



August 10, 2017

State Health Coordinating Council
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Dear State Health Coordinating Council Members and State Health Planning Staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment to the State Health Coordinating Council in reference to the petition by Transitions LifeCare for an adjusted need determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in Wake County from the proposed 2018 medical facilities plan of 14 beds down to 6 beds. The Association for Home & Hospice Care of NC (AHHC) **fully supports** this petition for the following reasons:

- There will be no negative impact on access to hospice inpatient services in Wake County because access to additional beds will be made available by Transitions LifeCare within the next couple of months.
- Additional Hospice Inpatient beds need to be cost effectively developed and adding 6 beds versus 14 beds would show the most health care value in Wake County at this time.
- Approval of this petition would promote quality and safety because it will enable efficient and orderly development and utilization of Transitions LifeCare's existing and soon to be licensed hospice inpatient beds before additional hospice inpatient beds are developed.

In summary, AHHC agrees with Transitions LifeCare and **fully supports** their petition for an adjusted need determination to reduce the Hospice inpatient beds from 14 to 6 in the 2018 medical facilities plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Timothy Rogers
President & CEO