

**Weems CEO Report to the Franklin County Board of County Commission
December 3, 2019**

Weems Annual Hospital Audit – We are during our Annual Audit and after the Audit is completed, we will ask CRI to give a presentation to the Board of County Commission with the findings.

October 2019 Request for Funds Update – In October 2019, we had anticipated needing additional funding from the County to assist us with our payroll for last month because we had 3 payroll dates. We made our payroll without needing the additional money. Therefore, we did not request it.

Managed Care Contracting Update – We are still in the process of reviewing and renegotiating our Managed Care Contracts. Our current contract rates are low, and we are re-negotiating for higher rates. Blue Cross/Blue Shield has been re-negotiated for better rates.

Florida Department of Health Office of Rural Health – The Office of Rural Health assisted us with applying for a grant with the Center for Optimizing Rural Health at Texas A & M University. Texas A & M has a Vulnerable Rural Hospital Assistance Program which offers Technical Assistance to vulnerable hospitals. Notifications of grant awards will be release at the end of December 2019.

Partnership with Franklin County Health Department – Will have partnered with the local health department to provide Hepatitis and Rabies Vaccinations.

IT Update – We need to update our IT equipment and systems. Our IT equipment is very outdated. A more pressing need is to update our email software for protection against phishing and outside threats. We have a quote for \$9,516 to update our email and web protections.

FSU School of Medicine – We had a great phone call with Dr. Bryant Howren at FSU College of College of Medicine 's Rural Health Policy & Research Center. He is interested in partnering with us to jointly apply for federal grants which targets Population Based Health Initiatives in Rural communities.