

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION

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> MARK PAYNE DIRECTOR

RESPONSE REQUIRED

May 25, 2017

Susan Ahem P.O. Box 90 West Point, PA 19486

Conditional Approval

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Project ID #:	F-11294-17
Facility:	WillowBrooke Court SC Ctr at Plantation Estates
Project Description:	Add 10 NF beds pursuant to Policy NH-2 and 40 ACH beds pursuant to
	Policy LTC-1 for a total of 90 NF beds and 100 ACH beds
County:	Mecklenburg
FID #:	923412

Dear Ms. Ahern:

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, N.C. Gen. Stat. §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 N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

- 1. ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, Inc. d/b/a WillowBrooke Court SC Ctr at Plantation Estates shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.
- 2. ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, Inc. d/b/a WillowBrooke Court SC Ctr at Plantation Estates shall develop no more than 10 Policy NH-2 nursing facility beds and 40 Policy

LTC-1 adult care home beds for a facility total of no more than 90 NF beds and 100 ACH beds upon completion of the project.

- 3. The 10 Policy NH-2 nursing facility beds shall not be certified for participation in the Medicaid program.
- 4. The 10 Policy NH-2 nursing facility beds shall be used exclusively to meet the needs of persons with whom the facility has continuing care contracts (in compliance with the Department of Insurance statutes and regulations) who have lived in a non-nursing unit of the continuing care facility for a period of at least 30 days. Exceptions shall be allowed when one spouse or sibling is admitted to the nursing unit at the time the other spouse or sibling moves into a non-nursing unit, or when the medical condition requiring the nursing care was not known to exist or be imminent when the individual became a party to the continuing care contract.
- 5. The 40 Policy LTC-1 adult care home beds shall not participate in the Medicaid program or serve State-County Special Assistance recipients.
- 6. The 40 Policy LTC-1 adult care home beds shall be used exclusively to meet the needs of persons with whom the facility has continuing care contracts (in compliance with the Department of Insurance statutes and regulations) who have lived in a non-nursing or adult care unit of the continuing care facility for a period of at least 30 days. Exceptions shall be allowed when one spouse or sibling is admitted to the adult care home unit at the time the other spouse or sibling moves into a non-nursing or adult care unit, or when the medical condition requiring nursing or adult care home care was not known to exist or be imminent when the individual became a party to the continuing care contract.
- 7. The 10 new Policy NH-2 nursing facility beds and the 40 new Policy LTC-1 adult care home beds shall be developed on the same site with the independent living units.
- 8. ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, Inc. d/b/a WillowBrooke Court SC Ctr at Plantation Estates shall develop and implement an Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Plan for the project that conforms to or exceeds energy efficiency and water conservation standards incorporated in the latest editions of the North Carolina State Building Codes.
- 9. ACTS Retirement-Life Communities, Inc. d/b/a WillowBrooke Court SC Ctr at Plantation Estates shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein to the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section in writing prior to issuance of the 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.

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The conditional approval is valid only for a capital expenditure of 32,167,686. If a cost overrun occurs that exceeds the approved capital expenditure amount, a new certificate of need may be required as determined by N.C. Gen. Stat. 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 N.C. Gen. Stat. §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).]

N.C. Gen. Stat. §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:

Lisa G. Corbett 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 **June 26, 2017.** 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	November 15, 2017
Construction Contract Awarded	February 15, 2018
Site Preparation	April 15, 2018
25% Completion of Construction	September 1, 2018
50% Completion of Construction	January 1, 2019
75% Completion of Construction	May 1, 2019
Other (Opening of Facility)	October 1, 2019

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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: Construction Section, DHSR Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR Paige Bennett, Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning, 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:

Susan Ahem P.O. Box 90 West Point, PA 19486

This the 25th day of May, 2017.

Tanya S. Rupp Project Analyst, Certificate of Need