

North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council
c/o Certificate of Need and Health Planning Section
Division of Health Service Regulation

Cape Fear Valley Health System - Proposed 2018 SMFP Public Hearing Comments

Good afternoon, my name is Donald Maharty, I am Vice President of Medical Education for Cape Fear Valley Health System and Regional Assistant Dean for Campbell University, Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine enrolled its inaugural class in August 2013. Cape Fear began accepting residents in five new residency programs from Campbell this month. Two of our new residency programs; general surgery and OBGYN; will impact future utilization of the operating rooms at Cape Fear. Beginning this month, we have four general surgery residents and three OBGYN residents. This is expected to increase to 20 General Surgery residents and 16 OBGYN residents by 2020.

We are already a teaching hospital. Currently we work with the Southern Regional AHEC training approximately 24 Family Medicine residents each year. Our association with Campbell is projected to add 230 resident slots annually by completion of Phase 2. In addition, CFVMC is working with Womack Medical Center in Fayetteville and we will be training other surgical residents in oral maxillofacial surgery and podiatry.

All of these programs will increase utilization in the operating rooms at Cape Fear. Cape Fear operating rooms are well utilized. We are asking for an additional operating room to assure that we

have sufficient capacity for teaching AND that teaching our future surgeons does not result in delays and cancellations for other surgical patients at Cape Fear.

While the full impact of our new program is unknown, we do know that the medical school at Campbell and the residency program at CFVMC will have a real and significant impact, producing new physicians in south central and southeastern North Carolina.

CFVHS is requesting that a need for one additional operating room in Cumberland County be reflected in the 2018 SMFP. This would allow CFVHS to apply for a CON to expand surgical services in 2018 such that surgical capacity will be available in 2020 to meet the needs of the new surgical residency. It is important that any new operating room in Cumberland County be available for the residents at CFVMC and that they are available soon.

I support this Petition and I thank you for your time.