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June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Alabama State Health Planning & Development Agency  
ATTENTION: Alva M. Lambert, Executive Director  
100 North Union Street, Suite 870  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

RE: "The Treatment Centers Inc" d/b/a Gadsden Treatment Center  
NPI: 1629364906 Tax ID: 63-1156494 Facility ID: 055-M0001

**Occupancy of New Building**  
**REVIEWABILITY DETERMINATION REQUEST**

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Pursuant to SHPDA Rule 410-1-7-02, I am writing to request your determination that an existing Opioid Treatment Program in Etowah County, Alabama, is not subject to a Certificate of Need Review, and thus allowed to occupy an existing building located on the same property as the current building.

**Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the provider referenced above intends to occupy a newly finished building at the same address to better serve its patients enrolled in a licensed Opioid Treatment Program located at 1108 West Meighan Boulevard, Gadsden AL 35901.**

"The Treatment Centers Inc" d/b/a Gadsden Treatment Center (a wholly owned subsidiary of BHG Holdings, Inc) owns 100% of the interest in the provider. BHG Holdings, Inc, d/b/a Behavioral Health Group, is a nationwide provider of opioid treatment services with 48 sites nationwide (four of which are in the State of Alabama).

Following a severe weather event that peeled back the roof on the initial location, the ownership of The Center was forced to utilize temporary buildings to continue patient care. An Act of God of this scale would normally create a significant disruption in care delivery, however, staff were able to continue providing services with minimal disruption in the temporary buildings.

The landlord has recently finished out an existing building on the property designed to restore patient environment of care to its original levels prior to the weather event. The scope of care and licensure category of the facility will remain the same, however occupying the newly finished building will alleviate our use of the temporary facilities that had to be used after the storm. The distance between the newly finished building and the temporary building is approximately 40 feet.

All necessary licensure approvals are underway to facilitate providing patient care in the newer building. We are encouraged by their positive feedback on the newly finished building and all parties agree this is the best possible outcome for the patients of this center.

Both the current and newly finished buildings are of common ownership, and The Center will be leasing the newly finished structure from the same landlord who owned the initial and temporary structures.



The capital expenditure for the project is expected to be at/around \$250,000.00. Annual operating costs of the center will remain at the levels incurred for almost two decades, at/around \$850,000.00.

We urge your approval to occupy our newly finished building so that we can more effectively fight the scourge of opioid abuse and overdose death in the Gadsden/Etowah County area. Please find an enclosed check in the amount of \$1000.00 made payable to the Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency for this reviewability determination.

Any questions or concerns regarding this memorandum should be directed to the undersigned, who can be reached at 580-919-9759 or using the information below.

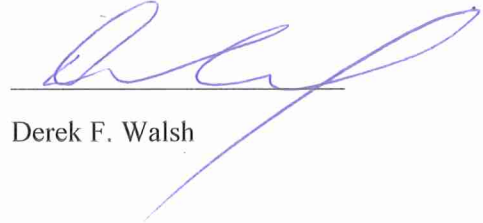
Sincerely,

*Derek F. Walsh*

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AFFIRMATION

I, Derek F. Walsh, Senior Vice President of Behavioral Health Group, being first duly sworn, hereby affirms that the information and facts contained in the letter of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 requesting a ruling on reviewability are, to the best of my knowledge, a true and correct and accurate representation of the facts.



Derek F. Walsh

State of Texas

County of Dallas

The forgoing instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, by Derek F. Walsh, Senior Vice President of Behavioral Health Group.



Dana Dickerson, Notary Public

Notary ID: 129569340

My Commission Expires: 9/26/21

