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Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and
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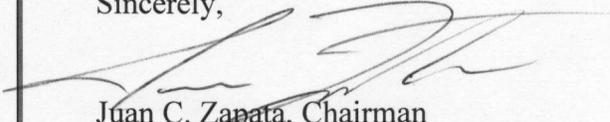
Dear Chairman and Members,

The Hospital Governance Taskforce would like to offer a few interim recommendations that may be useful in your deliberations concerning the Public Health Trust and the potential establishment of a Financial Recovery Board. This Taskforce was created to make recommendations on alternative hospital governance models, and it is the Taskforce's hope to be supportive of your deliberations and to work with and support whatever governing body the Board of County Commission determines to be appropriate.

1. In regard to May 3, 2011 BCC Agenda Item 4(I), we recommend that the two-thirds vote requirement apply to both the override of PHT or Recovery Board decisions and to Commission directives to the PHT or Recovery Board adopted by resolution. Doing so will greatly enhance the ability of the governing body to make the hard decisions that are ahead.
2. We urge emphasis on ethics and absence of perceptions of conflicts of interest in the governing body. Members should have no conflicts of interest, personally or as stakeholders, in the outcome of their decisions. The governing body's sole interest should be the future of Jackson Healthcare System.
3. Additionally, we urge inclusion of diversity in the governing body.

In summary, the governing body must be able to show that it can nimbly and without perceptions of conflicts of interest make the necessary tough decisions in consultation with stakeholders.

Sincerely,



Juan C. Zapata, Chairman
Hospital Governance Taskforce

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