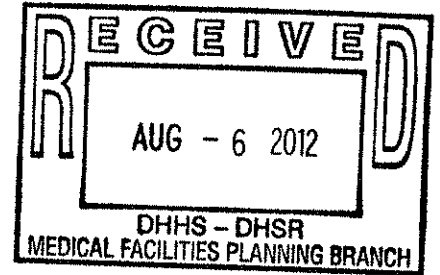


July 19, 2012

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,

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