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**RESPONSE REQUIRED**

July 29, 2013

Peter A. Brunnick  
1420 East Seventh Street  
Charlotte, NC 28204

**Conditional Approval**

Project I.D. #: F-10136-13  
Facility: Lincoln County Hospice House  
Project Description: Develop a new hospice unit with six hospice inpatient beds  
County: Lincoln  
FID #: 130219

Dear Mr. Brunnick:

The Certificate of Need (CON) Section, Division of Health Service Regulation, Department of Health and Human Services 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 Department shall not issue the certificate of need until all applicable conditions of approval that can be satisfied before issuance of the certificate of need have been met pursuant to G.S. 131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

1. Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region d/b/a Lincoln County Hospice House shall materially comply with all representations made in its certificate of need application and supplemental information provided. In those instances where representations conflict, Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region d/b/a Lincoln County Hospice House shall materially comply with the last made representations.



**Certificate of Need Section**

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2. Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region d/b/a Lincoln County Hospice House shall develop a 6-bed hospice inpatient facility and shall be licensed for a total of 6 hospice inpatient beds upon completion of this project.
3. Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region d/b/a Lincoln County Hospice House shall acknowledge acceptance and compliance with all conditions stated herein to the Certificate of Need Section in writing prior to issuance of the certificate of need.

**Response to the above conditions should be submitted to the CON Section no later than 35 days from the date of the decision. Failure to respond within this time period may result in the CON Section 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 \$3,462,600. 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:

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 Certificate of Need Section.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending August 28, 2013. 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).

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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 CON Section because the review period was extended. The timetable for this project is as follows:

Completion of Preliminary Drawings_____	February 1, 2014
Approval of Site by Construction Section, DHSR _____	June 1, 2014
Approval of Final Drawings and Specification by the Construction Section, DHSR _____	July 1, 2014
Contract Award_____	September 1, 2014
50% Completion of Construction _____	May 1, 2015
75% Completion of Construction _____	July 1, 2015
Completion of Construction _____	September 1, 2015
Occupancy/Offering Service (s) _____	October 1, 2015
Licensure of Facility _____	October 1, 2015

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 us if any clarification of this decision is required.

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

Sincerely,

Celia C. Inman, Project Analyst

Lisa Pittman, Team Leader  
Certificate of Need Section

CCI:LP:mw

Attachment

cc: Medical Facilities Planning Section, DHSR  
Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR  
Construction 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:

Peter A. Brunnick  
1420 East Seventh Street  
Charlotte, NC 28204

Project I.D. # F-10136-13  
FID #130219

This the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

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Celia C. Inman  
Project Analyst