



August 24, 2023

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**Re: CommuniCare Health Services  
Request for Exemption from  
Certificate of Need Review  
Matter No. 23-16-EX015**

Dear Mr. Sollins:

Commission staff has reviewed CommuniCare Health Services (CHS) August 14, 2023 responses to a request for additional information from the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC or Commission) on the CHS Request for Exemption from Certificate of Need review on the merger and consolidation proposal to move and relocate 46 beds from Clinton Health Center (Clinton) to Ft. Washington Health Center (Ft. Washington). Commission staff has a few remaining issues regarding these responses and requests a response to the following questions:

1. Exhibit D, please respond to the following:
  - a. The line diagram indicates the physical layout for 200 CCF beds at Ft. Washington after project completion. Please clarify whether Ft. Washington will operate a 200-bed or a 196-bed CCF after project completion and update the narrative and Excel spreadsheet accordingly.

If the facility will operate with 196 CCF beds, please resubmit a color version on 8 ½" x 11" and identify the 20 private and 88 semi-private rooms.

2. In the Table package, the Excel spreadsheet for Clinton, Table F – Revenues and Expenses, Uninflated – Entire Facility, please explain the decrease in Net Income for FY 2023 that resulted in a Net Loss of \$1.3 million for this year.

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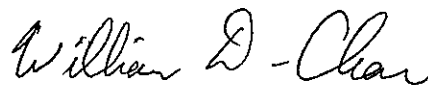
3. In the Excel spreadsheet for Fort Washington, please reconcile the following issues:
  - a. Table C – Project Budget. Please reconcile the difference in the Total Use of Funds (\$18,098,308) with the Total Source of Funds (\$18,828,398) and provide the total cost for this project.
  - b. Table H – Workforce Information. For Support Staff, the facility reports a current cost for 119.5 FTEs of \$6.7 million and the cost of hiring the additional 55.5 FTEs as \$1.1 million, which adds to approximately \$7.9 Million. Still, it is reported as a total of \$10.8 million or a difference of \$2.9 million. Please reconcile this discrepancy.

Please submit four copies of the responses to the above questions and requests for additional information within ten working days of receipt. Also submit the response electronically, in both Word and PDF format, to Ruby Potter ([ruby.potter@maryland.gov](mailto:ruby.potter@maryland.gov)) and to [mhcc.confilings@maryland.gov](mailto:mhcc.confilings@maryland.gov). If additional time is needed to prepare this response, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

As with the request itself, all information supplementing the request must be signed by person(s) available for cross-examination on the facts set forth in the supplementary information, who shall sign a statement as follows: "I hereby declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated in this application and its attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief."

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me by phone at (410) 764-3374 or by email at [bill.chan@maryland.gov](mailto:bill.chan@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,



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