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Mr. Craig Smith  
Chief, Division of Facility Services  
Certificate of Need Section  
701 Barbour Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: Letter of Support for Inpatient Hospice Bed Special Need Petition of Lower Cape Fear Hospice for New Hanover County

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am Lynette Tharp of the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Hospitality House, which serves New Hanover and surrounding counties.

I am writing in support of the Special Need petition of Lower Cape Fear Hospice seeking to have the state designate a special need for 5 inpatient hospice beds in New Hanover County for the FY2014 planning year. It is my understanding that the only inpatient hospice facility in New Hanover County, Lower Cape Fear Hospice has operated at over 101% for the past year and the Proposed 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan projects that New Hanover County will have a 5 inpatient bed deficit, one short of the required six beds to generate a need determination.

The Proposed 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan shows an overall deficit of 5 inpatient hospice beds in New Hanover County. Lower Cape Fear Hospice is petitioning to have these 5 inpatient hospice beds included in the 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan and XX fully supports an adjusted need determination for 5 inpatient hospice beds in New Hanover County.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynette Tharp  
Manager, Hospitality House of Wilmington