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PETITION
FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO NEED DETERMINATION

5/19/2011

NC Division of Health Service Regulation
Medical Facilities Planning Section
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Dear Medical Facilities Planning Section:

W & B Health Care, Inc is writing this letter to petition an adjustment to the need determination for a Substance Abuse Residential/Rehabilitation Treatment Facility in the Southeastern Regional area. Recently, W & B Health Care, Inc submitted a Letter of Intent to the Certificate of Need Division, in request to provide Substance Abuse Residential/Rehabilitation Treatment services in the Robeson County area. This request was in order for our agency to provide a continuum of care to our Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT) consumers in need of a more intense substance abuse recovery program, as well as offer these services to individuals that are court-ordered to cooperate with inpatient Substance Abuse treatment, but lack the desire to be placed in a facility outside of the catchment area.

Although the Projection of Chemical Dependency (Substance Abuse) Treatment Bed Need By Mental Health Planning Region shows that there isn't a need for Adult beds for this type facility, it has been our experience that individuals in this area that are court ordered for substance abuse inpatient services are frequently placed on a waiting list due to no immediate, available placements. As a result, the individuals often lose interest in treatment and do not fully execute the court order, resulting in jail time or involuntary commitments into psychiatric units. With the provision of Substance Abuse Residential/Rehabilitation Treatment services, we hope to assist in relieving the courts of the burden of trying to place these individuals where there are no residential placements available and having to filter them back into the community without treatment. When the individuals return to their communities without appropriate treatments, the chances of continued drug use and crime rates increase resulting in the over loading of our court system, over-crowding of our jails and psychiatric units and the increased risk of the families that suffer due to the substance abuse. Therefore, we feel the provision of additional beds in a Substance Abuse Residential/Rehabilitation Treatment Facility would not result in an unnecessary duplication of services in this area. In fact, with the basic principles governing the Substance Abuse Inpatient and Residential Services stating that "it is essential that a continuum



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of services be available for the treatment of substance abuse, to include residential/inpatient services and that services for people who are substance abusers should be organized in such a way that a continuum of care is available”, the provision of these services would only promote these principles by helping the individuals gain control of their lives and sobriety in order to reintegrate into their communities and prevent the ramifications that will result from the lack of appropriate treatments.

In conclusion, we would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in this request.

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