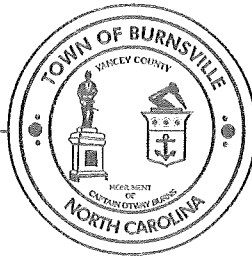


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RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BURNSVILLE CONCERNING THE SALE OF MISSION HOSPITAL SYSTEM TO HCA


We, the Burnsville Town Council, in behalf of the Citizens of Burnsville, North Carolina (Yancey County), address the following issues pertaining to the sale of the Mission Hospital System (a non-profit health care system) to HCA (a for-profit hospital care system). We respectively ask that our North Carolina Attorney General provide written assurances of the following concerns facing our Town of Burnsville residents:

1. First and foremost, assurance that access to health care will remain unchanged or enhanced, and at an affordable cost for all.
2. Because of the important role the Blue Ridge Hospital plays as an Acute Care Hospital in serving the rural WNC counties (which includes Yancey County and the Town of Burnsville), once the protected period ends and HCA or a successor owner decides to stop operating this hospital facility, this hospital must be returned to the community at no cost.
3. HCA will provide as much, or more, charity care than provided by Mission, which will be measured in the volume of patients served and services rendered and not by a dollar value assigned to the health services provided.
4. Although the sale of Mission Hospital System to HCA remains to be carefully reviewed by our North Carolina Attorney General, we request that HCA will be expected to pay a fair market value for Mission Hospital's assets, and that there will be no conflicts of interest involved in the sale transactions.
5. The formation of a new hospital trust (*Dogwood Health Trust Foundation Board*) is requested to be independent of both Mission and HCA, and needs to be representative of the counties and the population served by this health care system.
 - a. Currently, 9 appointments to this Trust have already been selected with 6 of the 9 appointments being from Buncombe County. Many of these 9 appointments come from their local Mission Hospital boards, whose governance is by the Asheville Mission Hospital Board. This is in direct conflict with the request that this *Trust* is to be independent of Mission and HCA.
 - b. In order to serve the Mission & HCA communities-at-large with health care community opportunities, we ask that these current *Trust*

appointments be struck from the record, and that an independent firm be hired (at Mission's expense) who is selected by the NC Attorney General. This firm will consult with representatives from the 18 counties to be served by this merger who will have a voice in selecting the first independent members to serve on the *Dogwood Health Trust Foundation Board*.

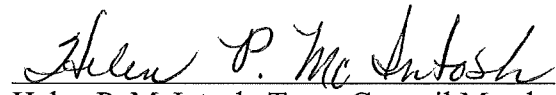
ADOPTED this the 6 day of September, 2018, by the Burnsville Town Council members..


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