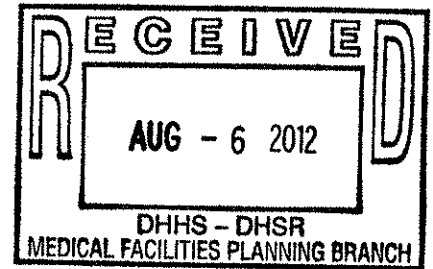


July 19, 2012

Mr. Jerry Parks  
Chair, Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee  
State Health Coordinating Council  
N.C. Department of Health and Human Services  
2714 Mail Center Service  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2714



Re: Petition for adjusted need determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in Yadkin County in the 2013 SMFP

Dear Mr. Parks:

I am writing to support Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care's effort to petition for hospice inpatient beds in Yadkin County.

Our community is blessed with capable medical facilities and personnel. However, residents of our community do not have local access to a hospice inpatient facility, and often must travel great distances to receive such services. The nearest hospice inpatient beds are located in surrounding counties, at least 30 minutes from Yadkinville. This is an immense burden for patients, families, and friends to endure during a time of crisis. Establishing a hospice inpatient facility in Yadkin County will provide much needed local access to inpatient hospice services to residents of our county who must travel great distances to receive such services.

Please accept my support for approval of a need determination for hospice inpatient beds in Yadkin County in the 2013 State Medical Facilities Plan.

Sincerely,

please - We need this in Yadkin County. We are both in our Eighties and could drive to it in Yadkin County but not in Surry or Forsyth.

We also need our hospital so bad why we can't have it more up to date  
Frank + Barbara Mentry