Introduction

Good afternoon, I am Nancy Bres Martin with NBM Health Planning Associates. I am here today for Sandy Godwin, Executive Director of Corporate Planning at Cape Fear Valley Health System. Ms. Godwin could not attend today’s Public Hearing.

I am here today to discuss the need for acute care beds in Cumberland County and the Proposed 2014 SMFP.

Background

As you may recall, the 2013 SMFP made Hoke County its own service area separate from Cumberland County and concluded that no acute care bed need would be included in the annual SMFP for either Cumberland County or Hoke County until one of the two hospitals under development in Hoke County became licensed and operational. This is why the acute care bed need for Cumberland County is 0 in the Proposed 2014 SMFP.

However, the projected operational date for the FirstHealth Hoke Community Hospital in Hoke County is October 2013. So, the question becomes, what happens to the Cumberland County acute care bed need if FirstHealth Hoke opens in 2013 as planned?

If the FirstHealth Hoke Hospital does open as scheduled in 2013, there is no longer a requirement to zero out the bed need in Cumberland County. Thus, the acute care bed need for Cumberland County will be determined by the Acute Care Bed Need Methodology.
Cape Fear Valley’s Request

Using that Methodology, Cumberland County currently shows a need for **126 acute care Beds**. Cape Fear Valley believes the Proposed 2014 SMFP bed need methodology overstates bed need in Cumberland County and needs to be adjusted. Based upon our analysis for Cumberland County, removing the abnormally high growth rate in 2011, which we informed you about last year, and subtracting 41 beds from the need due to the opening of CFV Hoke Community Medical Center, CFVHS requests an adjusted need determination for 34 bed in Cumberland County, if in fact FH Hoke opens as expected in 2013.

**Conclusion**

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information. We appreciate your time and effort in listening to our concerns.

I would be happy to answer any questions.