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April 2, 2020

Ms. Melinda Hancock
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RE: Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems Authority (Request VCU3.26.20)
VCU Medical Center, MCV Campus
Richmond, Virginia
Temporarily add 150 Beds on the VCU Medical Center's MCV Campus

Dear Ms. Hancock:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems Authority (VCUHS) to temporarily add 150 beds at VCU Medical Center's MCV Campus. 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. VCUHS has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, VCU Medical Center's MCV Campus has an immediate need to temporarily add 150 licensed inpatient beds.
2. VCUHS's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. VCUHS's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. VCUHS's plan to expand bed capacity in existing hospital space throughout the campus assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.

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The 150 added beds will be deemed to be licensed on the date Mr. Payne receives an emailed notice from VCUMC stating that the beds are open. This authorization is valid for the period April 3, 2020, through 30 days after the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 51, as it may be amended.

If you have any questions please contact Robert Payne, Director of the Office of Licensure and Certification 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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Enclosure

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