

**STATE OF FLORIDA
AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

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CORNERSTONE HOSPICE &
PALLIATIVE CARE, INC.,

DOAH Case No. 21-2261CON
AHCA Case No. 2021009690
CON No. 10648

Petitioner,

vs.

HERNANDO-PASCO HOSPICE, INC., AND
STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,

Respondents.

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FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before the State of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration (“the Agency”) concerning the preliminary denial of Certificate of Need (“CON”) Application No. 10648 filed by Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. (“Cornerstone”), and the preliminary approval of CON Application No. 10649 filed by Hernando-Pasco Hospice, Inc. (“HPH”), to establish a new hospice program in hospice service area 5B, Pinellas County, Florida.

1. On June 21, 2021, the Agency published a notice in Vol. 47, No. 119 of the Florida Administrative Register setting out its decisions preliminarily denying CON Application No. 10648 filed by Cornerstone and preliminarily approving CON Application No. 10649 filed by HPH.

2. Cornerstone filed a Petition for Formal Administrative Hearing challenging the preliminary denial of its application and the preliminary approval of the HPH’s application. The Petition was subsequently forwarded to the Division of Administrative Hearings for hearing.

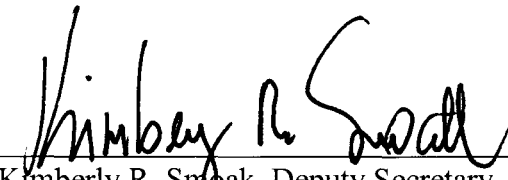
3. On August 6, 2021, Cornerstone filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal withdrawing and dismissing its Petition for Formal Administrative Hearing.

It is therefore, ORDERED

1. The denial of CON Application No. 10648 is UPHELD.

2. The petitions concerning the denials of the other applications and approval of CON Application No. 10649 remain pending at the Division of Administrative Hearings.

ORDERED in Tallahassee, Florida, on this 23rd day of August, 2021.




Kimberly R. Smoak, Deputy Secretary
Agency for Health Care Administration

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A party who is adversely affected by this Final Order is entitled to judicial review, which shall be instituted by filing the original Notice of Appeal with the Agency Clerk of AHCA, and a copy along with the filing fee prescribed by law with the District Court of Appeal in the appellate district where the Agency maintains its headquarters or where a party resides. Review of proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Florida appellate rules. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the rendition of the order to be reviewed.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been furnished by the method designated to the persons named below on this 23 day of August, 2021.



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