

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** January 6, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Pardee UNC Health Care's CON application - cardiac catheterization lab – Board of Commissioners' letter of support

**PRESENTER:** Commissioner Edney

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

- 1) Letter of support
- 2) Resolution by Hospital Board of Directors

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Currently, Pardee operates the only American College of Cardiology accredited Chest Pain Center in Henderson County and has been providing cardiac catheterization services since 2002, growing and developing that service in response to our growing population. Further, Pardee is the only one in our county with on-staff cardiologists providing cardiac catheterization services.

However, the catheterization lab currently in use at Pardee is owned by another company, DLP Cardiac Partners. The DLP contract is subject to change or non-renewal placing these much needed cardiology services provided by Pardee at risk. The possibility of non-renewal directly affects our cardiologist's and medical staff's ability to practice at the top of their license and care for their patients at home. In addition, this risk jeopardizes the significant investments in infrastructure, equipment, and employees required to build the program.

The Board of Directors of the Hospital Corporation request a letter of support from the Henderson County Board of Commissioners in their pursuit to obtain their own cardiac catheterization lab, ensuring that the citizens of our community will continue to receive the best possible care here in Henderson County.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to approve a letter of support for the Pardee UNC Health Care's CON application - cardiac catheterization lab.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Board approve the letter of support of the Pardee UNC Health Care's CON application - cardiac catheterization lab.*

Ms. Martha Frisone, Chief  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
2704 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Dear Ms. Frisone:

I am writing to express my strong support for Pardee UNC Health Care's CON application to acquire its own cardiac catheterization lab pursuant to the adjusted need determination identified in the *2020 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP)*.

As Chairman of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the Commissioners, I can speak to the need our community has for a strong, comprehensive cardiology program. I'm sure you are aware that heart disease is a chronic condition with the highest incidence in persons over 65 years old. What you might not be aware of is that nearly a third of the population in our county is age 65 and over, with the age group of 75-84 representing the highest percentage of population growth for Henderson County. Not only do many of these residents require cardiology care as they age, but they also need to be able to access those services locally.

Currently, Pardee operates the only American College of Cardiology accredited Chest Pain Center in Henderson County and has been providing cardiac catheterization services since 2002, growing and developing that service in response to our growing population. Further, Pardee is the only one in our county with on-staff cardiologists providing cardiac catheterization services.

However, the catheterization lab currently in use at Pardee is owned by another company, DLP Cardiac Partners. The DLP contract is subject to change or non-renewal placing these much needed cardiology services provided by Pardee at risk. The possibility of non-renewal directly affects our cardiologist's and medical staff's ability to practice at the top of their license and care for their patients at home. In addition, this risk jeopardizes the significant investments in infrastructure, equipment, and employees required to build the program.

The residents and workforce of this community deserve to have continuous provision of this critical service. Approval of Pardee's CON application to acquire its own cardiac catheterization lab will eliminate the risk that our community would face without this vital service.

I urge the approval of this project to ensure that the citizens of our community will continue to receive the best possible care here in Henderson County.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Grady Hawkins, Chairman  
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
HENDERSON COUNTY HOSPITAL CORPORATION  
d/b/a Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital**

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Henderson County Hospital Corporation d/b/a Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), on December 4, 2019 which was duly noticed and held, the following resolutions were adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation leases hospital property from the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County in accordance with the Hospital Authorities Act, Corporation is required to provide charity care to Henderson County residents.

**WHEREAS**, heart disease is a chronic condition with the highest incidence in persons over 65 years old, and 24.7% of Henderson County residents are over age 65 which is higher than the state at 15.1%, and the 75 to 84 age group has the highest percentage of population growth in Henderson County, the Henderson County residents over 65 are among the many who require cardiology care and access to those services locally.

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation is the only accredited Chest Pain Center by the American College of Cardiology in Henderson County.

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation and it's medical staff has provided cardiac catheterization services since 2002 and the service has continued to grow and develop in response to the needs of this growing population.

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation is the only hospital with on-staff cardiologists providing cardiac catheterization services in Henderson County.

**WHEREAS**, the cardiac catheterization lab in use is owned by another company, DLP Cardiac Care Partners (DLP).

**WHEREAS**, the cardiac catheterization lab in use has been managed through a long relationship with DLP, Apollo a global investment manager purchased DLP in 2018. The resulting vendor relationship is subject to change or non-renewal, placing the services provided by Pardee at risk.

**WHEREAS**, in order to assure continuous provision of this critical service, the Corporation needs to own its catheterization lab, providing invaluable service to the residents of the county.

**WHEREAS**, approval of the Corporation's CON application to acquire its own cardiac catheterization lab will eliminate the risk that Henderson County residents and medical staff would be without this vital service and technology.

**WHEREAS**, after careful consideration and ongoing research the Corporation's directors have determined that it is in the best interest of the Corporation to submit a Certificate of Need ("CON") application to acquire its own cardiac catheterization lab pursuant to the adjusted need determination identified in the 2019 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, after discussion and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors hereby determines that it is in the Corporation's best interest to submit a Certificate of Need ("CON") application to acquire its own cardiac catheterization lab pursuant to the adjusted need determination identified in the 2019 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Corporation and such other corporate officers as shall be designated by the President (collectively, the "Authorized Officers") be, and each of them is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute, deliver and submit the CON application and related agreements and documents, for and in the name of the Corporation; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Authorized Officers, or any one of them, be, and each of them hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the Corporation to secure letters of support for the CON; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any officer of the Corporation, and each of them hereby is, authorized to take any and all actions that the Authorized Officers or any one of them may approve to satisfy the terms and conditions set forth in the CON and related agreements and documents; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all acts heretofore done by any officer or director of the Corporation, by or on behalf of the Corporation in entering into, acknowledging, executing or attesting any arrangements, agreements, instruments or documents, or in carrying out the terms and intentions of the foregoing resolutions, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

The foregoing resolutions remain unmodified and are in full force and effect on the date hereof.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2019.

  
Secretary  
Henderson County Hospital Corporation  
d/b/a Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital