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Nearly 900 Crozer Health Nurses, Techs, Medical Professionals, and Paramedics Represented By PASNAP Applaud the PA Attorney General's Office For Their Decisive Action on Behalf of Our Delaware County Patient Community

CAREGIVERS SAY: Prospect Has Devastated Critical Care in Delaware County Since It Bought Crozer Health Eight Years Ago.

MEDIA, PA, OCTOBER 29, 2024 – With the Delaware County Courthouse as a backdrop, Pennsylvania Attorney General Michelle Henry announced this afternoon that her office has filed a lawsuit against Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc., for many years of mismanagement and neglect of the Crozer Health system, endangering the public health. The lawsuit is seeking a preliminary injunction to preserve existing medical service lines and the appointment of a receiver to manage Crozer Health for the immediate future to forestall additional closures and cuts to services.

The nearly 900 Crozer Health Nurses, Techs, Medical Professionals, and Paramedics represented by PASNAP applaud the decisive action taken by the Attorney General's office. We look forward to the receivership both restoring the health system for the citizens of Delaware County and protecting the health system employees who have worked tirelessly, through the pandemic and after, to provide excellent care for our patients as a for-profit, out-of-state company prioritized financial returns over patient care and systematically dismantled our hospital system, piece by piece.

Since the California-based, private-equity-backed, for-profit owner of Crozer Health bought the Delaware County-based four-hospital system in 2016, it has effectively closed two of the hospitals, devastating the patient communities in both areas. In August, just two days after announcing it had entered into an agreement of sale for Crozer Health, Prospect declared it would close the Taylor Hospital OR, further cutting patient services and hospital jobs.

What Prospect has never understood, evident in its relentless pattern of serial service closures, is that it has an obligation to the Delaware County community and the nurses and allied health professionals they employ to ensure the financial security and vitality of the health system.

We are glad to see them go.

“Our stakeholders are our patients,” said PASNAP President Maureen May, RN, “and safe patient care is the dividend.”

On behalf of our patients and the frontline healthcare workers in Delaware County – both within the Crozer system and those who work in nearby hospitals dangerously swamped by Prospect’s serial service cuts and hospital closures – we are supportive of the Governor’s guidance and the state’s intervention, and look forward to the restoration of the health system and to a return to the prioritization of patients over profits once again in Delaware County.

PASNAP, the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, represents 11,000+ frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across Pennsylvania – including 1,000 nurses, techs, medical professionals, and paramedics within the Crozer Health system – and was founded on the belief that patients receive the best care when clinical-care staff have a strong voice to advocate for both patients and themselves.