

PRESS RELEASE

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HOSPITAL
Key West

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 30, 2024

**PUBLIC HOSPITAL - LOWER KEYS MEDICAL CENTER
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2024 AT 2:30PM**
HARVEY GOVERNMENT CENTER - 1200 TRUMAN AVE - KEY WEST - 2ND FLOOR

OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT

OUR HOSPITAL Key West (OHkw) is a Citizens Advocacy Group comprised of Key West Residents. Our Advisors, Members and Supporters come from all walks of life, including Physicians, Nurses, Hospital Administrators, Past and Present Lower Keys Medical Center Employees, Attorneys, City and County Workers, Business Owners, Hospitality Workers, Retirees, and many other backgrounds. Our mission is to seek the best possible levels of care at our Public Hospital.

In exactly 5 years, April 30, 2029 the existing lease of our Public Hospital, Lower Keys Medical Center to Community Health Systems Inc expires with no provision for automatic extension or renewal. As a Public Hospital, Lower Keys Medical Center is governed by The Lower Florida Keys Hospital District, a Florida State governing entity, through its local Board of Commissioners. In latter 2023 the Hospital District Board and the existing Hospital Operator Community Health Systems Inc ascertained preemptively that Community Health Systems Inc desires to renew its lease with the Hospital District Board.

Given that The Hospital District and its Board of Commissioners, and current Hospital Operator Community Health Systems Inc have preemptively ascertained Community Health Systems Inc desires to renew their lease, OHkw, our advisors and supporters are asking the Hospital District Board Members to formally invite additional leading South Florida Hospital Operators to submit detailed Letters of Interest to the District Hospital, perhaps inclusive of, but not limited to Levels of Care / Specialty, Initial Investments and Continued Reinvestment of Operating Income into Facility / Personnel ongoing, Financial Integrity, and any additional commitments they're willing to formalize to attain consideration for the next lease term of our Public Hospital.

It is OHkw's position that only through an objective comparison between Community Health Systems Inc's offering details to renew its lease, along with a comparison of other leading South Florida Hospital Operator offering details to become the successor Lessee / Hospital Operator in 2029, can what's in the Public's Best Interest's be served.

OHkw is asking the Public to attend the Hospital District Board Meeting to voice their sentiments.

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