



Prevention, Access, Collaboration

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Statement Regarding the Planned Closing of Maternity Services at Sharon Hospital

The Foundation for Community Health (FCH) understands our community's concerns about the recent announcement that the maternity services at Sharon Hospital are to be discontinued. The loss of maternity services is both a practical and an emotional issue in a small rural community like ours. We strongly urge all parties to continue to explore all potential opportunities for the common goal of ensuring access to quality and safe labor and delivery services for residents in our community.

In keeping with our value of bringing people together for a common goal, we stand ready to work with the appropriate parties as a facilitator at a convening of major stakeholders to explore possible solutions.

At this time, it is also important for us to clarify some misinformation that has been generated in recent public conversations.

FCH is an independent not-for-profit foundation dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the local community. While FCH facilitated Health Quest's acquisition of Sharon Hospital, and recommended candidates for the new Sharon Hospital board, FCH has no oversight or supervisory authority over Health Quest or Sharon Hospital. The regulatory oversight of Sharon Hospital resides with State of Connecticut, specifically with the Department of Public Health, the Office of Health Strategy and the Office of the Attorney General.

FCH is dedicated to sustaining and enhancing the health of the residents in our community. We accomplish this through our leadership and support of initiatives that promote prevention, increase access, and strengthen collaborative efforts to improve local healthcare outcomes.

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