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Nancy Tyson, Executive Director
Certificate of Need Program
Department of Health
PO Box 47852
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Dear Ms. Tyson:

In accordance with WACs 246-310-080 and 246-310-295, Tri-Cities Chaplaincy d/b/a Chaplaincy Healthcare hereby submits a letter of intent to replace its existing hospice care center at a new site¹.

In conformance with WAC, the following information is provided:

1. A Description of the Extent of Services Proposed:

Tri-Cities Chaplaincy's existing hospice care center is licensed for 10 beds and is located in Kennewick, Benton County. Tri-Cities Chaplaincy proposes to replace the existing hospice care center at a new location in Richland, Benton County. There is no proposed increase in licensed beds. At project completion, the existing hospice care center will no longer provide inpatient hospice services.

2. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project:

The expenditure associated with the replacement project is \$8.5 million.

3. Description of the Service Area:

Tri-Cities Chaplaincy's primary service area is, and will continue to be, the communities comprising Benton and Franklin Counties.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

¹ After CN Program staff recently stated to Tri-Cities Chaplaincy that they believed total replacement triggered prior CN review, Tri-Cities Chaplaincy submitted a Determination of Non-Reviewability on 10/7/2018 and met with Program staff on 10/24/2019. WAC Chapter 246-310 does not require prior review of replacement hospice care centers. In fact, during a June 15, 2017 TA meeting with CN Program staff were told the same. This LOI simply preserves our options as the DOR is processed.