

Preferred Family Healthcare Statement:

The indictment of Tom and Bontiea Goss is the culmination of a two-and-a-half-year investigation conducted by several governmental agencies, with the full cooperation of Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH).

PFH is a victim of the actions alleged in the indictment. Mr. and Mrs. Goss were principal officers of Alternative Opportunities (AO), an organization based in Springfield, MO. In 2014, AO approached Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH), headquartered in Kirksville, MO, with a merger proposal. PFH was a highly respected provider of community-based behavioral health services. At the time of the merger proposal, Mr. and Mrs. Goss knew that federal prosecutors were investigating public corruption by AO, but they concealed the existence of that investigation from PFH. Even following the merger, Mr. and Mrs. Goss continued for an extended period to conceal the investigations and substance of the public corruption claims.

Since June of 2016, when the investigation was first disclosed to its full Board, PFH has cooperated fully with the government investigation. This investigation disclosed a pattern of improper payments and transactions designed to personally benefit Mr. and Mrs. Goss and other company officers and representatives in clear violation of their fiduciary responsibility to the organization. When the full scope of the misdeeds came to light, PFH terminated the employment of Mr. and Mrs. Goss (and other officers involved) and filed suit against them (document attached) and others to recover the losses resulting from their improper actions.

PFH is now focusing on the future. President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Schwend made this clear. "The last few years have been difficult to say the least, but we have emerged a better and stronger organization, with new leadership and a renewed focus on our core mission of providing needed help to the most vulnerable populations among us. As we look to the future of PFH, we are once again very proud to lead this wonderful company and its 3,200 dedicated and passionate employees."