chuck White P.O. Box 2568 Hickory, NC 28603

### **Conditional Approval**

Project I.D. #: R-10085-13 Facility: Tyrrell House

Project Description: Construct a 50 bed adult care facility which includes a 24-bed special care

unit

County: Tyrrell FID #: 130065

Dear Mr. White:

The Certificate of Need (CON) Section, Division of Health Service Regulation, Department of Health and Human Services has conditionally approved the above referenced certificate of need application. This decision was made after a review of the applications submitted for this cycle and after consideration of the Certificate of Need Law, G.S. 131E-175 et. seq. and regulations promulgated thereunder, the State Medical Facilities Plan, and other applicable information. Attached to this letter are the required findings made with respect to your application. The applicant shall not proceed with the construction, offering or development of this project until the certificate of need is issued. Further, the Department shall not issue the certificate of need until all applicable conditions of approval that can be satisfied before issuance of the certificate of need have been met pursuant to G.S. 131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

1. East Coast Health Investors, LLC (lessor) and East Coast AL Holdings, LLC (lessee) d/b/a Tyrrell House shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application and supplemental information provided. In those instances where representations conflict, East Coast Health Investors, LLC and East Coast AL Holdings, LLC shall materially comply with the last made representation.



#### **Certificate of Need Section**

- 2. East Coast Health Investors, LLC (lessor) and East Coast AL Holdings, LLC (lessee) d/b/a Tyrrell House shall construct a facility with no more than 50 adult care beds, including a 24-bed special care unit, upon the completion of the proposed project.
- 3. East Coast Health Investors, LLC (lessor) and East Coast AL Holdings, LLC, (lessee) shall provide care to State/County Special Assistance patients with Basic Medicaid for the facility and the Special Care Unit commensurate with their representations in the application.
- 4. For the first two years of operation following completion of the project, East Coast Health Investors, LLC (lessor) and East Coast AL Holdings, LLC (lessee) d/b/a Tyrrell House shall not increase actual private pay charges more than 5% of the projected private pay charges provided in Section X of the application without first obtaining a determination from the Certificate of Need Section that the proposed increase is in material compliance with the representations made in the certificate of need application.
- 5. East Coast Health Investors, LLC (lessor) and East Coast Holdings, LLC, (lessee) shall submit all patient charges and patient admissions for each source of patient payment to the CON Section at year end for each of the first three operating years following licensure of the beds in the facility.
- 6. East Coast Health Investors, LLC (lessor) and East Coast Holdings, LLC, (lessee) shall submit a plan of energy efficiency and water conservation to the Construction Section, DHSR, that conforms to the rules, codes and standards implemented by the Construction Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation.
- 7. East Coast Health Investors, LLC (lessor) and East Coast AL Holdings, LLC (lessee) d/b/a Tyrrell House shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein to the Certificate of Need Section, in writing prior to issuance of the certificate of need.

Response to the above conditions should be submitted to the CON Section no later than 35 days from the date of the decision. Failure to respond within this time period may result in the CON Section making a determination not to issue a certificate of need for the project referenced above.

The conditional approval is valid only for a capital expenditure of \$3,255,475. If a cost overrun occurs that exceeds the approved capital expenditure amount, a new certificate of need may be required as determined by G.S. 131E-176(16)(e).

The applicant should be aware that according to the Certificate of Need Law any affected person shall have thirty (30) days after the date of decision to file a petition for a contested case on this approval. Further, if you are aggrieved by the conditions of the decision you may file a petition for a contested case hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B, Article 3, as amended. This petition must be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6714 within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision.

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[Note: Effective October 1, 2009, OAH requires a filing fee with submittal of petitions for contested cases. Please direct all questions regarding this fee to OAH Clerk's Office (919-431-3000).] G.S. 150B-23 provides that a party filing a petition must also serve a copy of the petition on all parties to the petition. Therefore, if you file a petition for a contested case hearing, you must serve a copy of the petition on the Department of Health and Human Services by mailing a copy of your petition to:

Emery Milliken
Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of Legal Affairs,
Adams Building – Room 154
2001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-2001

It is requested that a copy of the petition also be served on the Certificate of Need Section.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending August 15, 2013. If a contested case request is received within the thirty (30) day period, the certificate will not be issued until the appeal is resolved (10A NCAC 14C .0208).

The timetable for completion of the project is the timetable outlined in the certificate of need application, unless an adjustment has been made by the CON Section because the review period was extended. The timetable for this project is as follows:

Site Purchase	December 2, 2013
Construction Contract Award	February 6, 2014
Final Drawings Approved by the Department of Insurance	May 14, 2014
25% Completion of Construction	September 31, 2014
75% Completion of Construction	May 29, 2015
Completion of construction	August 14, 2015
Licensure of facility	October 1, 2015

If the decision is appealed, the timetable set forth in this letter will be adjusted accordingly before the Certificate of Need is issued. Please contact us if any clarification of this decision is required.

Please refer to the Project I.D. # and Facility I.D. # (FID) in all correspondence.

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Sincerely,

Bernetta Thorne-Williams, Project Analyst

Lisa Pittman, Team Leader Certificate of Need Section

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Attachment

cc: Medical Facilities Planning Section, DHSR

Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR

Construction Section, DHSR

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing notice of **conditional approval** on the following person by placing a copy in an official depository of the United States Postal Service in a postage-paid, first class envelope addressed as follows:

Chuck White P.O. Box 2568 Hickory, NC 28603

Project I.D. #R-10085-13

FID #130065

This the  $\underline{16^{th}}$  day of  $\underline{July}$ , 2013

Bernetta Thorne-Williams, Project Analyst