

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2004 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-28-2004

Proposed by Chairman Knotts and Vice-Chairman Dean

Introduced by Council Members Knotts, Dean, Hendershot, Shapiro, Harrington, Exum,

Peters and Bland

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 20, 2004

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Dimensions Healthcare Systems, Inc.

3 For the purpose of stating the position of the County Council regarding support of Dimensions
4 Healthcare Systems, Inc. and the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the
5 State of Maryland, as amended.

6 WHEREAS, the County Council understands the importance of issues surrounding the
7 fiscal stability of Dimensions Healthcare Systems, Inc. (Dimensions Healthcare) and the delivery
8 of adequate healthcare services to the citizens and residents of Prince George's County; and

9 Whereas, the County Council must exercise the fiduciary responsibilities assigned to the
10 Council in the County Charter; and

11 WHEREAS, the County Council also serves as the Board of Health with an obligation to
12 establish and monitor health policies in the County; and

13 WHEREAS, on November 25, 2003, the County Council, in partnership with the County
14 Executive, enacted CB-98-2003, to provide for an immediate cash infusion of \$5 Million to
15 stabilize the fiscal situation of Dimensions Healthcare Systems, Inc. "Dimensions Healthcare"
16 and stands ready to continue an active and appropriate role in planning, funding, and overseeing
17 appropriate corrective action in the County's healthcare delivery; and

18 WHEREAS, Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and County Executive Jack B.
19 Johnson negotiated and executed a Memorandum of Understanding dated February 20, 2004,
20 which Memorandum of Understanding was amended on April 19, 2004, to formulate a Financial

1 Action Plan and provide additional oversight for Dimensions Healthcare in an effort to preserve
2 the financially strapped Prince George's Hospital Center; and

3 WHEREAS, the County Council has undertaken a review of the existing financial
4 condition of Dimensions Healthcare; the Memorandum of Understanding, as amended; the
5 position of legal counsel representing owners of bonds issued on behalf of Dimensions
6 Healthcare; the audit issued by Dimensions Healthcare's auditor; the Workers Compensation
7 Commission's examination of Dimensions Healthcare's status as a self-insurer; the needs of
8 uninsured and underinsured persons who receive medical care provided by Dimensions
9 Healthcare; and the needs of employees and former employees of Dimensions Healthcare; and

10 WHEREAS, the County Council is anxious to see the fiscal crisis affecting Dimensions
11 Healthcare, which has negatively affected the public health, safety and welfare of County
12 citizens, resolved in a timely manner; and

13 WHEREAS, by CR-16-2004, the County Council made known its concerns that must be
14 satisfied prior to any request for approval of further appropriations to the hospital system;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
16 County, Maryland, that the Council has received satisfactory responses to concerns previously
17 expressed and hereby expresses its support for the Memorandum of Understanding dated
18 February 20, 2004, together with the amendments thereto agreed to on April 19, 2004, a copy of
19 which is attached hereto as Attachment A.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Council shall provide a copy
21 of this resolution to the Governor, the County Executive, the Board of Directors of Dimensions
22 Healthcare, Ernst & Young, the Chair of the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee, the Chairs of
23 the House and Senate Delegations for the County, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of
24 Health and Mental Hygiene and the Chairman of the Health Services Cost Review Commission.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 2004.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Tony Knotts
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

Attachment A available in hard copy only