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July 29, 2015

Dr. Christopher Ullrich
Chairman, State Health Coordinating Council
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North Carolina Division of Facilities Services
701 Barbour Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27603

Re: Harnett Health, LLC
Petition for a Shared/Fixed Cardiac Catheterization Need Designation in Harnett
County

Dear Dr. Ullrich:

I am a Board Certified Cardiologist with additional certification in Interventional Cardiology and Adult Transthoracic Plus Transesophageal Echocardiography. My partners and I are qualified as interventional cardiologists and practice at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, and at Harnett Health in Dunn and Lillington. We have had an office in Dunn since 2013 and began providing services to Harnett Health in March, 2015.

Harnett Health has informed me about their Petition for a Shared/Fixed Cardiac Catheterization Need Designation in Harnett County. As an interventional cardiologist it is imperative that the tools of my trade, especially cardiac catheterization equipment, be available to most effectively provide care to our patients in Harnett County.

Currently, 100% of Harnett County residents must travel out of county to receive cardiac catheterization services. This is no longer acceptable. My partners and I need the tools necessary to keep Harnett County residents home.

As you know, there no longer is controversy regarding the use of angioplasty and other catheter-based interventions without cardiac surgery capability. As stenting has become more and more widespread, the safety of angioplasty has increased. In the late 90's, medical personnel began discussing the feasibility of performing angioplasty on an emergency basis in hospitals without surgical backup. The largest study of its kind on this subject was presented at the 2002 Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association - the conclusion: emergency angioplasty in hospitals without surgical backup is safe.



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Please convey my enthusiastic support and that of my colleagues for approval of this Petition.

Sincerely,

Suriya Jayawardena, MD, FACC
Ferncreek Cardiology, PA
803 Tilghman Drive
Dunn, NC 28334

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Re: Harnett Health, LLC
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County

Dear Dr. Ullrich:


I am a Board Certified Radiologist with Valley Radiology. My partners and I provide radiology services for Harnett Health. We have been providing radiology services in conjunction with Harnett Health for more than 27 years in Harnett County. I have been with Valley Radiology for 5 years.

Harnett Health has informed me about their Petition for a Shared/Fixed Cardiac Catheterization Need Designation in Harnett County. Acquiring this equipment would allow Harnett Health access to expand its services to include interventional radiology for residents of Harnett Health.

Currently, 100% of Harnett County residents must travel out of county to receive cardiac catheterization services and interventional radiology services. This is no longer acceptable. My partners and I need the tools necessary to keep Harnett County residents home.

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Sincerely,



Grant Yangi, MD
Board Certified Vascular Radiologist

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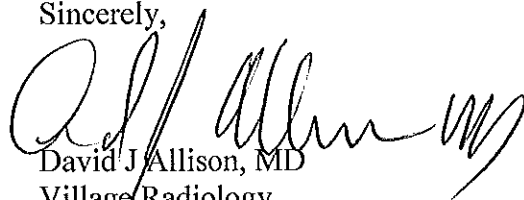
I am a Board Certified Radiologist with Village Radiology. My partners and I provide radiology services for Harnett Health. We began our practice in Dunn at the end of last year when CFVHS began managing Harnett Health.

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Sincerely,



David J Allison, MD
Village Radiology
Harnett Health
800 Tilghman Drive
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August 7, 2015

Dr. Christopher Ullrich
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Re: Harnett Health, LLC
Petition for a Shared/Fixed Cardiac Catheterization Need Designation in Harnett County

Dear Dr. Ullrich:

I am the Director of the Harnett County Emergency Services/EMS Division. The Harnett County EMS is an integral part of the quality health care system in Harnett County, and provides core public health services and innovative health care solutions. Across the state, a network of essential services known as Public Health, works together to protect and improve the health of all citizens and to make our communities a safe and healthy place to live.

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Currently, 100% of Harnett County residents must travel out of county to receive cardiac catheterization services and interventional radiology services. This is no longer acceptable. Our healthcare providers in Harnett County need the tools necessary to keep Harnett County residents home for their healthcare services.

Please convey my enthusiastic support for approval of this Petition.

Sincerely,

Gary Pope, Emergency Services Director
Harnett County Emergency Services/EMS Division



CAMPBELL
UNIVERSITY
JERRY M. WALLACE
SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Office of the Dean

August 11, 2015

Dr. Christopher Ullrich
Chairman, State Health Coordinating Council
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Re: Harnett Health System Petition for a Shared/Fixed Cardiac Catheterization
Need Designation in Harnett County

Dear Dr. Ullrich,

I am the Dean and Chief Academic Officer at Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine. Campbell University, located in rural Harnett County, enrolls students from all 100 North Carolina counties in undergraduate and graduate level programs, including law, pharmacy, business, education, and divinity. Students come to Campbell from all socioeconomic backgrounds and then often return to work and serve in the communities they call home.

Campbell University began addressing health care issues in 1985 with the establishment of the nationally acclaimed School of Pharmacy, which was the first new pharmacy school founded in the United States in more than 35 years. In addition to offering the Doctor of Pharmacy program, the school offers undergraduate and graduate programs in Clinical Research and Pharmaceutical Sciences. In 2009, the name was formally changed from the School of Pharmacy to the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences to provide additional health science programs, including the Physician Assistant program (2011), a Master of Public Health degree (2012), Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (2014), and Nursing (2014).

The Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine was established in 2013 and will make a significant impact on the health and well-being of North Carolinians. Approximately 60% of practicing osteopathic physicians practice in the primary care specialties of family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology. Many osteopathic physicians fill a critical need for physicians by practicing in rural and other medically underserved communities. With enrollment at 150 students per year, Campbell will become the second largest medical school in the state.

Partnerships are being established with medical facilities across the state. Teaching hospitals for Campbell University medical students include the following:

- Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital (Harnett County)
- Cape Fear Valley Regional Medical Center (Cumberland County)
- Central Carolina Hospital (Lee County)
- Central Harnett Hospital (Harnett County)
- Cherry Hospital (Wayne County)
- Johnston Medical Center (Johnston County)
- Rowan Regional Medical Center (Rowan County)
- Southeastern Regional Medical Center (Robeson County)
- WakeMed Raleigh Campus (Wake County)
- Wayne Memorial (Wayne County)

The Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine will make a significant impact on the health and well-being of North Carolinians. It will also greatly benefit the region's (Raleigh-Durham combined statistical area) economic activity and vitality.

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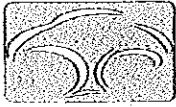
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Please convey to the Certificate of Need Section at the North Carolina Division of Health Services Regulation, my enthusiastic support and that of my colleagues for approval of this petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John M. Kauffman, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

John M. Kauffman, Jr., DO, FACOI, FACP
Dean and Chief Academic Officer



July 29, 2015

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307 W. Cornelius Harnett Boulevard
Lillington, NC 27546

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Re: Harnett Health, LLC
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Dear Dr. Ullrich:

I am the Health Director of the Harnett County Health Department. The Harnett County Health Department is an integral part of the quality health care system in Harnett County, and provides core public health services and innovative health care solutions. Across the state, a network of essential services known as Public Health, works together to protect and improve the health of all citizens and to make our communities a safe and healthy place to live. The Harnett County Health Department is a vital part of this important network.

The Harnett County Health Department and Harnett Health have ongoing communication regarding cooperation and complementary services and Harnett Health has informed me about their Petition for a Shared/Fixed Cardiac Catheterization Need Designation in Harnett County.

As reflected in our 2013 Harnett County Community Health Needs Assessment, the CHNA workgroup identified Hypertension and other cardiovascular disease (particularly in black males) as a Predominant Clinical Health Status Concern. The age-adjusted mortality rate for heart disease in Harnett County has decreased in the last five years and we expect the downward trend to continue. However, compared to North Carolina, Harnett County has 15.0% higher age-adjusted mortality rates for heart disease. We still have work to do.

All of the partners that participated in the CHNA concurred that access to appropriate health services is critical to community health. Nonetheless, there are many reasons why people in Harnett Health's service area may experience access barriers. Some of the significant reasons are believed to include low health literacy, insufficient awareness of available health services, cultural and racial barriers, language barriers, high health care costs and other financial barriers, and an absence of adequate transportation. Not only are these parameters access issues, but they are also contributing causes to poor health status.

We believe the lack of physicians, both primary care providers and cardiologists, in Harnett County is one of several reasons for the higher age-adjusted death rates. While the Health Department has initiated several educational programs and outreach to the at-risk population; assisting the community with access to primary care and specialty care providers is the most significant area of Harnett Health's investment in community health strategies. Harnett Health is working to recruit additional primary care and specialty care physicians to the community. In the last year Harnett Health has recruited additional primary care physicians and cardiologists to address the lack of access to care in our community.

At this time, 100% of Harnett County residents must travel out of county to receive cardiac catheterization services. This is no longer acceptable. Our cardiologists need the tools necessary to keep Harnett County residents home.

As you know, there no longer is controversy regarding the use of angioplasty and other catheter-based interventions without cardiac surgery capability. As stenting has become more and more widespread, the safety of angioplasty has increased. In the late 90's, medical personnel began discussing the feasibility of performing angioplasty on an emergency basis in hospitals without surgical backup. The largest study of its kind on this subject was presented at the 2002 Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association - - the conclusion: emergency angioplasty in hospitals without surgical backup is safe.

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Please convey my enthusiastic support and that of my colleagues for approval of this Petition.

Sincerely,



John Rouse, Jr.
Health Director
Harnett County Health Department

August 6, 2015

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Dear Dr. Ullrich:

I am an active member of the Medical Staff of Harnett Health, board-certified with the American Board of Internal Medicine, and serve as Medical Director and site director for the Hospitalist program at Harnett Health.

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Please convey to the Certificate of Need Section at the North Carolina Division of Health Services Regulation, my enthusiastic support and that of my colleagues for the approval and this project.

Sincerely,


Olalekan Folarin, M.D.
Medical Director, Betsy Johnson Hospital
Cape Fear Valley – Harnett Hospitalist

August 7, 2015

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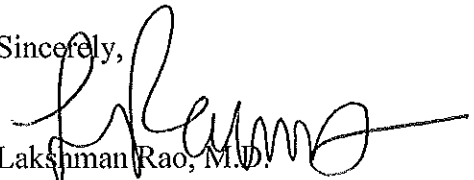
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Sincerely,


Lakshman Rao, M.D.
Dunn-Erwin Medical Center

August 6, 2015

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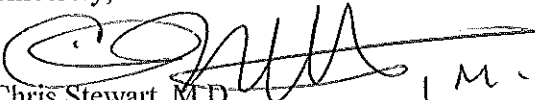
Dear Dr. Ullrich:

I am an active member of the Medical Staff of Harnett Health and serve as site director for the Hospitalist program at Central Harnett Hospital.

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Chris Stewart, M.D.
Cape Fear Valley – Harnett Hospitalist