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Dear Dr. Greene,

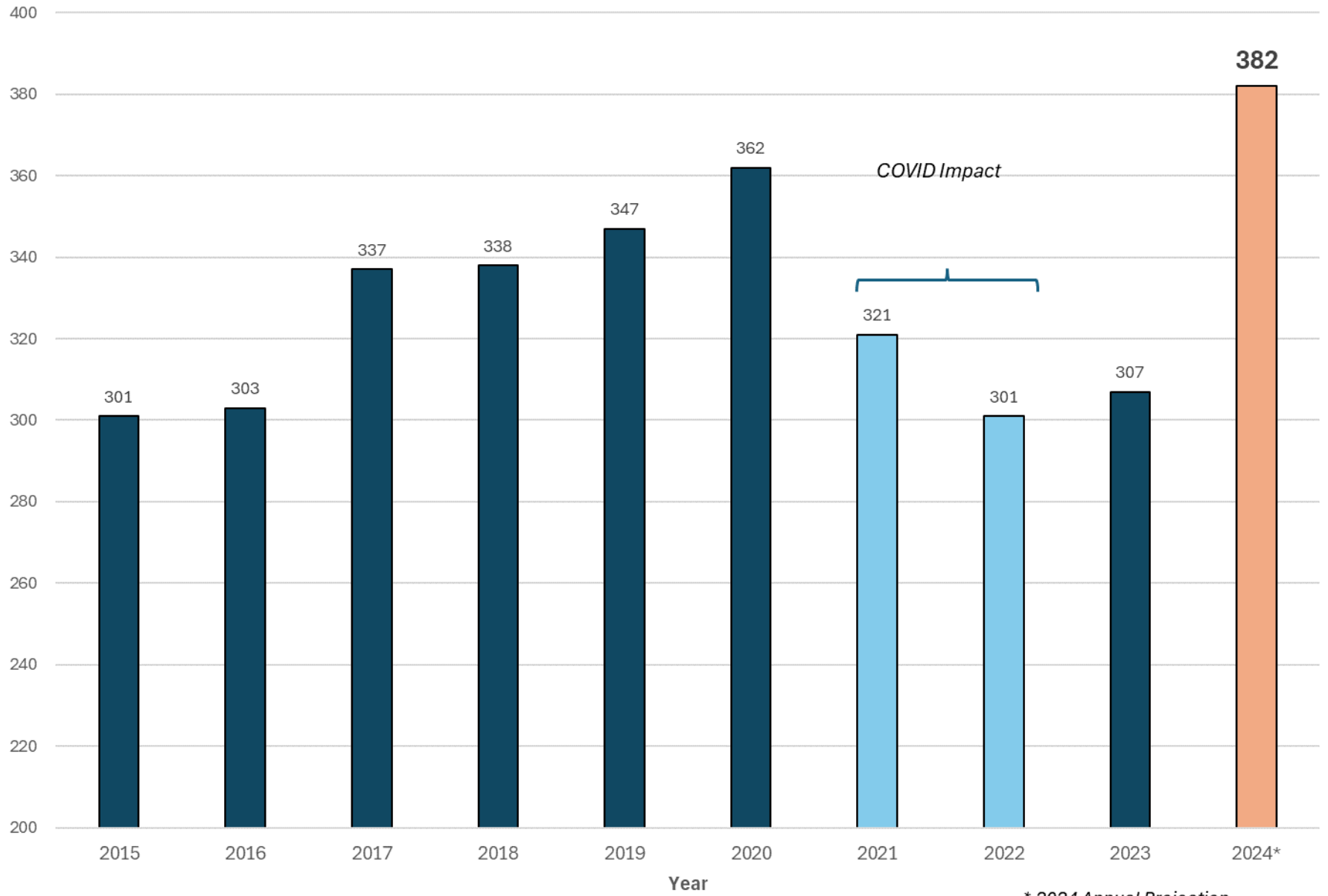
I hope this letter finds you well. As requested, we are providing insight into our community demographics, specific to Mecklenburg County, with a focus on Charlotte's Crescent zip codes. After our last communication, Representative Cunningham reached out to me and requested additional data, which is detailed below. It is important to note that we are one of eleven providers that serve patients in Mecklenburg County and our admissions today represent a little over half the total annual admissions, therefore this data is only representative of the impact of VIA Health Partners in Mecklenburg County. We have refined the data from the last response.

The data presented reflects a comprehensive analysis of the racial composition of hospice admissions from January 2015 to June 2024. We know, as a healthcare entity, that African Americans were disproportionately impacted during the Covid Virus time period. This information is crucial for understanding the diversity within our community and guiding our current and future initiatives aimed at fostering inclusivity, equity and access to Palliative and Hospice Care.

1. Trends and Comparisons:

- Crescent Admissions are increasing and trending to pre-covid levels.
- The "Unknown" category tends to be a minority demographic.
- In 2023, the first full post Covid year, admissions increased significantly, and VIA Health Partners is trending to eclipse those admissions in 2024 projecting 779 admission in the Crescent and 3467 admissions in Mecklenburg County.
- As the chart and graph below indicate; Mecklenburg, Crescent and Minority admissions are trending significantly higher.

Crescent Black / African American Admission Count



* 2024 Annual Projection

Overall Crescent and Mecklenburg Admission Demographic Breakdown: 2015-2024 June YTD

Column Formula Description:

- Column B Percentages = Admission count Column A / Total Crescent Admissions
- Column D Percentages = Admission count Column A / Mecklenburg County Admission Count Column C

Admission Year	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
	2015				2016				2017			
	Crescent Admission Count	% of Total Crescent Admissions	Total Mecklenburg County Admission Count	Crescent Admissions as a % of Mecklenburg County Admissions	Crescent Admission Count	% of Total Crescent Admissions	Total Mecklenburg County Admission Count	Crescent Admissions as a % of Mecklenburg County Admissions	Crescent Admission Count	% of Total Crescent Admissions	Total Mecklenburg County Admission Count	Crescent Admissions as a % of Mecklenburg County Admissions
Race												
American Indian / Alaskan Na	-	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.3%	4	50.0%	1	0.2%	2	50.0%
Asian	9	1.6%	36	25.0%	7	1.2%	35	20.0%	7	1.2%	33	21.2%
Black / African American	301	52.1%	549	54.8%	303	51.2%	544	55.7%	337	57.5%	547	61.6%
Hispanic / Latino	20	3.5%	48	41.7%	20	3.4%	48	41.7%	20	3.4%	48	41.7%
Middle Eastern	5	0.9%	11	45.5%	1	0.2%	8	12.5%	2	0.3%	8	25.0%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islar	1	0.2%	2	50.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Other / Multiracial	3	0.5%	7	42.9%	3	0.5%	10	30.0%	1	0.2%	9	11.1%
UNKNOWN	10	1.7%	37	27.0%	28	4.7%	105	26.7%	8	1.4%	37	21.6%
White	229	39.6%	1,622	14.1%	228	38.5%	1,463	15.6%	210	35.8%	1,416	14.8%
TOTAL	578		2,313		592		2,217		586		2,100	

Admission Year	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
	2018				2019			
	Crescent Admission Count	% of Total Crescent Admissions	Total Mecklenburg County Admission Count	Crescent Admissions as a % of Mecklenburg County Admissions	Crescent Admission Count	% of Total Crescent Admissions	Total Mecklenburg County Admission Count	Crescent Admissions as a % of Mecklenburg County Admissions
Race								
American Indian / Alaskan Na	-	0.0%	1	0.0%	3	0.4%	6	50.0%
Asian	11	1.6%	30	36.7%	16	2.4%	39	41.0%
Black / African American	338	49.6%	538	62.8%	347	52.0%	575	60.3%
Hispanic / Latino	27	4.0%	62	43.5%	16	2.4%	48	33.3%
Middle Eastern	2	0.3%	5	40.0%	1	0.1%	6	16.7%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islar	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	2	0.0%
Other / Multiracial	3	0.4%	10	30.0%	1	0.1%	6	16.7%
UNKNOWN	39	5.7%	119	32.8%	39	5.8%	99	39.4%
White	261	38.3%	1,428	18.3%	244	36.6%	1,451	16.8%
TOTAL	681		2,193		667		2,232	

	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Admission Year	2020				2021				2022			
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Race												
American Indian / Alaskan Na	2	0.3%	5	40.0%	1	0.2%	4	25.0%	3	0.5%	6	50.0%
Asian	16	2.3%	42	38.1%	15	2.5%	47	31.9%	14	2.5%	25	56.0%
Black / African American	362	52.3%	640	56.6%	321	53.3%	674	47.6%	301	53.6%	455	66.2%
Hispanic / Latino	29	4.2%	55	52.7%	31	5.1%	66	47.0%	30	5.3%	36	83.3%
Middle Eastern	1	0.1%	4	25.0%	1	0.2%	8	12.5%	1	0.2%	4	25.0%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islar	-	0.0%	5	0.0%		0.0%			1	0.2%	4	25.0%
Other / Multiracial	3	0.4%	8	37.5%	2	0.3%	20	10.0%	1	0.2%	1	100.0%
UNKNOWN	28	4.0%	57	49.1%	17	2.8%	34	50.0%	13	2.3%	646	2.0%
White	251	36.3%	1,493	16.8%	214	35.5%	1,624	13.2%	198	35.2%	1,287	15.4%
TOTAL	692		2,309		602		2,477		562		2,464	

	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Admission Year	2023				2024 Annual Projection (Actuals thru June)			
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Race								
American Indian / Alaskan Native		0.0%	9	0.0%	2	0.3%	6	33.3%
Asian	12	2.0%	48	25.0%	17	2.2%	71	23.9%
Black / African American	307	50.3%	652	47.1%	382	49.0%	754	50.7%
Hispanic / Latino	26	4.3%	67	38.8%	40	5.1%	90	44.4%
Middle Eastern	2	0.3%	5	40.0%	2	0.3%	4	50.0%
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islar	1	0.2%	2	50.0%	-	0.0%	2	0.0%
Other / Multiracial	1	0.2%	2	50.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
UNKNOWN	1	0.2%	9	11.1%	2	0.3%	15	13.3%
White	260	42.6%	1,963	13.2%	334	42.9%	2,522	13.2%
TOTAL	610		2,757		779		3,467	

We recognize the importance of maintaining updated demographic information and are committed to utilizing this data responsibly to enhance our understanding of the community we serve, and our continued evolution related to cultural awareness.

Should you have any questions or require further information regarding this report, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 704-335-3501 or brunnickp@viahp.org.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to continuing our efforts in promoting culturally competent health care in Mecklenburg and our entire geographic service area.

Sincerely,

Peter Brunnick
President & CEO