



“This is not about politics. This is a matter of life and death”

Pungo Hospital Facts*

\$14-\$17 million per year will be taken out of the economy in our area because of the closure.

\$45 million a year is already spent on 5,000 Medicare and Medicaid enrollees in the area.

The hospital can be profitable in **3 years** with the new plan.

The new plan would reduce the beds from **50 to 10 beds**.

Over **23,000 people** are going without emergency services in

Beaufort and Hyde counties due to the closure.

Some live **84 miles** away from the nearest emergency room.



*From 5-year business plan sponsored by the town of Belhaven and vetted by three different consultants

What can we do to reopen our hospital?

1. Share this flyer with your friends and neighbors. Have informational meetings at home, churches or community centers with this flyer and videos from www.storyofamerica.org (DVDs will be available soon).
2. Tell our elected representatives that our hospital can be financially viable with our new business plan and Vidant Health must return the hospital to the community. Ask them to do what they can to expedite the federal investigations of Vidant's actions requested by the NC NAACP in a filed Title 6 complaint.
 - Senator Kay Hagan - (252) 754-0707
 - Senator Richard Burr - (252) 977-9522
 - Rep. G.K. Butterfield - (202) 225-3101
 - Rep. Walter Jones - (252) 931-1003
 - Governor Pat McCrory - (919) 814-2000
 - NC State Sen. Bill Cook - (919) 715-8293
 - NC Rep. Paul Tine - (252) 305-5133
3. Tell the federal government, which grants millions of dollars to Vidant Health, to cut off its funds until it keeps its promises to the people of Beaufort and Hyde counties. Call Tim Noonan, Regional Manager, US. Dept. of HHS OCR (800) 368-1019.
4. Provide the attorney for our Title VI Complaint, Al McSurely, with any evidence that would be useful to the federal investigation of Vidant Health from 2010 to the present. Email lawyers@mcsurely.com.
5. Sign up for updates on:

www.saveourhospital.org



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Myths & Facts about Pungo District Hospital

Myth

Fact

We can't afford a hospital in our community.

Pungo Hospital, built with federal funds in 1949, is a Critical Access Hospital, which has broken even most of the time. Vidant Health overstaffed and mismanaged it the past two years.

The 5-year business plan -- sponsored by the town of Belhaven and vetted by three different consultants -- projects that by being realistic about the number of beds and staff needed, profitable in three years.

Vidant Health will leave Belhaven if the community retakes the hospital.

Vidant has told federal officials that after it transfers the hospital to the community, it will still operate a clinic here.

Poor people are to blame for the hospital closing.

People from all income levels are factored into the 5-year business plan. \$45 million a year is already spent on approximately 5000 Medicare and Medicaid enrollees in the area served by Pungo Hospital.

The building is in disrepair and should be torn down.

The building is in good shape. Vidant did not attend to a mold problem in one hallway, but this can be easily addressed. The roof needs repairing. A rumor was started that the building was once flooded. This is not true. The building, with some minor repairs, is one of the best rural hospital buildings in the country.

Why should we try to save the hospital?

If the hospital closes, our town and region will lose \$14-\$17 million annually from our economy. This will mean fewer jobs, more struggling businesses, and higher taxes.

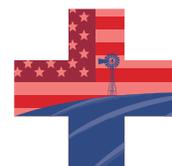
Some people live 84 miles away from the nearest emergency room now. If you have a heart attack, the first hour is critical.

There are limited diagnostic abilities at the Vidant clinic or on the ambulances leading to lives lost needlessly due to lack of treatment.

Vidant's 24-hour clinic has emergency services.

The Vidant clinic does not have emergency services. A placard placed on the wall of the hospital's emergency room instructs people to go to the clinic "for non-emergent "Call 911."

For more information
email healthycommunitiesunited@gmail.com
or call 252-945-3340



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