

**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
JANUARY 23, 2023**

**STAFF REPORT  
AGENDA ITEM 13.C.  
PUBLIC HEARING – CHANGING THE PROPOSED LACONIA HOUSING  
AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TENANT AT 17 CHURCH STREET**

**Discussion:** Notice of this Public Hearing was made available in the January 12, 2023 editions of the Laconia Daily Sun and the New Hampshire Union Leader, and posted at Laconia City Hall, Laconia Community Center and the Laconia Public Library.

Laconia Housing and Redevelopment Authority proposes changing of the proposed tenant in the LHRD renovated space at 17 Church Street, Laconia from the proposed tenant of Partnership for Public Health NH to HealthFirst Family Care Center. The majority of Healthfirst clients are of low and moderate income.

The tenant move from Partnership for Public Health to HealthFirst Family Care Center was due to not coming to a long term lease agreement and commencement date. Fortunately, there was interest from HealthFirst Family Care Center who provides services to similar levels of low and moderate income (60%+) client base in Laconia.

The addition of office space in Laconia affords HealthFirst the opportunity to have an immediate impact on Laconia residents in need of behavioral health services, and future primary/urgent care services. Space will allow Healthfirst to increase its capacity hiring additional staff to perform these clinical duties and better meet the growing need for behavioral health in the community.

Further, the location of 17 Church Street to downtown makes it a walkable location for many low and moderate income households that may not have transportation available. The central location also lends itself nicely as an extension of the existing HealthFirst campus, which is less than one mile away, and will afford staff the ease of going back and forth if/when needed.

The benefit to Laconia Housing is the need for an additional behavioral health partner for our tenants to assist with quality of life needs which is integral.

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable.

**Staff Recommendation:**

**This report submitted by:** Kirk Beattie, City Manager

**Proposed motions:**

*Open the Public Hearing*

*Request public comment*

*Close the Public Hearing*