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Don/Ben, I apologize for being slow to respond. I have been doing penance (catching up) for the sin of going on a 10 day vacation. I have some progress to report regarding current efforts, but timelines will be more difficult as this is a fluid discussion with NCH. As I think you know, subsequent to the vote by the LMHS Board that directed me to enter into negotiations with NCH in an effort to "buy" their part of the BCHC partnership for one dollar (and in doing so assume 100% of the bond debt), we entered into negotiations with representatives of NCH. We have been meeting monthly since then and have focused on options to the "buy-out". LMHS is open to considering any alternatives that have the realistic potential of improving the financial performance of BCHC and would create a "platform" for the free-standing ER. As I think you also know, we did identify alternatives to BCHC as a possible location for a free-standing ER, but for several reasons we feel BCHC is by far the best and want to focus on that option for now. Discussions with NCH have been positive and productive, and are focused on business options that would keep the partnership intact and achieve the stated goals. I am not in a position to talk publically about the details of this discussion as any, or all, of it are subject to change. I will say that our (LMHS) goal is to determine if the current direction will "bear fruit" or not within 90 days (end of September). I will "keep you posted" as significant milestones are reached.

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CB...It has been about one month since we last corresponded about the Bonita Community Health Center and your efforts to add a 24/7 ER at the facility. Just curious what progress has been made during that period and when we can expect to learn about your discussions with NCH about providing this service in conjunction with NCH. Thanks for your leadership on this matter.

Don Eslick

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