

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
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Committee: Committee of the Whole

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 Obstetric Services.

Mr. Davion Percy, Consultant, shared information on the need for Obstetric Services in the County. Mr. Percy indicated that approximately 8 in 10 babies are delivered outside of Prince George's County. That continuing trend highlights the significant need for more obstetrics and related services in our area.

Ms. Deneen Richmond, President, LHDCMC and Dr. Monica Jones, Chair of Women & Children Services provided additional information for Obstetric Services focusing on the real needs of the community. They currently have 300 letters in support of the program from county residents. There is a need for a hospital based complete network for quality care in the county. Council Member Glaros raised the question regarding the possibility of land use development review with the expansion at Doctors Hospital. Mr. Percy indicated that a Women's Pavilion is being proposed and will require substantial capital improvements at this site and will require a Special Exception.

He further stated that they are currently working with the county in seeking ways to move forward in an expeditious manner.

A motion was made by Council Member Taveras and seconded by Council Member Anderson-Walker for a favorable recommendation on the letter of support.