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February 10, 2022

Craig Halford
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No Review

Record #: 3811
Date of Request: February 1, 2022
Business Name: First Contact Ministries, Inc.
Business #: 2940
Project Description: Address change
County: Henderson

Dear Mr. Halford:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your correspondence regarding the project described above. Based on the CON law in effect on the date of this response to your request, the project as described is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. If the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

This determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. If changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in the correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by this office.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature of Ena Lightbourne]

Ena Lightbourne
Project Analyst

[Signature of Micheala Mitchell]

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

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From: [Mitchell, Micheala L](#)
To: [Waller, Martha K](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Re: Faith-Based CON Exemption Request
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 3:41:36 PM
Attachments: [2739 Henderson First Contact Ministries, Inc No Review \(1\).pdf](#)

For you Martha. Thank you!

Micheala Mitchell, JD
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From: Craig Halford <craig.halford@firstcontactwnc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 3:21 PM
To: Mitchell, Micheala L <Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Faith-Based CON Exemption Request

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Thank You so much Micheala. Per your request, I have attached the previous exemption.

- The organization is First Contact Ministries Inc.
- The new address is 53 Orchard Park Rd. Flat Rock NC 28731-9456
- Henderson County
- This program will be a "faith-based" Non-profit 12 step program.
- There will be no changes from the prior exemption.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter. Our Zoning Board meeting will be February 23rd and we would greatly appreciate having the letter in that meeting if possible.

Regards,
Craig

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On Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 4:32 PM Mitchell, Micheala L <Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov> wrote:

Mr. Halford:

It was a pleasure to speak with you today.

It is my understanding that you received a prior exemption to establish a faith-based addiction treatment center from our office in 2018, but the location for that project has changed. It is also my understanding that you are requesting an updated exemption to submit to the zoning board in order to establish that facility at a new location.

Please respond to this email with: the name of the organization; the new proposed address, including the applicable county; any other information about the program that has changed (e.g. no longer faith based, etc.); and a copy of the prior exemption. Once this information is received, one of our analysts will evaluate and respond to your request.

Let me know if you have any questions in the interim.

Best,

Micheala Mitchell, JD
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Via Email Only

October 15, 2018

Craig Halford, Executive Director
First Contact Ministries, Inc.
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No Review

Record #: 2739
Business Name: First Contact Ministries, Inc.
Business #: 2940
Project Description: Offer faith based 12-step recovery services
County: Henderson

Dear Mr. Halford:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your email on October 15, 2018 as well as the email from Joy Allison dated October 15, 2018 regarding the above referenced proposal. Based on the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request**, the proposal described in the emails is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. If the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

This determination is binding only for the facts represented in the emails referenced above. If changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in the emails, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by this office.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Martha J. Frisone, Chief
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

cc: Michiele Elliot, Mental Health Section, DHSR
Melinda Boyette, Administrative Assistant, Healthcare Planning, DHSR

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Frisone, Martha

From: craig halford <halfordc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 2:10 PM
To: Frisone, Martha
Subject: [External] CON First Contact

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Good afternoon Martha,

I spoke with Joy Allison on Friday and explained the type of rehab facility we were going to be and she said we would not need a license and I should reach back to you concerning the CON. I received your vm late Friday in which you instructed me to send the request for a letter stating we would not need the CON. I would like to make that request in this email. Thank you so much for getting back with me and your willingness to provide what we need for the zoning board of Henderson County.

Regards,

Craig Halford
Executive Director First Contact Ministries Inc.
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Frisone, Martha

From: Allison, Joy
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 12:24 PM
To: Elliott, Michiele; Frisone, Martha
Cc: Gilliam, Stephanie; Fields, Shawanda; Sulfridge, Robin
Subject: RE: [External] Certificate of Need

Mr. Halford and I talked at length on Friday, 10/12.

The program that he described to me would not fall under our licensure requirements.

He is describing and is planning to open a faith based, 12 step program. He stated that all counseling will be from the scriptures and 12 step literature.

I asked him several questions regarding counselors, training, etc. Everything he is stating is religious in nature and using 12 step principles.

I told him that, as described, his program would not fall under the requirements for licensure. I stressed that this decision was based solely on his descriptions and if anything in his program should change, we would need to be notified.

Joy

From: Elliott, Michiele
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 11:46 AM
To: Frisone, Martha <martha.frisone@dhhs.nc.gov>; Allison, Joy <joy.allison@dhhs.nc.gov>
Cc: Gilliam, Stephanie <Stephanie.Gilliam@dhhs.nc.gov>; Fields, Shawanda <Shawanda.fields@dhhs.nc.gov>; Sulfridge, Robin <robin.sulfridge@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Certificate of Need

That is not accurate. The only contact I have had with him was the email you were copied on. I said there was not enough information on their website about the treatment and services offered to make a determination. I referred him to Joy and Shawanda for further evaluation.

From: Frisone, Martha
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2018 4:43 PM
To: Allison, Joy <joy.allison@dhhs.nc.gov>
Cc: Elliott, Michiele <michiele.elliott@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Certificate of Need

Mr. Halford left me a voice mail in which he states that you stated that it does not appear that the facility they want to develop would require a license. Can you confirm that for me?

Martha J. Frisone

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From: craig halford [<mailto:halfordc@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 9:37 AM

To: Frisone, Martha <martha.frisone@dhhs.nc.gov>; Allison, Joy <joy.allison@dhhs.nc.gov>; Fields, Shawanda <Shawanda.fields@dhhs.nc.gov>; Elliott, Michiele <michiele.elliott@dhhs.nc.gov>

Cc: Gilliam, Stephanie <Stephanie.Gilliam@dhhs.nc.gov>; Sulfridge, Robin <robin.sulfridge@dhhs.nc.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] Certificate of Need

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Thank you so much, I look forward to hearing from Joy.

On Wednesday, October 10, 2018 09:05:25 AM EDT, Elliott, Michiele <michiele.elliott@dhhs.nc.gov> wrote:

Mr. Halford, Martha Frisone is the best resource to determine if CON is a requirement. First we need to determine if the proposed facility would need to be licensed. In reviewing your website there is not enough information about your services to individuals with substance use disorder to determine if you need a license. I am copying Shawanda and Joy, Joy is our licensing consultant for the western part of the state and will gather additional information from you.

From: craig halford [<mailto:halfordc@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 8:51 AM

To: Elliott, Michiele <michiele.elliott@dhhs.nc.gov>; Frisone, Martha <martha.frisone@dhhs.nc.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] Certificate of Need

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Ms Elliot,

We are trying to get a special use permit to build a non-profit faith based recovery center. We are being told we need a letter from the state saying we do not need a CON. I am being told you are the person I need to discuss this with. My phone number is 828-699-0161. Would you please reach out to me and let me know what process we need to go through to get this letter?

Regards,

Craig Halford

Executive Director First Contact Addiction Ministries

828-699-0161

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On Wednesday, September 26, 2018 02:48:15 PM EDT, Frisone, Martha <martha.frisone@dhhs.nc.gov> wrote:

Mr. Halford called me today and left me a voice mail. He would really like to talk to you about how his facility in Henderson County needs to be licensed (if it needs to be licensed at all). See the webpage at the link below. Until he can tell me how it would be licensed, I can't tell him if he needs a CON or not.

Furthermore, the county needs to know if he needs a CON before issuing a special use permit.

<https://firstcontactwnc.org/building-campaign/>

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From: craig halford [<mailto:halfordc@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:07 AM
To: Frisone, Martha <martha.frisone@dhhs.nc.gov>; michiele.elliott@dhhs.nc.gov
Subject: Re: RE: [External] Certificate of Need

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Ms Elliot,

Could you please help me with this?

On Tuesday, September 11, 2018 12:31:29 PM EDT, craig halford <halfordc@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thanks so much!

On Tuesday, September 11, 2018 12:29:13 PM EDT, Frisone, Martha <martha.frisone@dhhs.nc.gov> wrote:

Thank you for reaching out to me. I also got your voice mail. I recommend that you contact the Mental Health Licensure Section and discuss your facility with them. I've copied Michiele Elliott who is with that section on this email. That section will have to

determine how, if at all, your facility would be licensed. Without knowing how it would be licensed, I cannot tell you if you will need a CON.

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From: craig halford [<mailto:halfordc@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 12:11 PM

To: Frisone, Martha <martha.frisone@dhhs.nc.gov>

Subject: [External] Certificate of Need

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Good morning Ms Frisone,

I am the ED for First Contact addiction Ministries. We are applying for a SUP with the Henderson County Zoning Board and I received an email from Toby Linville where he had asked you about our need to file for a CON. You responded by saying you needed more info to make that determination. I would be pleased to provide you whatever information you might need. We will not be a medical facility so I am not sure this applies to us but I wanted to reach out to you to make sure. My number is 828-699-0161 if you would like to reach back to me.

Thanks so much

Craig

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