George E. Weems Memorial Hospital (FL)

George E. Weems Memorial Hospital (Weems) is a 25-bed critical-access facility that operates health clinics in Carrabelle and Apalachicola, FL. The hospital has strong ties to its community and to the Florida State Office of Rural Health. In 2007, the community passed a surtax solely to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare in Franklin County.

Weems leadership has been working diligently to increase staff retention and education. Management is investing in employees by bringing in Athena training to cultivate in-house expertise; hiring a full-time, in-house coder rather than outsourcing the work; reassessing hospital employee benefits; and providing additional training for revenue-cycle managers.

Though the Carrabelle and Apalachicola clinics offer local residents primary care and other services, the county is experiencing a shortage of needed care. To recruit more providers, Weems can benefit from the established relationships with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and Alliant Management Services.

There are many opportunities for Weems to expand its existing services, assess its employee benefits, and improve its internal processes. CORH looks forward to providing technical assistance and guidance to Weems so the hospital can continue providing the best possible care to residents of Franklin County.

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