Hospice of Davidson County Letters of Support



July 8, 2015

T. J. Pulliam, MD 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 Davidson County in the 2016 SMFP

Dear Dr. Pulliam:

On behalf of the Hospice of Davidson County Board of Directors, I am submitting a letter of support for our agency's effort to petition for hospice inpatient beds at the county's only hospice facility, *The Henry Etta and Bruce Hinkle Hospice House*.

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Specific to hospice inpatient services, our Hinkle Hospice House is currently operating at high capacity. The closest hospice inpatient facilities are located in other counties, which is a hardship for Davidson County residents. In a time of crisis, traveling a significant and unnecessary distance is an immense burden for patients, families, and caregivers.

Increasing hospice inpatient capacity in Davidson County will improve local access to inpatient hospice services to residents of our county and support added time with loved ones during their final days. Our community needs additional hospice inpatient beds to have adequate local access to end-of-life care.

On behalf of our Board, please accept our unanimous support for approval of a need determination for additional hospice inpatient beds in Davidson County in the 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rochelle Bobo, *Chair* Board of Directors







Lexington Medical Center

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Sincerely,

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President



Thomasville Medical Center 207 Old Lexington Road Thomasville, NC 27360

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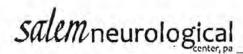
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Lexington Internal Medical Clinic, P.A.

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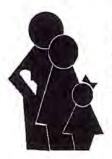
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July 7, 2015

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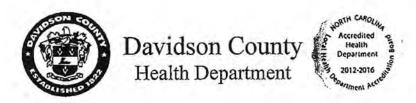
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DAVIDSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Office of the Mayor

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Mayor



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Sincerely,

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June 30, 2015

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July 8, 2015

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Sincerely,



July 6, 2015

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Wayne Alley Mayor Pro Tem



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I am writing to support Hospice of Davidson's effort to petition for hospice inpatient beds in Davidson County – specifically, the conversion of four residential beds to higher level of care beds.

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Sincerely

Burr W. Sullivan President

Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce



June 23, 2015

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Davidson County is the 11th most populated county in NC. Increasing hospice inpatient capacity in Davidson County will improve local access to inpatient hospice services to the 163,000 residents of our county, many of whom must travel significant distances to receive such services.

Please accept my support for approval of a need determination for additional hospice inpatient beds in Davidson County in the 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan.

Sincerely,

Doug Croft

Douglas E. Croft President, Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce





June 26, 2015

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Thirty years ago, I was honored to be one of the founders of Hospice of Davidson County along with Lois Jean Query and Dr. Lee Dukes, of Lexington, NC. It has been my experience over these thirty years, that Hospice of Davidson County is one of the finest non-profit health institutions in all of NC, and indeed in our country.

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Sincerely

D. Lee Jessup,

The United Way of Davidson County

June 24, 2015

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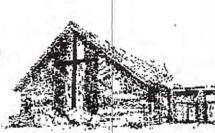
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Sincerely, To De Hondele, OSFS

Reverend Albert J. Gondek, OSFS

Pastor



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E. Keith Carroll

Sr. Pastor

July 9, 2015

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Lee S. Dukes II, D. Min.

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Kev. Clyde D. Akers, Pastor
Freedom Baptist Church

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Sincerely,

Sandra C. Motley, RN, NPMC

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Executive Director: Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic, Inc.

Practice Administrator: Davidson Health Service

July 7, 2015

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Julie B. Huneycutt

Hospice of Davidson County Professional Advisory Committee



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 29, 2015

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Mary E. Rittling, Ed.D.

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