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Cape Fear Valley Plans Hospital Adjacent To Health Pavilion North

FAYETTEVILLE – Cape Fear Valley Health is submitting a Certificate of Need (CON) to the state to build a new 65-bed hospital, adjacent to Health Pavilion North, to better serve the growing healthcare needs of Cumberland County.

"Admissions at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center have increased 14 percent since the beginning of 2008," said Mike Nagowski, Chief Executive Officer for Cape Fear Valley Health. "Our Emergency Department has seen even more dramatic growth. Visits are projected to top 130,000 this year, a 30 percent increase."

Cape Fear Valley's Board of Trustees on May 25 approved submitting an application for the proposed hospital to the N.C. Certificate of Need (CON) section by June 15. State approval is required for the proposal under state CON rules, which are designed to prevent expensive and unnecessary duplication of healthcare services.

The proposed hospital would include 57 medical/surgical inpatient beds, eight intensive care beds, seven observation beds, a 20-bed Emergency Department, two operating rooms for surgical patients, imaging services, laboratory and other ancillary services. The new hospital would complement Health Pavilion North's existing services, which include a cancer center, physical and

occupational therapy, ExpressCare, pharmacy, laboratory, CT, ultrasound, X-ray and offices for family practice and pediatrics.

Health Department Hires Deputy Director

FAYETTEVILLE - The Cumberland County Department of Public Health has hired Rodney Jenkins, Robeson County's assistant county manager, as its new deputy health director.

Jenkins, 36, will start July 5 at an annual salary of \$85,000.

Jenkins has been the assistant county manager for Robeson County since January 2009. Prior to that, he was the director of financial aid and veterans affairs for Robeson Community College. He worked for more than 10 years with Wachovia Bank and served in the South Carolina National Guard for eight years.

A 1997 graduate of The Citadel, Jenkins earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in health administration from the University of South Carolina.

"We are looking forward to Mr. Jenkins joining our Health Department team. He has a strong financial background and the knowledge and skills that will make him a good fit as the deputy health director," said Health Director Buck Wilson.

Jane Stevens, the former deputy health department director, retired in December after 36 years with Cumberland County.

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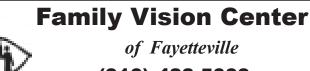
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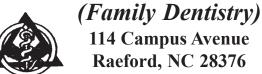
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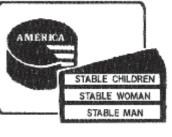
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