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**Oconee Regional Medical Center Launches Informational Website Dedicated to Educating
Community on Plan to Move Forward**

OconeeRegionalForward.com to seek community input, answer questions, and more

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. – (June 19, 2015) – Oconee Regional Medical Center has launched a new informational website – **OconeeRegionalForward.com** – as a way to educate employees, physicians and the community on a number of significant efforts underway to strengthen Oconee Regional and ensure the hospital continues to provide excellent care to the 90,000 people it serves.

Importantly, the informational website does not replace Oconee Regional’s main website, OconeeRegional.com, where patients should still go to search for a doctor, find procedure information, review their health records, and all of the activities the main hospital website is currently purposed for.

Instead, the informational site describes the financial and operational challenges affecting the hospital and hospitals like it across the country, the steps Oconee Regional is taking to move forward, its partnership with Navicent Health (formerly The Medical Center of Central Georgia) and what it means for patients, and more. The site also has a Frequently Asked Questions page to house the latest questions and answers, as well as a form that can be submitted to provide input and ask individual questions.

“We’ve heard from our employees, physicians and community members in recent weeks that they would like to better understand the work we are doing to restore Oconee Regional’s financial and operational health,” said Dave Groseclose, chairman of Oconee Regional’s board of directors. “This site is designed to do just that, as well as to provide a place for folks to share their thoughts and questions with us.”

The steps highlighted on the informational website that Oconee Regional is taking to move forward include:

- A recent change in leadership, which offers an opportunity for fresh ideas and a new direction for the hospital;
- The development of a thorough and thoughtful process to find interim leadership and a long-term CEO;
- The reinvigoration of two internal groups to provide feedback – a Physician Strategic Advisory Council and an Employee Advisory Council;
- The launch of a true strategic planning process to create a solid financial plan, explore a variety of service enhancements and facility improvements, develop a plan to retain and recruit needed physicians to the area, and more;

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- The commitment to keeping employees and the community informed through various channels and offering opportunities to provide input along the way;
- And more.

“We’ve made important strides to put Oconee Regional back on a solid path, but there is still much more work ahead,” said Ted Zarkowsky, chairman of ORMC Health System Inc. “This is a critical time for this system and our community. We want to ensure that the people who matter most to us understand the hard work underway and have another place to get updates as we move forward.”

The informational site will be updated with the latest news, new questions and answers, and more as available. Visit **OconeeRegionalForward.com** to learn more.

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