

May 1, 2006

North Carolina Division of Health and Human Services
Attention: Secretary Carmen Hooker Odom
2001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2001

RE: Mental Health Resolution

Dear Secretary Odom:

On behalf of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, we would like to thank you and the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services for your interest in assisting us with the increasing substance abuse problem in our community. As you know, Dare County has initiated a grassroots effort to bring all facets of the community together to approach this issue head on and plan for additional substance abuse services.

It is our belief that the local government agencies should serve as a resource for the citizens of our community and to assist those in need of services. It is our understanding that the Division of Mental Health is currently in the process of reform which as of March 20, 2006 includes a revision of the service definitions and requires an agency endorsement from the State Division of MH/DD/SA to provide respective MH/DD/SA services.

We understand that the Albemarle Mental Health Center has submitted an application for two services which have yet to be approved. These two services are Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACTT) and Community Support Team. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for Dare County, we are requesting that the State Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services grant approval of these two additional program services so that the Albemarle Mental Health Center has the approval and option of providing these services in Dare County and or any other county in its catchment area.

Due to the serious substance abuse problem in Dare County, we are asking that an approval for the program services be granted as quickly as possible. We are very concerned about the citizens with the mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse issues within our county and would like an array of approved services for the Albemarle Mental Health Center to assist us whenever possible.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance with this request and with kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Stan White, Chairman
Dare County Commissioners

cc Mr. Mike Moseley, Division of MH/DD/SA
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