

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
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Date: 2/18/2021

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 11-0 in favor: Council Members, Hawkins, Taveras, Dernoga, Glaros, Turner, Ivey, Davis, Streeter, Anderson-Walker, Harrison, and Franklin

The proposed correspondence to the Maryland Health Care Commission is in support of Luminis Health Doctor's Community Medical Center (LHDCMC) Certification of Need (CON) application for a Behavioral Health Facility.

Davion Percy, Consultant, thanked the Council for the opportunity to present, and for their support of CR-008-2021 (funding mechanism) and that he looks forward to working with them.

Mr. Percy also indicated that LHDCMC has a goal of attaining local and minority businesses for construction as well as operations and will continue to work with the Council moving forward to bring Behavioral Health Services to the County. Mr. Percy indicated that they should have something in writing soon in support of their commitment to utilizing local and minority businesses for this project.

Deneen Richmond, President, LHDCMC, indicated that they are a Community-Oriented Health System and shares the Council's goals around diversity, creating health equity and addressing disparity. The Community Health Needs Assessments and other data indicates a high need for a behavioral health service facility in the County. The residents will not have to leave the County to get this type of service.

Ms. Richmond indicated that a CON was not required for the ambulatory services (8-bed residential crises) and therefore should be operational by December of 2021. Construction should start in the very near future.

Regarding the inpatient component for the 16 regulated beds; the letter of intent was filed with the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) on February 5, 2021. Based on the pre-application conference, LHDCMC is on schedule for the next submission on April 9th. Following MHCC guidelines and schedule, it is estimated that the CON should be approved by December 2021. If that should occur, the inpatient services should open in November 2022.

A motion was made by Council Member Glaros and seconded by Council Member for a favorable recommendation on the letter of support.