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June 22, 2007

Mrs. Kathy McGaha, Program Director
Healthy Carolinians of Macon County
1830 Lakeside Drive
Franklin, NC 28734

Dear Kathy:

On behalf of Macon County Public Health Center I would like to express what a privilege it has been to be a part of the Comprehensive Health Care Initiative. I feel that everyone involved has worked collaboratively to focus on areas that were identified as the greatest need.

I have been part of this initiative both as a healthcare provider and as a community leader. I appreciate being able to share my views and opinions from the healthcare/medical perspective as a public health director.

I know that work has just begun as making changes takes effort and dedication of all involved in the project. As we go forward with implementing changes I feel we can all be proud to have been a part of the Comprehensive Health Care Initiative.

Thank you again for inviting me to participate. Thank you also for your continued dedication to Healthy Carolinians and to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth Ring".

Kenneth D. Ring, MPH
Health Director

I am pleased to be able to write a personal letter of support for the Comprehensive Health Care



May 22, 2007

Ms. Kathy McGaha, Program Director
Healthy Carolinians of Macon County
1830 Lakeside Drive
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Dear Kathy:

On behalf of Angel Medical Center I want to say what an honor and a pleasure it has been to be a part of the Comprehensive Health Care Initiative over the past year. Everyone involved in the Initiative has participated in helping to target the areas of greatest need in an effort to increase and improve both medical and community services to the residents of Macon County.

Making changes takes effort and dedication of all involved in the project, and that is what we have in our representatives of Healthy Carolinians. As we go forward with implementing changes, I feel we can all be proud to have been a part of the Comprehensive Health Care Initiative.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Healthy Carolinians and to the residents of Macon County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald D. Sandoval', written in a cursive style.

Donald D. Sandoval, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer

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cc: Administrative Council



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May 18, 2007

Ms. Kathy McGaha, Program Director
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Dear Kathy:

As the representative for the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, I have found my role as a member of the Comprehensive Health Care Initiative to be both educational and rewarding. Educational, in that we have all learned much about the needs of the residents of Macon County. Rewarding, in that I feel I have participated with a group of dedicated health care and community members all striving toward a common goal – to improve services to our residents and enhance their quality of life.

Your efforts and personal commitment to Healthy Carolinians and Macon County has always been evident. Thank you for all you do to help keep us on track toward the attainment of our common goals as we move toward the implementation of this initiative.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Smith, MHS, RD, CDE
Manager, HealthTracks
Highlands-Cashiers Hospital



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June 1, 2007

Kathy McGaha
Program Director
Healthy Carolinians of Macon County
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Dear Ms. McGaha:

WestCare Health System has been a vital provider of healthcare services in western North Carolina for many years. Macon County residents have always been an important part of our healthcare community. We are honored to have been invited to participate in the Healthy Carolinians of Macon County Comprehensive Healthcare Assessment process. This amazing group of people selected a strong facilitator in Bill Stiles and have created a document that will serve to guide our community's efforts for the next decade.

We will gladly participate at your request in the further development and implementation of work plans to meet the healthcare needs that have been identified. I congratulate you on your visionary approach to the health needs of Macon County.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Leonard, FACHE
CEO/President

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May 9, 2007

Mrs. Kathy McGaha, Program Director
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Dear Kathy,

With great excitement and anticipation, I write this letter in support of the HCMC Comprehensive Health Care Initiative. In reviewing the draft comprehensive health care assessment data developed as part of this initiative, I could not help but recall a regional comprehensive assessment focused on children and families, Our Children Today and Tomorrow, conducted 15 years ago. This assessment data was the foundation for several projects, worth millions of dollars, being brought to our western North Carolina counties for the needs of families and children. One of the first Smart Start projects in the state, The Region A Partnership for Children received competitive statewide funding primarily due to the Our Children Today and Tomorrow assessment.

Therefore, I hold great hope of what is to come as a result of the comprehensive health care assessment compiled by Health Carolinians of Macon County. Congratulations on a product that will be instrumental in achieving our vision of a safe and healthy community.

Sincerely,



Jane C. Kimsey
Director



May 23, 2007

Mrs. Kathy McGaha, Program Director
Healthy Carolinians of Macon County
1830 Lakeside Drive
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Dear Kathy:

On behalf of Angel Medical Center I would like to express what a privilege it has been to be a part of the Comprehensive Health Care, Initiative. I feel that everyone involved has worked collaboratively to focus on areas that were identified as the greatest need.

I have been part of this initiative both as a healthcare provider and as a community leader. I appreciate being able to share my views and opinions from the healthcare/medical prospective as Chief Nursing Officer at AMC, and also through the PTO Presidents interview as President of the Cowee Elementary School PTO.

I know that our work has just begun as making changes takes effort and dedication of all involved in the project. As we go forward with implementing changes, I feel we can all be proud to have been a part of the Comprehensive Health Care Initiative.

Thank you again for inviting me to participate. Thank you also for your continued dedication to Healthy Carolinians and to the community.

Sincerely,

Tammy Dills, RNC, CNO

Tammy Dills, RNC, Chief Nursing Officer



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Ms. Kathy McGaha
Program Director
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May 16, 2007

Dear Kathy:

Just a note to express my appreciation to be part of the CHCI assessment process and to congratulate you, Rhonda and Bill Stiles on an excellent job presenting the resulting report.

As a member of the Community Needs Assessment Committee I would like to express my commitment to this project and you may call on me for any needed support.

Macon County and its citizens will benefit from the results of this report and I anticipate many positive changes that will come from this assessment.

Sincerely,

Rita de Maintenon
ABE/GED/AHS Dept.
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May 21, 2007

Kathy McGaha
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Dear Ms. McGaha:

It has been my privilege to participate on the Healthy Carolinians of Macon County Comprehensive Healthcare Assessment. This committee has worked very hard over the last several months, completing surveys, and participating in group discussions about priorities and needs for Macon County. The most exciting aspect of this committee has been the interdisciplinary non-competitive aspect. We had providers

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