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Remarks made by: Trent Cockerham, President & CEO, Hospice of the Piedmont

Hospice of the Piedmont has a 33 year history of providing hospice care in our Community. Last year, Hospice of the Piedmont provided end of life care to 770 patients of which more than 300 received services in our hospice inpatient unit, The Hospice Home at High Point. Our recognition of the demand for inpatient hospice beds is echoed not only by our experience, but also from the support and wishes of our Community, its medical providers and healthcare institutions alike – wishing that we were able to serve more individuals in our inpatient unit.

To those ends, we at Hospice of the Piedmont support both the inpatient methodology used in determining the need for additional general inpatient hospice beds, as well as, the proposed need for additional inpatient hospice beds in Guilford County.

Similarly, Hospice of the Piedmont and Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro have a long history of collegial camaraderie. We at Hospice of the Piedmont are committed to working collaboratively with Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro in determining the best and most appropriate use of the allotted inpatient hospice bed need for Guilford County.

Thank you for the opportunity to support publically the current hospice inpatient bed need methodology and the current hospice inpatient bed need for Guilford County.

