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SUBJECT: Recommendations for Adult Closed Acute Care Inpatient Psychiatric Beds

Adult Closed Acute Care Inpatient Psychiatric Beds

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (Department) staff carefully reviewed each of the 20 applications received for Certificate of Need (CN) for adult closed acute care inpatient psychiatric beds (closed beds). The recommendations contained herein are guided by the county specific bed need methodology developed by the Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health Services (Division), as set forth in the November 5, 2007 edition of the New Jersey Register (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b)); the statutory criteria for CN review enumerated in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-8); and the rules governing the CN process (N.J.A.C. 8:33-1.1 et seq.).

In evaluating the relative merits of the applications, staff gave particular consideration to the recommendations provided by the Division and the local county mental health boards that offered comment. Their recommendations are included in the Department's individual review below.

The Division designed the need methodology to incorporate the most recent utilization of existing closed beds in general hospitals and the geographic origin of direct admissions to State psychiatric hospitals. Applications were invited from hospitals seeking to meet the bed need identified in their county of origin and adjacent counties. Applicants proposed their plans to expand their closed bed complement either by increasing the total number of inpatient psychiatric beds or by expanding the number of closed beds through a conversion of adult open acute care inpatient psychiatric beds (open beds) to closed beds.

There was no competition for beds in twelve counties where a single application was filed. Bergen Regional Medical Center applied for beds in a county for which there was no identified need. Proposals exceeding the identified bed need were submitted by Clara Maass Medical Center, Kimball Medical Center, and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

The call was amended on April 25, 2008, following the Department's receipt of a CN to close Muhlenberg Medical Center. The closure of this hospital would eliminate eight (8) closed beds from Union County. Trinitas and Clara Maas Medical Center amended their applications to request beds from this source. St. Mary's Hospital withdrew its application on August 20, 2008, resulting in a total of 19 applicants in this call.

12 Non-Competitive Counties				
County	Bed Need	Number of Beds Requested	Number of Beds Recommended	Applicant
Bergen	0	40	0	Bergen Regional Medical Center
Burlington	3	3	3	Lourdes Medical Center
Camden	6	6	6	Kennedy Memorial Medical Center
Cape May	2	1	2	AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center
Cumberland	4	4	4	South Jersey Healthcare RMC-Vineland
Gloucester	5	5	5	Underwood Hospital
Hunterdon	3	3	3	University Medical Center at Princeton
Monmouth	3	3	3	Monmouth Medical Center
Morris	4	4	4	St. Clare's Health System – Dover
Salem	3	3	3	South Jersey Healthcare RMC—Vineland
Somerset	5	5	5	University Medical Center at Princeton
Sussex	2	2	2	Newton Memorial Hospital

8 Competitive Counties				
County	Bed Need	Number of Beds Requested	Number of Beds Recommended	Applicant
Atlantic	4	3	2	AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center
		--	2	Lourdes Medical Center*
Essex	1	2	0	Clara Maas Medical Center
		1	1	East Orange Medical Center
		6	0	University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ
Hudson	1	1	0	Bergen Regional Medical Center
		1	0	Clara Maas Medical Center
		1	1	Jersey City Medical Center
Mercer	7	3	3	Capital Health System at Fuld
		3	3	St. Francis Medical Center
		--	0	Lourdes Medical Center*
		2	1	University Medical Center at Princeton
Middlesex	11	5	6	University Medical Center at Princeton
		10	5	Raritan Bay Medical Center—Perth Amboy
Ocean	11	20	11	Kimball Medical Center
		--	0	Lourdes Medical Center*
Passaic	5	--	0	Bergen Regional Medical Center*
		2	5	Clara Maas Medical Center
Union	11	3	0	Clara Maas Medical Center
		--	5	Raritan Bay Medical Center—Perth Amboy
		6	6	Trinitas Medical Center

* Applicants requested unspecified number of beds to be used in adjacent counties

A. Non-Competitive CN Applications

The staff recommendations for the non-competitive CN projects involving closed beds are as follows:

1. Kennedy Memorial Hospital–Cherry Hill CN# FR 080105-04-01

Bed Need: 6 Camden County

Requested Beds: 6 Camden County

Recommendation: Approval of 6 of 6 beds requested

Rationale:

- Kennedy-Cherry Hill's application addresses the identified need for six (6) closed beds in Camden County. (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant is an existing provider of closed bed services in Camden County.
- Expansion of closed beds at Kennedy-Cherry Hill is likely to improve patient access to involuntary mental health care services in Camden County and alleviate the current strain placed on local emergency rooms and state and county mental health facilities.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorses allocation to this applicant of six (6) closed beds for Camden County.

Bed need: 3 Monmouth County

Requested Beds: 3 Monmouth County

Recommendation: Approval of 3 of 3 beds requested

Rationale:

- Monmouth Medical Center's (MMC) application addresses the identified need for six (6) closed beds in Monmouth County. (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant is an existing provider of closed bed services in Monmouth County.
- MMC's closed beds serve the eastern portion of Monmouth County. Over the past three years, MMC has reported a significant increase in the number of patients who cannot be admitted to its facility because a closed bed was unavailable. Adding three (3) closed beds to the psychiatric unit will increase MMC's closed bed complement to 19 and allow it to function at an optimal projected occupancy level of 80%.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services and Monmouth Mental Health Board endorse this application's allocation of three (3) closed beds for Monmouth County.

3. Newton Memorial Hospital

CN# FR 080106-19-01

Bed Need: 2 Sussex County

Beds Requested: 2 Sussex County

Recommendation: Approval of 2 of 2 beds requested

Rationale:

- The Newton Memorial Hospital application addresses an identified need for 2 closed beds in Sussex County (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant is the only provider of closed beds in Sussex County and is the only applicant seeking to provide these services at this time.
- The Sussex County Mental Health Board and the Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorse the Newton Memorial Hospital application.

4. South Jersey Regional Medical Center – Vineland

CN# FR 080111-06-01

**Bed Need: 4 Cumberland County
3 Salem County**

**Requested Beds: 4 Cumberland County
3 Salem County**

Recommendation: Approval for 7 of 7 beds requested with a condition

Rationale:

- The South Jersey Regional Medical Center – Vineland Campus (South Jersey) application addresses the need identified for four (4) closed beds in Cumberland County and three (3) closed beds in Salem County. (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- South Jersey is the sole applicant for additional closed beds in this service area.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services and Cumberland and Salem County Mental Health Boards endorse the allocation to this applicant of four (4) closed beds in Cumberland County and three (3) closed beds in Salem County.

Condition of Approval:

Prior to licensure of the closed beds, the applicant shall establish outpatient clinic services sufficient to serve its inpatient population, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.12(a) & 5.21(a). In the alternate, the applicant may enter into formal, written agreements with third party providers to perform this service on its behalf.

5. St. Clare’s Health System

CN# FR 080112-14-01

Bed Need: 4 Morris County

Beds Requested: 4 Morris County

Recommendation: Approval of 4 of 4 beds requested

Rationale:

- The St. Clare’s Health System - Dover application addresses an identified need for 4 closed beds in Morris County (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)

- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant is the only provider of closed bed services in Morris County and is the only applicant seeking to provide these services at this time.
- The Morris County Mental Health Board and the Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorse St. Clare's Health System - Dover application.

6. Underwood-Memorial Hospital

CN #: FR 080113-08-01

Bed Need: 5 Gloucester County

Beds Requested: 5 Gloucester County

Recommendation: Approval of 5 of 5 beds requested with a condition

Rationale:

- The Underwood-Memorial Hospital application addresses an identified need for five (5) closed beds in Gloucester County (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b)) and has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2H-8.
- The applicant is the only provider of closed beds in Gloucester County and is the only applicant seeking to provide these services at this time.
- The Gloucester County Mental Health Board and the Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorse this application.

Condition of Approval:

Prior to licensure of the closed beds, the applicant shall establish outpatient clinic services sufficient to serve its inpatient population. In the alternative, the applicant may enter into formal, written agreements with third party providers to perform this service on its behalf, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.12(a) & 5.21(a).

The applications listed below were received from applicants that submitted requests to serve needs in more than one county, some of which were competitive. Since a portion of the applicant's bed proposal was competitive in at least one other county, these requests are discussed with the competitive applications in section (§) B.

Bergen County	See Bergen Regional Medical Center, §B.2.
Burlington County	See Lourdes Medical Center, §B.7.
Cape May County	See AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, §B.1.
Hunterdon County	See University Medical Center at Princeton, §B.12.
Somerset County	See University Medical Center at Princeton, §B.12.

B. Competitive CN Applications

The staff recommendations for the competitive CN projects involving closed bed services are presented below, with applicants proposing to serve multiple counties listed under its county of origin:

1. AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center – Mainland CN# FR 080107-01-01

Bed Need: **4 Atlantic County**
 2 Cape May County

Requested Beds: **3 Atlantic County**
 1 Cape May County

Recommendation: **Approval for 4 of 4 beds requested with a condition**

Rationale:

Approval of 2 of 3 beds requested for Atlantic County:

- The AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center – Mainland Campus (AtlantiCare) application addresses the need identified for four (4) closed beds in Atlantic County and two (2) closed beds in Cape May County (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant indicated its available space for closed beds is limited to the conversion of four (4) existing open beds.
- The Department of Human Services further asserts that AtlantiCare has reduced the need for open beds in this county through the development of its unique specialized outpatient psychiatric programs located throughout Atlantic County. They afford patients otherwise requiring voluntary inpatient treatment the opportunity for community-based intensive psychiatric services. Thus, the further reduction of open beds in this service area would not negatively impact the delivery of care.

Approval of 2 of 1 bed requested for Cape May County:

- AtlantiCare is the only current provider of involuntary psychiatric care in Cape May County, as well as, the sole applicant for additional closed beds in this service area.
- By providing two (2) closed beds for Cape May County, the applicant would have space for only two (2) closed beds for Atlantic County. This would leave the need for an additional two (2) closed beds unmet in Atlantic County.

Denial of 1 bed requested for Atlantic County:

- For the reasons cited above, the needs of the service area are better served by the county allocation of the applicant's four (4) requested beds approved herein.
- A competing application for Atlantic County beds submitted by Lourdes Medical Center was approved for the remaining two (2) Atlantic County beds, thus, fulfilling the need for closed bed services in that service area.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorse the allocation to this applicant of two (2) closed beds for Atlantic County and two (2) closed beds for Cape May County.
- The Atlantic County and Cape May County Mental Health Boards endorse AtlantiCare's proposed expansion of four (4) additional closed beds.

Condition of Approval:

Prior to licensure of the closed beds, the applicant shall establish outpatient clinic services sufficient to serve its inpatient population, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.12(a) & 5.21(a). In the alternate, the applicant may enter into formal, written agreements with third party providers to perform this service on its behalf.

2. Bergen Regional Medical Center

CN#: FR 080120-02-01

Bed Need: 0 Bergen County

Beds Requested: 40 Bergen County

Recommendation: Deny request

Rationale:

- The applicant requested beds in a county where no addition beds were identified by the need methodology from Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services. (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services recommends denial of this application.

3. Capital Health System—Fuld Campus CN# FR 08103-11-01

Bed Need: 7 Mercer County

Requested Beds: 3 Mercer County

Recommendation: Approval of 3 of 3 beds requested with a condition

Rationale:

- Capital Health System—Fuld Campus' application addresses the identified need for three (3) of the seven (7) closed beds in Mercer County. (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant is an existing provider of closed bed services in Mercer County.
- The conversion of three (3) open to three (3) closed beds, as proposed by the applicant, serves to improve efficiency by increasing closed bed access and best utilizing the applicant's psychiatric bed capacity.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorses this application's allocation of three (3) closed beds for Mercer County.

Condition of Approval:

Prior to licensure of the closed beds, the applicant shall establish outpatient clinic services sufficient to serve its inpatient population, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.12(a) & 5.21(a). In the alternate, the applicant may enter into formal, written agreements with third party providers to perform this service on its behalf.

4. Clara Maass Medical Center

CN# FR 080114-07-01

Bed Need: 5 **Passaic County**
 1 **Essex County**
 1 **Hudson County**
 11 **Union County**

Requested Beds: 2 **Passaic County**
 2 **Essex County**
 1 **Hudson County**
 3 **Union County**

Recommendation: **Approval of 5 of 8 beds requested with a condition**

 Denial of 3 of 8 beds requested

Rationale:

Approval of 5 of 2 beds requested for Passaic County:

- The Clara Maass Medical Center application addresses the identified need for five (5) adult closed acute inpatient psychiatric beds in Passaic County (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- No other providers from within Passaic County applied for these beds. Although the applicant requested only two (2) beds in this service area, allocating all five (5) beds to this applicant will minimize fragmenting care and facilitate continuity of care for Passaic County residents.
- Clara Maas Medical Center is the sole applicant for closed beds in this service area.

- As there are no capital costs associated with this project and no need for new construction or renovations, this project can be implemented quickly.
- The conversion of five (5) open to five (5) closed beds, as proposed by the applicant, will serve to improve efficiency by increasing closed bed access and best utilizing the applicant's capacity for psychiatric beds.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS) endorses the allocation of five (5) beds for Passaic County to Clara Maass Medical Center.

Denial of 2 of 2 beds requested for Essex County:

- The applicant requested two (2) closed beds, which exceeded the bed need by one.
- Another Essex County applicant was favored because its application provided for an additional closed bed, as opposed to the conversion of an existing open bed. Thus, the competing proposal increased the bed count in the county, which is likely to improve access to services.

Denial of 1 of 1 bed requested for Hudson County:

- The applicant requested one (1) closed bed in an adjacent county, which was allocated to a competing applicant in Hudson County to maintain continuity of care and access to services.

Denial of 3 of 3 beds requested for Union County:

- The applicant requested three (3) closed beds for Union County. The Department recommends approval for the competing applicants, one in Union County that will provide services to residents in their home community, and the other in a county contiguous to Union, for its ability to fully meet the need for the remaining outstanding five (5) beds in Union County. Concentrating all out of county beds in one adjacent county will facilitate continuity of care and access to services.

Condition of Approval:

Prior to licensure of the closed beds, the applicant shall establish outpatient clinic services sufficient to serve its inpatient population, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.12(a) & 5.21(a). In the alternate, the applicant may enter into formal, written agreements with third party providers to perform this service on its behalf.

5. East Orange General Hospital

CN# FR 080121-07-01

Bed Need: 1 Essex County

Requested Beds: 1 Essex County

Recommendation: Approval of 1 of 1 bed requested

Rationale:

- The East Orange General Hospital application addresses the need identified for one (1) closed bed in Essex County (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant is an existing provider of closed bed services located in Essex County.
- The Department favored the applicant's proposal over those of its competitors, because it increases bed capacity through the addition of a closed bed, rather than by conversion of open beds. Expansion of the total bed capacity will likely improve access to services.
- The project will require only minimal renovations and can therefore be implemented quickly.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorses allocation to the applicant of one (1) closed bed needed for Essex County.

6. Jersey City Medical Center

CN # FR 080118-09-01

Bed Need: 1 Hudson County

Beds Requested: 1 Hudson County

Recommendation: Approval of 1 of 1 bed requested

Rationale:

- The Jersey City Medical Center application addresses an individual need for one (1) closed bed in Hudson County (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b)) and has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2H-8.
- The applicant is an existing provider of closed bed services in Hudson County, and the applicant's facility is the only in-county applicant.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services and the Hudson County Mental Health Board endorse allocation to this applicant of one (1) closed bed in Hudson County.

7. Kimball Medical Center

CN# FR 080117-05-01

Bed Need: 11 Ocean County

Beds Requested: 20 Ocean County

**Recommendation: Approval of 11 of 20 beds requested with a condition
Denial of 9 of 20 beds requested**

Rationale

Approval of 11 beds:

- The Kimball Medical Center application addresses the identified need for 11 closed beds in Ocean County (See 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b)) and has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant requested a total of 20 closed acute beds, which is nine (9) more beds than the established bed need in Ocean County.
- The applicant, an existing provider of closed bed services in Ocean County, proposes to increase its current closed bed capacity by adding beds. The addition of beds, as opposed the conversion of open beds, is likely to increase access to services overall.

- The applicant is the only provider of closed beds in Ocean County. One other applicant requested two (2) closed beds in Ocean County but only if not awarded the beds in either of two (2) other counties.
- The Ocean County Mental Health Board has endorsed this application.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services (DMHS) endorses the allocation of 11 closed beds for Ocean County to Kimball Medical Center.

Denial of 9 beds:

- Kimball Medical Center requested more adult closed acute inpatient psychiatric beds than the need calls for in Ocean County. The applicant requested 20 closed beds and the need for Ocean County is eleven (11).
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services recommends denial of the nine (9) beds requested in this application that are in excess of the call.

Condition of Approval:

Prior to licensure of the closed beds, the applicant shall establish outpatient clinic services sufficient to serve its inpatient population, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.12(a) & 5.21(a). In the alternate, the applicant may enter into formal, written agreements with third party providers to perform this service on its behalf.

8. Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County CN# FR 080102-03-01

Bed Need:	3	Burlington County
	2	Atlantic County
Beds Requested:	3	Burlington County
	2	Atlantic, Camden, Mercer, or Ocean Counties
Recommendation:	Approval of 5 of 5 beds requested with a condition	

Rationale:

- Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County’s application addresses the identified need for closed beds in Burlington County. (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).) The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant is the only provider of closed bed services in Burlington County.
- Expansion of closed beds at Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County is likely to improve patient access to involuntary mental health services in Burlington County and alleviate the current strain placed on local emergency rooms and state and county mental health facilities.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorses allocation of three (3) closed beds for Burlington County and two (2) closed beds for Atlantic County.
- The Burlington County Mental Health Board endorses the application for the allocation of five (5) closed beds to Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County.

Condition of Approval:

Prior to licensure of the closed beds, the applicant shall establish outpatient clinic services sufficient to serve its inpatient population. In the alternate, the applicant may enter into formal, written agreements with third party providers to perform this service on its behalf, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.12(a) & 5.21(a).

9. Raritan Bay Medical Center—Perth Amboy Division CN# FR 080110-12-01

Bed Need: 11 **Middlesex County**
 11 **Union County**

Requested Beds: 10 **Middlesex County**

Recommendation: **Approval of 10 of 10 beds requested with a condition**

Rationale:

Approval of 5 of 10 beds requested for Middlesex County:

- The Raritan Bay Medical Center application addresses the identified need for five (5) of 10 closed beds in Middlesex County (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).) Because of its geographic proximity, the applicant also has the ability to meet the need for five (5) Union County beds that was not filled by the in-county applicant.
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- Establishing community-based involuntary psychiatric treatment in Middlesex County will improve residents' access to care.
- The remaining five (5) Middlesex County beds will be allocated to another applicant in a contiguous county.

Approval of 5 beds for Union County:

- Although the applicant requested all Middlesex County beds, its ability to fulfill the Union County bed need avoids fragmentation of care for those residents into several counties.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorses the allocation of five (5) beds for Middlesex County and five (5) beds for Union County to Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Condition of Approval:

Prior to licensure of the closed beds, the applicant shall establish outpatient clinic services sufficient to serve its inpatient population, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.12(a) & 5.21(a). In the alternate, the applicant may enter into formal, written agreements with third party providers to perform this service on its behalf.

10. St. Francis Medical Center

CN# FR 080108-11-01

Bed Need: 7 Mercer County

Requested Beds: 3 Mercer County

Recommendation: Approval of 3 of 3 beds requested

Rationale:

- St. Francis Medical Center's application addresses the identified need for three (3) of the seven (7) closed beds in Mercer County. (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b).)
- The applicant has documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, as amended, at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.
- The applicant is an existing provider of closed bed services in Mercer County.
- Expansion of closed beds at St. Francis Medical Center is likely to improve patient access to involuntary mental health care services in Mercer County and alleviate the current strain placed on local emergency rooms and state and county mental health facilities.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorses this application's allocation of three (3) closed beds for Mercer County.

11. Trinitas Hospital

CN# FR 08104-20-01

Bed Need: 11 Union County

Requested Beds: 6 Union County

Recommendation: Approval of 6 of 6 beds requested

- Allocation of the one closed bed to a competing applicant exhausts the identified need for a closed bed in Essex County.
- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services recommends denial of this application.

13. University Medical Center at Princeton

CN# FR 080115-11-01

Bed Need: **3 Hunterdon County**
 7 Mercer County
 11 Middlesex County
 5 Somerset County

Beds Requested: **3 Hunterdon County**
 2 Mercer County
 5 Middlesex County
 5 Somerset County

Recommendation: **Approval of 15 of 15 beds requested with a condition**

Rationale:

Approval of 1 of 2 beds requested for Mercer County
6 of 5 beds requested for Middlesex County
3 of 3 beds requested for Hunterdon County
5 of 5 beds requested for Somerset County

- The application addresses an identified need for closed bed services in Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties (See, 39 N.J.R. 4868(b); 40 N.J.R. 217(b)), in accordance with the requested beds specified by county above.
- The application documented compliance with the statutory requirements contained in the Health Care Facilities Planning Act at N.J.S.A. 26:2H-8.
- University Medical Center at Princeton is the only applicant seeking to provide closed acute care inpatient psychiatric services to residents in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.

Denial of 1 of 2 beds requested for Mercer County:

- Two competing applicants for Mercer County beds were endorsed for six (6) of seven (7) available closed beds for the following reasons:
 - i. The applicants are existing closed bed providers;
 - ii. There is no capital cost associated with the expansion; and,
 - iii. The applicants demonstrated an ability to more quickly implement these additional services

- The Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health Services endorsed the allocation of beds, as stated above, to University Medical Center at Princeton.

- The Hunterdon and Somerset County Mental Health Boards endorsed the allocation of beds in these counties, as stated above, to University Medical Center at Princeton.

- The Middlesex County Mental Health Boards endorsed only one (1) closed bed for this applicant. It supported the allocation of 10 beds to a competing applicant located within Middlesex County.

Condition of Approval:

Prior to licensure of the closed beds, the applicant shall establish outpatient clinic services sufficient to serve its inpatient population. In the alternate, the applicant may enter into formal, written agreements with third party providers to perform this service on its behalf, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.12(a) & 5.21(a).