Health Resources and Services Administration NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

NEHALEM BAY HEALTH CENTER & PHARMACY

Proposed Construction of Nehalem Bay Health Center & Pharmacy Wheeler, OR

HRSA GRANT C8ECS44905, PROJECT 83010

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) and the HHS General Administration Manual Part 30 Environmental Protection (February 25, 2000), HRSA has determined that the Proposed Construction of the Nehalem Bay Medical Clinic, in Wheeler, Oregon, will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides discretionary grant and cooperative agreement awards to support health centers expand their capacity to provide primary and preventive health care services to medically underserved populations nationwide.

Nehalem Bay Health Center & Pharmacy (NBHCP) has applied for this HRSA award. The applicant proposes to use HRSA funding to construct a new two-story medical facility at the southwest corner of Highway 101 and Hospital Road (Tax Lot TL 2N1003DA00400), in Wheeler, OR, 97147. The first floor of the new medical facility will be approximately 11,600 square feet and the second story approximately 7,000 square feet. The proposed site improvements would also include 59 parking spaces to support staff and visitors and space to provide more mental and behavioral health services. The proposed Nehalem Bay Health Center & Pharmacy will include 14 exam rooms (allowing for staff expansion), and space for future development of workforce housing, parking, dental care, and education. The new facility will also include a new, larger 340B Drug Pricing Program pharmacy, space for visiting specialists, and expanded waiting rooms to separate ill patients to avoid contact exposure with communicable illness.

The applicant submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) that reviews environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. The EA is incorporated by reference into the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Additional project information is contained in the EA for this project, which can be found online at www.nehalembayhealth.org/news, OR at the following address for public examination upon request between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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No further environmental review of this project is proposed prior to final approval from HRSA.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this project may submit written comments to the APPLICANT, Attn: Gail Nelson, CEO, at the above referenced address.

HRSA will consider all comments received within 15 days of this "Notice" prior to final approval from HRSA.