

Dear Partners:

RE: The Project Deliverables and Beneficiaries:

THE MEN'S CENTER of The PEE DEE

This Center will provide a holistic approach to dealing with MEN'S health and will create a "safe space" for MEN to gather, while maintaining a microcosm for MEN to share their concerns, problems and issues related to their particular physical, mental and emotional conditions and needs.

The MEN'S Center will host regular screening events that can aid in early detection of diseases to maintain stable health. It will address hygiene issues by having bathing facilities, a clothes closet and simple toiletries. One of its more important initiatives is to create a place of solitude, prayer and meditation to relieve stress and anxiety that are particular to men. Healthy minds foster healthy bodies.

The MEN'S Center will further secure health practitioners and counselors that will connect with Medical Universities in South Carolina and North Carolina, to form a network of health providers in a non-threatening environment. They will provide counseling services for veterans and persons from the homeless population with a particular focus on getting them back to gainful employment and restoring their quality of life. The MEN'S Center of The Pee Dee in partnership with HopeHealth Inc., a federally qualified health center, will achieve this by networking with state agencies like the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, the South Carolina Department of Social Services and the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Center.

One of the key components in this MEN'S Center will be to provide a "MEN'S Room," a safe place to gather with other MEN with recliners, game tables, music, "vouchered" juice bar, and other amenities for MEN to connect with MEN. It will highlight health education designed specifically for MEN with speakers and comprehensive and informative data. It can serve as a "model for the nation" in dealing with men's health.

The idyllic HOPE of this project is to team and forge partnerships with medical practitioners, hospitals and universities, research students/interns, and

ministers/seminarians. Also, counselors/therapists/psychiatrists/psychologists and sociologists throughout South and North Carolina in attempts to develop data to be used to produce measurable outcomes as it pertains to the alleviation of various health issues for "MEN" throughout the United States, with its initial project in the Pee Dee Region.