

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2015, Legislative Day No. 40

Resolution No. 59-15

Introduced by Mr. Trumbauer, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Pruski

By the County Council, December 21, 2015

1 RESOLUTION supporting Anne Arundel Medical Center's request for a Certificate of  
2 Need from the Maryland Health Care Commission for an inpatient mental health unit.

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4 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) has submitted a request to the  
5 Maryland Health Care Commission for a Certificate of Need to establish an inpatient  
6 mental health unit; and

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8 WHEREAS, in FY15, AAMC, one of Maryland's busiest hospitals, transferred more  
9 than 1,000 patients from its emergency room for inpatient psychiatric treatment to  
10 other facilities causing a disruption of care and adding stress on patients and families;  
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13 WHEREAS, in Anne Arundel County, the number of residents receiving mental health  
14 services has increased by almost 145% since 2002; and

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16 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County has witnessed a nearly three-fold increase in the  
17 number of heroin-related deaths between 2010 and 2014, with co-occurring disorders  
18 often going untreated due to lack of appropriate care; and

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20 WHEREAS, the County's most recent Healthy Anne Arundel Coalition's Community  
21 Health Needs Assessment recognizes a rise in mental health issues, higher stress levels  
22 among families and children, and a lack of services and service providers; and

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24 WHEREAS, a mental health unit will complement AAMC's existing behavioral health  
25 services and provide a critical anchor for AAMC's and the County's network of  
26 outpatient services for mental health; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Anne Arundel County Council is concerned for the physical and  
29 mental well-being of County citizens; now, therefore, be it

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31 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* that the Anne  
32 Arundel County Council supports AAMC's request for a Certificate of Need for an inpatient  
33 mental health unit and urges the Maryland Health Care Commission to provide swift approval  
34 to this request; and be it further

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- 1        *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Steven R. Schuh, County Executive,
- 2        Victoria W. Bayliss, President & CEO, Anne Arundel Medical Center, and Kevin R.
- 3        McDonald, Chief, Certificate of Need, Maryland Health Care Commission.


READ AND PASSED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015

By Order:



Elizabeth E. Jones  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 59-15 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED  
BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Derek J. Fink  
Chairman