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6/25/20

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Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

June 12, 2020

TO: Selectmen/Aldermen - Town of Charleston
FROM: Lyne B. Limoges, Executive Director
RE: Article for Warning - 2021 Town Meeting (Suggested format)

Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. respectfully requests that the following article be warned for Town Meeting 2021:

ARTICLE FOR WARNING

To see if the Town of Charleston will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurses Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.

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June 11, 2020

Dear Town Clerk/Selectmen,

As you are aware, Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. (OEVNA) has been a major health care provider in your town since 1969. Our organization provides home health, hospice, long term care services, and community wellness clinics servicing 24 towns in Orleans and northern Essex counties; covering over 1,000 square miles. For over 50 years, our staff has to be available 24 hours per day and provide services 7 days per week.

Our patients from newborn to elderly have the opportunity to heal at home from surgical procedures, obtain symptom management, get rehab services, be able to age in place, or when needed end of life care. Home is where they have the ability to receive assistance in order to remain independent and for those facing end of life care, be able to die in their home.

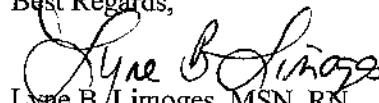
Each year we have submitted our request to be placed in your Town Meeting and have provided information about our services, our service territory total visits, and your town statistics: total number of visits made, number of patients served, and wellness visits (foot care and/or flu clinics) provided. In the past, our staff has gone to polling places, senior meal sites, and other such gatherings to obtain signatures needed for Warning for those towns requiring it.

We are requesting that in light of the current events and requirements due to COVID-19, that you would consider waiving the requirement to obtain signatures for the 2021 Town Meeting thus ensuring our staff and members of your community are protected from any potential exposure to COVID-19. It has been anticipated that there may be surge this fall, the time we regularly seek signatures with the regular influenza.

Since the 2014 Town Meeting we have not requested an increase in our appropriation nor will we this year. Your Town dollars support the State requirement of Act 57; covering patient costs which are not covered by their insurance or patients who do not have medical insurance coverage. We have included our Warning for Town Meeting 2021.

I look forward to hearing back from you and if you need any additional information please do not hesitate in contacting me directly.

Best Regards,



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MEMORANDUM

To: Jeannine Bennett
From: Karla Lillicrap 
Date: December 30, 2020
RE: Warning for the 2020 Town Meeting

Enclosed please find our town report for Charleston visits for FY 2020. Our Financial Statements are in Draft Form and will be provided once finalized.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would call me at 487-9759 and let me know that we are indeed going to be included on the 2021 Warning for Charleston.

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SERVICE REPORT FY 2020 ORLEANS ESSEX V.N.A. and HOSPICE, INC.

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:

Total Agency Visits FY 2020	39,369
Total Visits FY 2020- Town of Charleston.....	1,097

During Fiscal Year 2020, home based services were provided to 49 individuals in Charleston for a total of 1,097 multi-disciplinary visits. 13 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2021.....\$3,000.00

Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN
Executive Director