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CAPE COD VILLAGE GETS KEY APPROVAL TO ADVANCE ORLEANS PROJECT

Housing project for adults living with autism seeks to fill need for services in an inclusive, integrated environment

ORLEANS – Friday, September 23, 2016 – Today, Cape Cod Village announced it received a key approval to advance its proposal to construct housing for adults living on the autism spectrum.

The approval from the state Executive Office of Health and Human Services was granted after a review of recently promulgated federal regulations; the review determined that the proposal met the criteria outlined in the Home and Community Based Services rules. “Today, Cape Cod Village reached a major milestone in our plans to provide housing and services for adults with autism in an environment that allows the residents to live with dignity, in a location that promotes integration into the community, and where they can receive the support they need to live full and productive lives,” said Bob Jones, President of CCV’s Board of Directors. “We especially want to thank HHS Secretary Marylou Sudders for taking the time to review our model and grant us permission to move forward. This approval allows us to continue building on the tremendous momentum we’ve generated.” Since 2011, the non-profit organization’s committed Board of Directors and supporters have been advocating for a locally based residential program that provides services and supports to the residents on a 24-hour basis. Using a model that places emphasis on the residents’ individual needs first, Cape Cod Village’s plan calls for a development that can house 15 adults on a site designed to foster community integration and that enhances access to opportunities for volunteer work and for participating in supported employment, as well as opportunities for recreational and social activities offered by the Orleans community and elsewhere on Cape Cod.

“The vision for Cape Cod Village is one that focuses on the residents’ abilities to live as fully participating members of the greater community,” said Christopher Raber, Vice President of CCV’s Board of Directors. “Today’s announcement validates our project’s innovative approach for caring for our children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors who need these kinds of supports, and to do so in a way that ensures they remain members of our community.”

Cape Cod Village will be built on a four-acre parcel of land that is bordered by affordable housing, condominiums, and retail businesses. Within walking distance to Orleans center, the property also abuts the Cape Cod Rail Trail for bike riding and walking. Located on the site will be homes and a Community Resource Center for recreational and educational opportunities. The Community Resource Center will be open to residents, their families and the neighboring community and will offer social, support, and training opportunities.

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