

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

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## **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

January 27, 2015

Hunter Diefes 2334 S. 41st Street Wilmington, NC 28403

## **Conditional Approval**

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Project ID #:	J-10316-14
Facility:	Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center
Project Description:	Construct an addition and relocate within Lee County 20 adult care home
	beds from A Step From Home Residential Care Facility to Westfield
	Rehabilitation and Health Center
County:	Lee
FID #:	110137

Dear Mr. Diefes:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) 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 there under, 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 Agency shall not issue the certificate of need until all applicable conditions of approval have been met pursuant to G.S. 131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

1. Liberty Healthcare Properties of Lee Tramway, LLC and Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Lee Tramway, LLC, d/b/a Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application and supplemental information provided to the Agency. If the information provided conflicts, Liberty Healthcare Properties of Lee Tramway, LLC, d/b/a Westfield Rehabilitation and Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Lee Tramway, LLC, d/b/a Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center shall comply with the last made representation.



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- 2. Liberty Healthcare Properties of Lee Tramway, LLC and Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Lee Tramway, LLC, d/b/a Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center shall relocate no more than 20 ACH beds from A Step From Home Residential Care Facility to its existing nursing facility, for a facility total of no more than 83 nursing facility beds and 20 adult care home beds at Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center.
- 3. For the first two years of operation following completion of the project, Liberty Healthcare Properties of Lee Tramway, LLC and Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Lee Tramway, LLC, d/b/a Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center 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 Agency that the proposed increase is in material compliance with the representations in the certificate of need application.
- 4. Liberty Healthcare Properties of Lee Tramway, LLC and Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Lee Tramway, LLC, d/b/a Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center shall provide care to recipients of State/County Special Assistance with Medicaid consistent with the representations made in Section VI. 2.
- 5. Liberty Healthcare Properties of Lee Tramway, LLC and Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Lee Tramway, LLC, d/b/a Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein to the Agency in writing prior to issuance of the certificate of need.

## Response to the above conditions should be submitted to the Agency no later than 35 days from the date of the decision. Failure to respond within this time period may result in the Agency 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 2,287,230. 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. [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:

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> 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 Agency.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending February 26, 2015. 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 Agency because the review period was extended. The timetable for this project is as follows:

Final Drawings Submitted to the	
Construction Section, DHSR	July 1, 2015
Final Drawings Approved by the	
Construction Section, DHSR	September 1, 2015
Construction Contract Awarded	November 1, 2015
Site Preparation	March 1, 2016
25% Completion of Construction	August 1, 2016
50% Completion of Construction	December 1, 2016
75% Completion of Construction	March 1, 2017
Completion of Construction	July 1, 2017
Licensure of Facility	August 1, 2017
Facility Opening	October 1, 2017

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 this office if any clarification of this decision is required.

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

Sincerely,

Tanya S. Rupp Project Analyst Lisa Pittman Team Leader, Certificate of Need

Attachment

cc: Adult Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning Construction Section, DHSR Nursing Home Licensure and Certification 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:

Hunter Diefes 2334 S. 41st Street Wilmington, NC 28403

Project ID #: J-10316-14 FID #: 110137

This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

Tanya S. Rupp Project Analyst, Certificate of Need