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Re: Withdrawal of Certificate of Need Application  
Hope Health Systems  
Matter No: 23-03-2465

Dear Ms. Harting:

Thank you for your Letter dated October 4, 2023, informing the Commission that Hope Health Systems is withdrawing the above-referenced Certificate of Need application.

The Maryland Health Care Commission accepts the withdrawal of this Certificate of Need Application without prejudice. By copy of this letter all affected persons are notified of this action.

If you have any questions about this determination, please contact Wynee Hawk at (410) 764-3261.

Sincerely,

Ruby Potter  
Health Facilities Coordinator

cc: Yinka Fadiora  
Gregory Branch, M.D., Baltimore County Health Department

October 4, 2023

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***VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL***

Jeanne-Marie Gawel  
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Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: Hope Health Systems Application to Establish a Special  
Psychiatric Hospital for Children and Adolescents  
Matter No. 23-03-2465

Dear Ms. Gawel:

Thank you for providing a copy of the September 22, 2023 Memorandum from the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) regarding the above-referenced certificate of need (CON) application.

The Applicant (HHS), disagrees with the HSCRC's analysis and conclusions regarding HHS's financial position and the financial feasibility of the project contained in the HSCRC Memo, and believes that it has (and has demonstrated in this review) sufficient resources to establish and sustain the operation of the project through full occupancy and beyond. Reserving and without prejudice to HHS's position as to these matters, and without prejudice as to any subsequent certificate of need application by HHS, HHS has decided to withdraw its pending CON application without prejudice in order to allow for additional time and the procedural opportunity to further demonstrate its capacity to undertake this project on a financially feasible basis and meet the critical need for additional access to inpatient psychiatric services among children and adolescents, particularly within minority and underserved communities that HHS would primarily serve.

Accordingly, HHS requests the withdrawal of the above-referenced CON application without prejudice.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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