# Official Public Statement from Northampton County Executive, Tara Zrinski

Following the September 10 and September 24 inspections, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has rescinded Gracedale's Provisional II license and reissued a six-month provisional license under the Provisional III. This reissued Provisional License restarts the clock another six months to clear the deficiencies While we have made progress, additional violations show that more work is needed to protect residents' health and safety.

This does **not** mean Gracedale is closing. We must submit an acceptable Plan of Correction and demonstrate that the changes are working. We are bringing in a consultant to help review policies, procedures and resident care plans and strengthen our improvements. Residents' safety and well-being remain our priority.

"Correcting individual findings is not enough," said Northampton County Executive Tara Zrinski, "We must also examine the systems that allowed additional problems to occur and intend to hire a consultant to review policies, procedures and resident care plans, strengthen our corrective actions, and help demonstrate lasting compliance. Our priority remains the safety and well-being of every resident."