

DOCKET NO: 13-486-01

IN RE APPLICATION FOR JOINT : STATE OF CONNECTICUT
VENTURE BETWEEN GREATER :
WATERBURY HEALTH NETWORK, INC. : OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
and VANGUARD HEALTH SYSTEMS, : GENERAL
INC. :
: OCTOBER 8, 2014

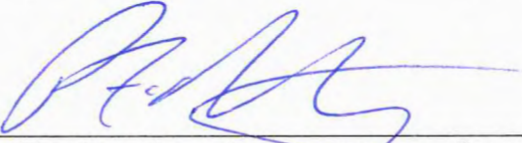
**RULING ON A PETITION FILED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE CONFERENCE
OF THE NAACP HEALTH COMMITTEE AND THE GREATER WATERBURY
BRANCH OF THE NAACP HEALTH COMMITTEE REQUESTING LEGAL STATUS**

By petition dated October 2, 2014, the Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP Health Committee and the Greater Waterbury Branch of the NAACP Health Committee (together, the "Petitioner") requests legal status for the public hearing to be held by the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG") regarding the Application for Joint Venture between Greater Waterbury Health Network, Inc., and Vanguard Health Systems, Inc. (the "Application"), filed under OAG Docket No. 13-486-1. The Petitioner's interests lie in the civil rights of the citizens of Greater Waterbury as it relates to health care access, availability, cost, and quality.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-177a, the Petitioner is hereby designated as an Intervenor with full rights at the hearing scheduled for October 16, 2014, 1:00 p.m., at the Courtyard by Marriot Waterbury, Grand Ballroom, 63 Grand Street, Waterbury, Connecticut. As an Intervenor with full rights, the Petitioner is allowed to participate as indicated below.

The Petitioner is granted the right to inspect and copy records on file with the OAG related to the Application and shall be copied on all pleadings, filings, and correspondence submitted from this point forward by the Applicant and other Intervenors until the issuance of a final decision by the OAG. As an Intervenor, the Petitioner shall copy the Applicants and all other Intervenors on all documents it submits to the OAG from this point forward in connection with this matter. As an Intervenor with full rights, the Petitioner may be cross-examined by the Applicants, and the Petitioner has the right to cross-examine witnesses.

The OAG's jurisdiction in this matter is limited to the issues set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-486c. Therefore, the Petitioner may present written or verbal evidence related to such issues. The Petitioner is not permitted to present written or verbal testimony regarding any matter beyond the scope of the 19a-486c issues identified in § 19a-486c. The OAG will make additional rulings regarding the Petitioner's participation throughout the hearing, as necessary, in the interest of justice and to promote the orderly conduct of the proceedings.



Perry Zinn Rowthorn, Deputy Attorney General

10/8/14

Date