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Via eFile Upload
Office of the Attorney General
Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Re: Third Party Objection to Release of Information – Public Information Act Request to Fairfield Hospital District d/b/a Freestone Medical Center

Dear Open Records Division,

On October 28, 2026, Community Hospital Consulting, Inc., an affiliate of Community Hospital Corporation (together, "CHC"), received notice (the "Notice", attached hereto as Exhibit A) from counsel for Fairfield Hospital District d/b/a Freestone Medical Center (the "District") that the District had received a request from the Freestone County Good Governance Council for current hospital management agreements (the "Request", attached hereto as Exhibit B), which includes the Management Agreement between CHC and the District effective June 1, 2019, as amended by that First Amendment, effective March 23, 2023 (together, the "Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit C"). CHC has reviewed the Agreement and is hereby objecting to the release of portions of the Agreement because those portions are confidential and excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (the "Act").

Therefore, pursuant to Section 552.305 of the Act, CHC asserts that portions of the Agreement, specifically the provisions under the headings of Articles II and III and the contents of Exhibit C attached to the Agreement, are excepted from disclosure under Section 552.110 of the Act as trade secrets and commercial or financial information. Accordingly, CHC asks that the Open Records Division of the Office of the Attorney General (the "Attorney General") find that the District must withhold the portions of the Agreement. CHC does not seek to withhold the remainder of the Agreement, including the identity of the parties, the effective date and term, the management fee, or remedies for breach, which CHC acknowledges as contracting information under Section 552.0222.[1]

Public Information Act § 552.110

Trade Secrets.

Section 552.110(b) of the Act provides that "information is excepted from [required disclosure] if it is demonstrated based on specific factual evidence that the information is a trade secret."[2] Section 552.110(a) defines a trade secret as all forms and types of information if: (1) the owner of the trade secret has taken reasonable measures under the circumstances to keep the information secret; and (2) the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable through proper means by, another person who can obtain economic value from the disclosure or use of the information.[3]

The details in Articles II, III, and Exhibit C of the Agreement constitute CHC's trade secrets. [redacted]

[1] Tex. Gov't Code § 552.0222.
[2] Tex. Gov't Code § 552.110.
[3] *Id*..

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Commercial or financial information.

Section 552.110(c) of the Act provides that, except as provided by Section 552.0222, "commercial or financial information for which it is demonstrated based on specific factual evidence that disclosure would cause substantial competitive harm to the person from whom the information was obtained is excepted from [required disclosure]."[4]

The details in Articles II, III, and Exhibit C also constitute commercial or financial information, the release of which would cause CHC substantial competitive harm. [redacted]

Conclusion

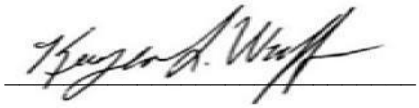
In summary, CHC seeks to withhold the aforementioned portions of the Agreement under Section 552.110 of the Act. In accordance with Section 552.305(e) of the Act, CHC has provided the requestor with a copy of this letter, redacted to the extent it contains the substance of the requested information.

[4] Tex. Gov't Code § 552.110.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tracie Bedeaux
Senior Vice President and General Counsel
Community Hospital Corporation



(Signed by Kenya Woodruff with the permission of Tracie Bedeaux)

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Referenced Exhibits not included for CC'd recipients.