



Dogwood Health Trust has a responsibility to help ensure that HCA lives up to certain commitments it made as part of its purchase of the Mission Health System.

Dogwood Health Trust takes this responsibility very seriously and engaged an Independent Monitor to advise Dogwood Health Trust regarding HCA's compliance with the commitments set forth in the asset purchase agreement. The Independent Monitor is Gibbins Advisors, LLC and a summary of their role, the reports issued by HCA, as well as the ability to report concerns, are available at www.independentmonitormhs.com.

At Dogwood's request, during the past ten months, the Independent Monitor conducted site visits at the Mission Health System hospitals, held seven community meetings throughout the region, received and responded to hundreds of emails and website submissions, and met with community organizations, elected officials, county health officials, healthcare professionals, and individuals, including Sustaining Essential and Rural Community Healthcare (SEARCH), the Western Carolina Medical Society, Health Equity Coalition, and others.

The Independent Monitor and Dogwood Health Trust reviewed the Annual Report for the period ended December 31, 2019 and the Cap Ex Report for the year ended January 31, 2020 that were provided by HCA, and spent four months reviewing the information presented by HCA.

After consultation with the Independent Monitor, Dogwood Health Trust informed the North Carolina Attorney General that it does not intend to notify HCA of any potential noncompliance with the obligations under the asset purchase agreement for the period covered in the Annual Report. In addition, Dogwood Health Trust informed HCA that it accepted the Cap Ex Report, including the capital expenditures applicable to the commitment target, for the year ended January 31, 2020.

During the Independent Monitor's review, members of the community and the Attorney General expressed various concerns relating to Mission Health System operations in 2019 that do not appear to give rise to potential noncompliance under the asset purchase agreement. Dogwood Health Trust communicated with HCA and the Attorney General about those concerns, including sexual assault nurse examiner services at Angel Medical Center; Transitional Care Unit services at Transylvania Regional Hospital; and HCA's Charity Care Policy. In addition, concerns were raised regarding surgical services at Blue Ridge Regional Hospital during calendar year 2020. Dogwood Health Trust also has communicated with HCA and with the Attorney General about those concerns.

Dogwood Health Trust, with advice from the Independent Monitor, continues to monitor HCA's compliance with its commitments, including charity care and the provision of services at the Mission Health System hospitals and will notify the North Carolina Attorney General and HCA, as applicable, regarding HCA's compliance with its commitments.