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April 16, 2020

Mr. Sean Pressman
Pulaski Community Hospital
2400 Lee Highway
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RE: Pulaski Community Hospital, Inc.
Pulaski, Virginia
Temporarily add 15 Beds at LewisGale Hospital Pulaski

Dear Mr. Pressman:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Pulaski Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a LewisGale Hospital Pulaski (LGHP) to temporarily add 15 beds at LewisGale Hospital Pulaski. I have considered the factors listed in my March 24, 2020, letter; and I have concluded that **approval** of the request is warranted based on the following findings:

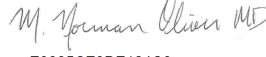
1. LGHP has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, LGHP has an immediate need to add 15 temporarily licensed inpatient beds.
2. LGHP's plan for training and shifting repurposed staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. LGHP's plan to expand bed capacity in existing hospital space assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 15 added beds are deemed to be licensed from the date an emailed notice is received by Robert Payne, Director of the Office of Licensure and Certification, that they are open. This authorization is valid for the period April 16, 2020, through 30 days after the expiration of or rescission of Executive Order 52, as it may be amended.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Payne at (804) 367-2109, or Robert.Payne@VDH.Virginia.gov. Thank you for your response to the community in this public health emergency.

Sincerely,

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