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PACE North

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PACE North Wants to Serve More Seniors

PACE North seeking resolution with Grand Traverse County on Lease Agreement

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About PACE North

PACE North is the provider of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) for Northern Michigan. PACE is an innovative healthcare model serving qualified seniors (55+) living in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, and Wexford counties.

PACE North provides the entire continuum of medical care and long-term services and support for seniors with chronic care needs to help maintain independence in their home for as long as possible. PACE North partners with caregivers and provides hands-on care with an interdisciplinary approach. PACE North currently serves 234 seniors throughout seven counties.

The Issue

PACE North has been defending itself in a lawsuit brought against it by the Grand Traverse County Health and Human Services Board (the Grand Traverse Pavilions) for more than a year involving a Management Agreement between the parties. The Management Agreement was established prior to PACE North opening in 2018. Although the parties have been in discussions to resolve the dispute, negotiations have stalled, in part, due to clarifications needed in the various leases entered into between PACE North, Grand Traverse Pavilions and Grand Traverse County and the Grand Traverse Building Authority for the building at 2325 Garfield Road North, where PACE North operates.

The lease between PACE North and Grand Traverse Pavilions provides that PACE North will own the building when the outstanding bonds used to finance the building are retired or paid in full by PACE North.

In an attempt to resolve questions about PACE North's rights under its lease with Grand Traverse Pavilions, PACE North found it necessary to add Grand Traverse County to the pending lawsuit. PACE North is asking the Court to review the various agreements between the parties impacting the ownership of the building and to have the Court declare the rights of the parties thereunder, including PACE North's right to own the building once the bond obligations are paid in full by PACE North.

PACE North desires a prompt and fair resolution to the pending dispute, however, it also needs to enforce its rights to own its building under the terms of the agreement with Grand Traverse Pavilions which requires Grand Traverse County to be involved with transferring their interest in the building to PACE North when the bond obligations per the lease are paid in full. There are over 2,000 seniors who are PACE-eligible in this region. Failure to resolve this dispute is impeding our ability to serve more seniors who need help.

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