



SBM Charitable Foundation, Inc.

November 26, 2013

Honorable George C. Jepsen
Attorney General
State of Connecticut
55 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Attorney General Jepsen:

You may be aware of the pending transaction in which Eastern Connecticut Health Network, Inc. ("ECHN") is to be acquired by Vanguard Health Systems (recently acquired by Tenet Health Corporation). In its informational correspondence to its Corporators, ECHN stated the following with reference to the assets in the ECHN Community Healthcare Foundation:

"Charitable contributions fall under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's office for the State of Connecticut. If the full amount of a restricted donation cannot be used, the Attorney General will redirect any remaining assets to continue their charitable purposes through another nonprofit foundation to benefit our community."

The SBM Charitable Foundation ("SBMCF") is one of the largest Connecticut private foundations located east of the Connecticut River. The SBMCF has also been one of the largest financial supporters of ECHN over the years including making the lead contribution of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the SBM Charitable Foundation Birthing Center. ECHN has always been at the top of the list of the beneficiaries of grants from the SBMCF.

Since it appears as though the distribution of a significant portion of the funds of the ECHN Foundation will be subject to the Attorney General's discretion, the purpose of this letter is to request that the SBMCF be elevated to the top of your list of appropriate candidates because of the long-standing relationship between ECHN and the SBMCF, and also because the SBMCF provides funding for so many charitable organizations within the main service areas of ECHN.

Doreen Downham, Executive Director of the SBMCF, and several members of the Board of Directors would welcome the opportunity to meet with you informally to discuss this request and introduce you to the SBMCF.

The SBMCF appreciates your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

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Chairman of the Board

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