

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: December 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Letter of Support – 7th Avenue Health Center

PRESENTER: Milton Butterworth, Blue Ridge Community Health

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Letter

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Blue Ridge Community Health Services and the Hendersonville Rescue Mission have created a unique partnership, focused on creating a more appropriate setting for healthcare in the 7th Avenue Community. The 7th Avenue Health Center will be located at the Hendersonville Rescue Mission Day Center, and is opening to patients in December, 2015. Initial hours will be Thursdays from 1:30 – 4:30, and will expand based on need.

Blue Ridge Community Health Services requests the Board approve the attached letter, endorsing the 7th Avenue Health Center.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the attached letter, endorsing the 7th Avenue Health Center.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board approve the attached letter, endorsing the 7th Avenue Health Center.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of Commissioners is in support of the proposed establishment of a Blue Ridge Community Health Services (BRCHS) health center at the Hendersonville Rescue Mission Day Center on 7th Avenue. This proposed endeavor is a great example of the years of partnership and collaboration among local non-profits on behalf of those in need in Henderson County.

Establishing a health center operated by Blue Ridge Community Health Services at the Day Center will improve health conditions and significantly increase access to affordable health care for many uninsured and low-income residents within their own neighborhood. Improved access to primary care services helps manage medical conditions, and reduces inappropriate use of local hospital emergency rooms, which can financially impact the community as a whole.

The Board supports Blue Ridge Community Health Services and the Hendersonville Rescue Mission as they partner on this important step forward, to improve access to health care in Henderson County.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Thompson, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners