

## **TIME LINE ON MARTIN GENERAL HOSPITAL FROM MARTIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**July 2021** – Quorum and Affinity make presentation to the Board of Commissioners to introduce Affinity as possible operator to take over the Lease of Martin General Hospital (MGH) from Quorum.

**September 2021** – Article appears in the paper stating Affinity is taking over the MGH Lease.

Board of Commissioners agrees to look at Affinity as possible operator.

Board of Commissioners hires attorney Tom Stukes to help the Board navigate the process.

Staff and Board continue process of searching for another operator.

**October 2021** – Attorney Tom Stukes updated the Board on talks with Quorum attorneys and options going forward.

**November 2021** – Staff and Board members met with several hospital CEOs throughout NC concerning those hospitals operating MGH.

**December 2021** – Proposal sent to Vidant Health to operate Martin General Hospital. Vidant Health declined.

**January 2022** – Attorney Tom Stukes updated the Board on Affinity. Board agrees to hold Quorum to the Lease.

**February 2022**-Inquiry of interest sent to Sentara Health, and Sentara declined interest

**March 2022** – Board met with Quorum. Quorum indicated if there was not a solution that allowed them to leave Martin General soon, they would begin a “step down” process. Board and legal counsel stated the County would hold Quorum to the terms of the Lease.

Meeting was held with Cape Fear Valley Medical Center to determine interest in advising Martin County on Martin General Hospital. Cape Fear Valley Medical Center declined.

**April 2022** – Affinity made another presentation to the Board. Board requested additional financial information from Affinity.

Updated due diligence was conducted on Affinity. Affinity was found unsuitable.

**May 2022**- Renewed proposal was made to Vidant Health based on multiple county opioid funding. Vidant Health declines again.

Negotiations begin between Martin County and Quorum on terms for Quorum to buy out of the hospital Lease and provide transition in case a successor operator is found.

**June 2022** – Hospital Committee formed with staff, Board members, attorneys, and citizens.

July 2022 – Meeting held with Atrium Health

**August 2022** – Inquiry of interest was made to Novant Health, and Novant declines interest.

County releases Request for Proposals (RFP) to acquire consultants for feasibility and assessment study regarding sustainable services in Martin County as well as financial feasibility including renovating or replacing the hospital and facilitating a search for a long-term operator of Martin General Hospital.

Committee met with staff of the NC Rural Hospital Program to determine what resources the State has available to assist Martin County in a strategy to move forward including grant programs.

Letter to the North Carolina Attorney General requesting investigation of performance of Quorum Health at Martin General Hospital

**September 2022** – County receives three responses to the RFP for a hospital feasibility study consultant.

Board hires Dawn Carter with Ascendent Health and Criterion Consulting Group as consultants to determine the best health care model for Martin County. Quorum agrees to share in the cost.

Staff and some Board members met with attorneys with the NC Attorney General's Office to discuss ongoing performance issues in regard to MGH.

The NC Attorney General's Office sends a letter to Quorum concerning performance issues.

Staff and some Board members met with Atrium Health System.

Staff again met with representatives with the NC Rural Hospital Program, and staff determined Martin County would not qualify for the Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project.

**October 2022** – Board expanded consultants work to include a feasibility study on the hospital building to determine if the hospital could be renovated and at what cost.

NC Attorney General's Office received response from Quorum.

Hospital Committee met with Ascendent Health to begin process. Ascendent Health sent out health survey

**November 2022** – Hospital committee met with Ascendent Health to review results of health survey and actual data regarding where Martin County residents are receiving health care and what services are being sought.

Ascendent undertakes evaluation of models for sustainable healthcare service in Martin County

**December 2022** Ascendent continues to evaluate models for sustainable healthcare services and conducts assessment of current hospital facility.

Attorney General continues to investigate Quorum's report on performance.