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May 1, 2019

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Joyce Krawiec, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
North Carolina General Assembly
Room 308, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Josh Dobson, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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North Carolina General Assembly
Room 303, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Chairmen:

Session Law 2018-5, Section 11F.5.(b) requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report on the status of the construction project of a facility-based crisis center in Wilkes County, being built by Vaya Health, including a breakdown of all expenditures from the funds allocated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and a projected completion date. This report is due to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on or before May 1, 2019. Pursuant to the provisions of law, the Department is pleased to submit the attached report.

Should you have any question, please contact Kody Kinsley, Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, at 919-733-7011.

Sincerely,

Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH
Secretary

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Mr. Mark Trogdon, Director
Fiscal Research Division
Suite 619, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Director Trogdon:

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**Funds for Vaya Health to Expand Facility-Based
Crisis Services**

Session Law 2018-5, Section 11F.5.(b)



Report to

**The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services**

and

Fiscal Research Division

by

NC Department of Health and Human Services.

May 1, 2019

Introduction

North Carolina Session Law 2018-5, Section 11F.5.(a) on the Funds for Vaya Health to Expand Facility -Based Crisis Services set forth the reporting requirements below:

By April 1, 2019, Vaya shall submit a report on the status of the construction project described in subsection (a) of this section. The report must include a breakdown of all expenditures from the funds allocated pursuant to subsection(a) of this section and a projected completion date for the project. By May 1, 2019, the Department shall submit this information in a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division.

Progress Report

Session Law 2018-5, Section 11F.5.(a) directed the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS) to allocate one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) in non-recurring funds to Vaya Health (Vaya) as a grant-in-aid for the construction of a facility-based crisis center in Wilkes County.

DMH/DD/SAS allocated the funds to Vaya who is working with Synergy Recovery Center, the Board of County Commissioners from Wilkes County and local stakeholders. The Synergy Recover Center will be contracting with Carrol Fisher Construction Company to expand and renovate the existing facility-based crisis center located at 118 Peace Street, North Wilkesboro. The estimated cost of renovations and construction is listed below:

Construction and Renovation	Estimated Cost
New Building addition: 1,850 sf x \$275.00	\$ 508,750
Ground floor renovation: 5,300 sf x \$85.00	\$ 450,500
Upper floor renovations: 5,300 sf x \$55.00	\$ 291,500
Contingency	\$ 149,250
Total	\$ 1,400,000

Vaya Health is coordinating with the NC Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) for approval of construction plans. Synergy Recovery Center, as the owner of the expanded facility will receive licensure for the facility-based crisis center from DHSR.

Vaya is requesting to carry forward funds to State Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for any unused funding that is part of this project. Vaya is anticipating that if all contracts are executed as planned and they receive approval from DHHS for the construction plan, this project should be completed by May 2020.