APPENDIX C

Authorization of Capital Improvement Funding Allocation for the North Carolina Center for Health and Aging (NCCHA)

The NCCHA is a partnership between the University of North Carolina at Asheville (UNCA), Western Carolina University (WCU) and the Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC). The primary mission of the NCCHA is to promote healthy lifestyles and successful aging among all population groups.

House Bill 1264 authorized the issuance of certificates of participation totaling \$10 million to the partnership for land acquisition and advance planning, including engineering studies and utility extensions, for new facilities serving Western Carolina University and the Mountain Area Health Education Center.

At its October 2004 meeting, the Board approved the allocation of \$1,300,000 for advance planning activities for a new Health and Gerontological Sciences facility at WCU.

The members of the partnership have now requested that the Board authorize the allocation of the remaining \$8,700,000 for land acquisition (budgeted at \$7,000,000), advance planning of the MAHEC facility (budgeted at \$1,261,575) engineering studies/utilities extensions (budgeted at \$393,296), and additional advance planning for the Health and Gerontological Sciences Building at WCU (\$45,129).

It is recommended that the remaining funds be allocated to Western Carolina University for the identified purposes.