

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

IN RE APPLICATION FOR JOINT : OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS
VENTURE BETWEEN GREATER : DOCKET NO. 13-31838-CON
WATERBURY HEALTH NETWORK, INC. :
and VANGUARD HEALTH SYSTEMS, : OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
INC. : DOCKET NO. 13-486-01
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: NOVEMBER 7, 2014

**RULING ON APPLICANTS' MOTION TO STRIKE INTERVENORS' TESTIMONY
OUTSIDE THE PARAMETERS OF OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AND OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS' GRANTS OF INTERVENOR STATUS**

By motion dated November 3, 2014, the Greater Waterbury Health Network, Inc. ("GWHN") and Vanguard Health Systems, Inc. ("Vanguard") (together, the "Applicants") move to strike from the record the testimony of the Intervenor Connecticut Health Care Associates (CHCA) and Massachusetts Nurses Association ("MNA") admitted into evidence at the hospital conversion hearing held on October 15, 2014, in connection with the Application for Joint Venture between Greater Waterbury Health Network, Inc., and Vanguard Health Systems, Inc. (the "Application"), OAG Docket No. 13-486-1 and OHCA Docket No. 13-31838-CON.

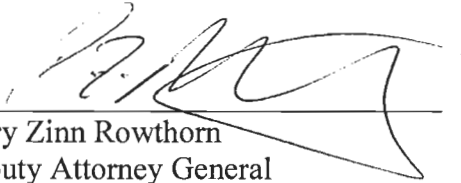
The Office of the Attorney General ("OAG") and the Department of Public Health, Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") (together, the "State") hereby deny the Applicants' Motion to Strike the testimony of CHCA and MNA.

While entitled a "Motion to Strike," Applicants motion states that Applicants "move that no weight be given to any written or verbal testimony presented on behalf of" CHCA and MNA "that falls outside that which the Office of the Attorney General ("OAG") and the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") expressly defined as the limited scope of testimony CHCA and MNA could present in this proceeding..."

By two similar motions dated October 13, 2014, the Applicants also moved to preclude the submission of testimony of MNA and CHCA that falls outside what the OAG and CHCA have expressly defined as the limited scope of testimony MNA and CHCA may present in this proceeding. By rulings issued by the State on October 14, 2014, the motions were denied. The rulings noted: "At the hearing, the Applicants will be provided an opportunity to argue the relative weight the State should give to the intervenor's testimony and to object to irrelevant questions presented in cross examination. In addition, the Applicants will have the opportunity to cross-examine the CHCA and offer rebuttal evidence...." Applicants were given the opportunity to cross examine the intervenors' witnesses and in several instances Vanguard's counsel did so. Applicant Vanguard also offered rebuttal testimony. Trans. 10/15/14 at 214-22.

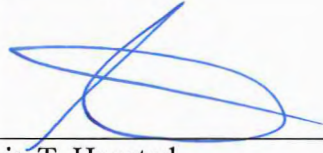
The rulings further stated: "To the extent any testimony has relevancy or materiality issues, the hearing officers will weigh and consider those factors in assessing the testimony as part of their decision-making process." This statement remains true as to the testimony of the Intervenor as well as other witnesses including those presented by the Applicants.

Thus, the present motion repeats the same demands previously denied and presents no grounds to depart from the prior rulings. For the foregoing reasons, the motion to strike is denied.



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