

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: )  
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CRAIG COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, ) Case No. 15-10277-M  
a Public Trust. )  
Debtor. ) CHAPTER 9

**JOINT STIPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE AND DEBTOR  
CONCERNING DETERMINATION THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF A  
PATIENT CARE OMBUDSMAN IS NOT NECESSARY**

The Craig County Hospital Authority, a Public Trust, Debtor and the United States Trustee stipulate as follows:

1. Debtor filed its voluntary petition seeking relief under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code<sup>1</sup>, on February 25, 2015.

2. Craig County Hospital Authority, doing business under the name Craig General Hospital, and located principally in Vinita, Oklahoma, is currently licensed as a General Medical Surgical Hospital by the Oklahoma State Department of Health, with the current renewal effective 4/1/2015 through 3/31/2016, for 55 beds and 5 bassinets, as License No. 2182. Facilities covered under the license include:

Craig General Hospital, 735 N. Foreman, Vinita, OK

Craig General Hospital Transitions, 495 W. Hope Ave, Vinita, OK

Craig General Hospital-Outpatient Clinic, 343 S. Commercial St, Welch, OK

Craig General Hospital-Grand Lake Medical Park, 36488 S. Highway 82, Langley, OK

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references shall refer to the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101, et seq., unless otherwise stated.

Craig General Hospital-Grand Lake Medical Park, 26300 S. Highway 125, Afton, OK

3. Debtor is a health care business as defined in §101(27A) providing hospital care.

4. Section 333 and Rule 2007.2 of the FED.R.BANKR.P. provide a patient care ombudsman shall be appointed in the case of a health care business unless the Court finds that “the appointment of a patient care ombudsman is not necessary under the specific circumstances of this case.”

5. There are no pending disciplinary actions and no current issues before the State Department of Health, which provides oversight that would indicate inadequate patient care or other information that would suggest there is a need for a patient care ombudsman.

6. Debtor maintains adequate insurance for patient claims against the hospital for personal injury and wrongful death claims.

7. Policies and procedures of the debtor include staff training on patient complaints, notices to patients of their rights, oversight by the Medical Staff to review and address patient care standards, policies on all aspects of quality and services, and standards of care.

8. The Debtor contends and the United States Trustee agrees that the appointment of a patient care ombudsman is not necessary under the specific facts of this case at this time.

9. Both parties may revoke these stipulations in the event the Court determines that it is necessary to appoint a patient care ombudsman in this case. Further, both parties agree that this stipulation is without prejudice to any party-in-interest’s right to request that an ombudsman be appointed at a later date in Debtor’s Chapter 9 case upon a showing of cause and notice and opportunity to respond to such request consistent with § 333 of the Bankruptcy Code and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2007.2.

WHEREFORE, the Craig County Hospital Authority, Debtor, and the United States Trustee submit these Stipulations as set forth above.

Dated: 3/16/2015

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