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**FORM 10-Q**

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2014

Or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Transition Period From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_



**CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or organization)*

**0-33169**

*Commission  
file number*

**13-4066229**

*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)*

**6551 Park of Commerce Blvd, N.W.  
Boca Raton, Florida 33487**

*(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)*

**(561) 998-2232**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**Not Applicable**

*(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)*

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The registrant had outstanding 31,244,525 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, as of July 31, 2014.

## INFORMATION RELATING TO FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In addition to historical information, this Form 10-Q contains statements relating to our future results (including certain projections and business trends) that are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and are subject to the “safe harbor” created by those sections. Words such as “expects”, “anticipates”, “intends”, “plans”, “believes”, “estimates”, “suggests”, “seeks”, “will” and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results and performance to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: our ability to attract and retain qualified nurses, physicians and other healthcare personnel, costs and availability of short-term housing for our travel healthcare professionals, demand for the healthcare services we provide, both nationally and in the regions in which we operate, the functioning of our information systems, the effect of existing or future government regulation and federal and state legislative and enforcement initiatives on our business, our clients’ ability to pay us for our services, our ability to successfully implement our acquisition and development strategies including our ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses and realize synergies from such acquisitions, the effect of liabilities and other claims asserted against us, the effect of competition in the markets we serve, our ability to successfully defend the Company, its subsidiaries, and its officers and directors on the merits of any lawsuit or determine its potential liability, if any, and other factors set forth in Item 1.A. “Risk Factors” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, as filed and updated in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Although we believe that these statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, we cannot guarantee future results and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management’s opinions only as of the date of this filing. There can be no assurance that (i) we have correctly measured or identified all of the factors affecting our business or the extent of these factors’ likely impact, (ii) the available information with respect to these factors on which such analysis is based is complete or accurate, (iii) such analysis is correct or (iv) our strategy, which is based in part on this analysis, will be successful. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements.

All references to “the Company”, “we”, “us”, “our”, or “Cross Country” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q mean Cross Country Healthcare, Inc., and its consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Amounts in thousands)**

	June 30, 2014 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2013
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,293	\$ 8,055
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,238 in 2014 and \$1,651 in 2013	106,901	60,750
Income taxes receivable	648	538
Prepaid expenses	7,752	6,163
Insurance recovery receivable	6,507	3,886
Indemnity escrow receivable	3,750	3,750
Other current assets	749	793
Total current assets	135,600	83,935
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$46,642 in 2014 and \$44,779 in 2013	12,394	6,170
Trade names, net	46,501	42,301
Goodwill, net	96,034	77,266
Other identifiable intangible assets, net	32,829	26,198
Debt issuance costs, net	1,260	464
Non-current insurance recovery receivable	16,056	10,914
Non-current security deposits	705	997
Total assets	\$ 341,379	\$ 248,245
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 21,717	\$ 10,272
Accrued compensation and benefits	37,046	19,148
Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	11,711	8,483
Sales tax payable	2,530	2,404
Deferred tax liabilities	622	535
Other current liabilities	1,556	4,063
Total current liabilities	75,182	44,905
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations	53,086	93
Non-current deferred tax liabilities	18,475	16,849
Long-term accrued claims	28,302	18,303
Long-term deferred purchase price	2,500	—
Long-term unrecognized tax benefits	2,475	4,013
Other long-term liabilities	4,116	3,415
Total liabilities	184,136	87,578
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock	3	3
Additional paid-in capital	246,637	246,325
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,040)	(970)
Accumulated deficit	(88,655)	(84,691)
Total Cross Country Healthcare stockholders' equity	156,945	160,667
Non-controlling interest	298	—
Total stockholders' equity	157,243	160,667
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 341,379	\$ 248,245

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements



**CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenue from services	\$ 122,656	\$ 110,768	\$ 240,747	\$ 221,084
Operating expenses:				
Direct operating expenses	90,220	82,930	177,861	164,370
Selling, general and administrative expenses	29,167	26,603	58,622	53,668
Bad debt expense	32	132	464	554
Depreciation	817	1,040	1,791	2,062
Amortization	784	566	1,569	1,132
Acquisition and integration costs	2,747	—	3,042	—
Restructuring costs	755	375	755	375
Legal settlement charge	—	750	—	750
Total operating expenses	124,522	112,396	244,104	222,911
Loss from operations	(1,866)	(1,628)	(3,357)	(1,827)
Other expenses (income):				
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	27	(110)	74	(101)
Interest expense	289	164	544	444
Loss on early extinguishment and modification of debt	—	—	—	1,419
Other (income) expense, net	(7)	10	54	(51)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(2,175)	(1,692)	(4,029)	(3,538)
Income tax expense (benefit)	1,006	(257)	(65)	(757)
Loss from continuing operations	(3,181)	(1,435)	(3,964)	(2,781)
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	—	(22)	—	2,482
Net loss	\$ (3,181)	\$ (1,457)	\$ (3,964)	\$ (299)
Basic (loss) income per common share from:				
Continuing operations	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.09)
Discontinued operations	—	—	—	0.08
Net loss	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.01)
Diluted (loss) income per common share from:				
Continuing operations	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.09)
Discontinued operations	—	—	—	0.08
Net loss	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.01)
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	31,151	30,961	31,125	30,932
Diluted	31,151	30,961	31,125	30,932

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements

**CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME**  
(Unaudited, amounts in thousands)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net loss	\$ (3,181)	\$ (1,457)	\$ (3,964)	\$ (299)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, before tax:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(3)	(277)	92	(285)
Reclassification of currency translation adjustments related to sale of clinical trial services business (see Note 5 - Comprehensive Income)	—	—	—	2,337
Other comprehensive (loss) income, before tax	(3)	(277)	92	2,052
Income tax (benefit) expense related to items of other comprehensive income	—	(99)	162	(130)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(3)	(178)	(70)	2,182
Comprehensive (loss) income	<u>\$ (3,184)</u>	<u>\$ (1,635)</u>	<u>\$ (4,034)</u>	<u>\$ 1,883</u>

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements

**CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Unaudited, amounts in thousands)

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2014	2013
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net loss	\$ (3,964)	\$ (299)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,791	2,062
Amortization	1,569	1,132
Bad debt expense	464	559
Loss on early extinguishment and modification of debt	—	1,419
Deferred income tax expense	1,558	2,505
Amortization of debt issuance costs	109	118
Equity compensation	542	1,184
Gain on sale of clinical trial services business	—	(4,085)
Other noncash costs	99	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(9,198)	(322)
Other assets	61	(328)
Income taxes	(2,636)	(1,487)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,820	1,234
Other liabilities	(746)	706
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(5,531)	4,398
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Proceeds from sale of clinical trial services business segment, net of cash sold and transaction costs	—	45,897
Acquisition of assets of Medical Staffing Network, net of cash acquired	(45,359)	—
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,849)	(427)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(48,208)	45,470
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Principal repayments on term loan	—	(23,125)
Proceeds from borrowing on term loan	28,875	—
Proceeds from borrowing on convertible note	24,063	—
Repayments on revolving credit facility	—	(10,000)
Repayments on asset-based revolving credit facility	(27,700)	(49,244)
Borrowings under asset-based revolving credit facility	30,905	49,244
Principal payments on capital lease obligations and note payable	(70)	(349)
Repurchase of stock for restricted stock tax withholdings	(229)	(301)
Debt issuance costs	(905)	(506)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	54,939	(34,281)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	38	(135)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	1,238	15,452
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	8,055	10,463
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 9,293	\$ 25,915

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements

**1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. and its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, the Company). All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) for complete financial statements. These operating results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014.

These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2013 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The December 31, 2013 condensed consolidated balance sheet included herein was derived from the December 31, 2013 audited consolidated balance sheet included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation (see Note 12 – Segment Data for more information).

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements, in conformity with U.S. GAAP, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Estimates are used for, but not limited to, the valuation of accounts receivable, goodwill and intangible assets, other long-lived assets, accruals for health, workers' compensation and professional liability claims, derivative liability, legal contingencies, future contingent considerations, income taxes and sales and other non-income tax liabilities. Accrued claims and reserves include estimated settlements from known claims and actuarial estimates for claims incurred but not reported. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included.

**Debt Discount**

Stated discounts on proceeds, and other fees reimbursed to lender, as well as the value of any embedded derivative features of the Convertible Notes and Term Loans are treated as a discount associated with the respective debt instrument and presented in the balance sheet as an offset to the carrying amount of the debt. Discounts are amortized to interest expense using the effective interest rate method, or a method that approximates the effective interest rate method, over the expected life of the debt.

**Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Company evaluates embedded conversion features within convertible debt under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, to determine whether the embedded conversion feature should be bifurcated from the host instrument and accounted for as a derivative at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in other expense (income) on our condensed consolidated statement of operations. The Company uses a trinomial lattice model to estimate the fair value of embedded conversion and redemption features in its convertible debt at the end of each applicable reporting period. Changes in the fair value of these derivatives during each reporting period will be reported in the consolidated statement of operations. Inputs into the model require estimates, including such items as estimated volatility of the Company's stock, estimated probabilities of change of control and issuance of additional financing, risk-free interest rate and the estimated life of the financial instruments being fair valued. The fair value at inception has been recorded as debt discount and will be amortized to interest expense over the term of the note using the effective interest method or another method that approximates the effective interest method.

## Performance-Based Restricted Stock Compensation

The Company granted performance-based shares to certain key personnel pursuant to its 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan as described in Note 11- Stockholders' Equity. Pursuant to the Plan the number of target shares that will vest are determined based on the level of attainment of the targets. If the minimum level of performance is attained, restricted stock will vest on December 31, 2016. The Company recognizes performance-based restricted stock as compensation expense based on the most likely probability of attaining the prescribed performance and over the requisite service period beginning at its grant date and through the date the restricted stock vests.

## 3. ACQUISITIONS

### *Medical Staffing Network*

On June 30, 2014, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets and certain liabilities of Medical Staffing Network Healthcare, LLC (MSN) for an aggregate purchase price of \$48.1 million, subject to certain post-closing net working capital adjustments. The Company funded \$45.4 million at closing, net of cash acquired, of which \$1.0 million was funded to an escrow account for the net working capital adjustment. An additional \$2.5 million was deferred and is due to the seller in 21 months, less any COBRA expenses incurred by the Company on behalf of former MSN employees over that period.

The Company financed the purchase price using \$55.0 million in new subordinated debt consisting of a \$30.0 million, 5-year term loan and \$25.0 million of convertible notes having a 6-year maturity and a conversion price of \$7.10. The Company also amended its loan agreement with Bank of America, N.A. to increase its borrowing capacity under its senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility from \$65.0 million to \$85.0 million. See Note 8 - Debt for further information.

At the time of the acquisition, MSN had 55 locations throughout the U.S. that provide per diem, local, contract, travel, and permanent hire staffing services. This acquisition increases the Company's branch network and market share, diversifies its customer base and brings new service lines. Management believes it positions the Company to serve its customers better and to increase earnings growth through improved fill rates, expansion of its managed service programs and per diem activities, and the recognition of cost synergies.

The acquisition has been accounted for in accordance with FASB ASC 805, *Business Combinations*, using the purchase method. The results of the acquisition's operations will be included in the consolidated statements of operations from July 1, 2014 due to their immaterial impact on June 30, 2014, the date of the acquisition. Accordingly, the MSN operations are not included in our accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations, cash flows or comprehensive (loss) income for the three or six months ended June 30, 2014. The Company expects the results of the MSN acquisition to be substantially reported through its nurse and allied business segment.

The following table is an estimate of the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed subject to completion of the post-closing net working capital adjustment.

	(amounts in thousands)	
Cash acquired	\$	462
Accounts receivables, net		37,417
Other current assets		3,012
Property and equipment		5,113
Goodwill		18,768
Other intangible assets		12,400
Other assets		2,326
Total assets acquired		<u>79,498</u>
Accounts payable		7,269
Accrued employee compensation and benefits		14,013
Other liabilities		9,867
Total liabilities assumed		<u>31,149</u>
Non-controlling interest		298
Net assets acquired	\$	<u><u>48,051</u></u>

The Company is using a third-party appraiser to determine the fair value and estimated useful lives of certain acquired assets and liabilities. The gross contractual accounts receivable of the business are \$38.1 million and were recorded net of the Company's best estimate of receivables not expected to be collected of \$0.7 million.

As of June 30, 2014, the self insurance accruals and liabilities for workers' compensation and professional liability were based on preliminary third-party appraisals which are subject to final actuarial reports. The Company provides workers' compensation insurance coverage and professional liability coverage for our eligible temporary healthcare professionals. As part of the MSN acquisition, the Company assumed MSN's workers compensation and professional liability claims (both known claims and those incurred but not reported or IBNR). The MSN workers' compensation benefits are provided under a partially self-insured plan. The workers' compensation insurer requires that the Company provide a letter of credit to guarantee payments of those workers' compensation claims. The Company also purchased an aggregate stop loss policy that attaches at \$2.3 million for known MSN professional liability claims with a policy limit of \$5.0 million. For IBNR claims of MSN, the Company purchased a primary professional liability policy that provides each temporary healthcare professional with coverage of \$1.0 million per occurrence and \$5.0 million in the aggregate. This policy does not have a deductible. The Company also purchased an excess layer of insurance for MSN IBNR professional liability claims having limits of \$1.0 million per occurrence and \$6.0 million in the aggregate.

Based on the preliminary independent third-party appraisal, the Company assigned the following values to intangible and other identifiable assets: \$4.2 million to trade names with an indefinite life, \$1.5 million to customer relations with a weighted average estimated useful life of 13 years and \$6.7 million to a database with an estimated useful life of 10 years, for a total of \$8.2 million in definite life intangible assets with a weighted average estimated useful life of 11 years. The Company also assigned an estimated fair value of \$0.3 million to the non-controlling interest in InteliStaf of Oklahoma, LLC, a joint venture between MSN and a third party. The remaining excess of purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired of \$18.8 million was recorded as goodwill, which is expected to be deductible for tax purposes. Additional acquisition-related costs of approximately \$2.4 million were incurred and are reflected as acquisition and integration costs on the Company's condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

In December 2013, the Company acquired the operating assets of On Assignment, Inc.'s Allied Healthcare Staffing division (the acquired allied staffing business) for an aggregate purchase price of \$28.7 million, subject to certain post-closing adjustments. Excluded from the transaction were the accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued compensation of the business acquired. The Company used \$24.7 million in cash on hand and \$4.5 million from borrowings under its senior secured asset based revolving credit facility with Bank of America, N.A. to pay the purchase price and approximately \$0.5 million in transaction costs. Subsequent to December 31, 2013, an immaterial post-closing adjustment was made.

As of the date of this filing, 21 leases have been either assumed or entered into by the Company representing approximately \$2.3 million of operating lease future payments.

The Company believes the acquisition complements its current nurse and allied staffing business segment by: (1) adding new skillsets to its traditional staffing offerings, (2) expanding its local branch network, which will allow it to expand its local market presence and its MSP business, and (3) diversifying its customer base into the local ambulatory care and smaller local healthcare facilities, which the Company believes will provide more balance between its large volume based customers and its local retail market.

At the time of the acquisition, the acquired allied staffing business had 84 branch-based employees and made placements in more than 125 specialties from 23 branch offices.

The acquisition has been accounted for in accordance with FASB ASC *Topic 805, Business Combinations*, using the purchase method. The results of the acquisition's operations have been included in the consolidated statements of operations since December 2, 2013, the date of the acquisition. The acquired allied staffing business has been included with the Company's nurse and allied staffing business segment.

The following table summarizes the approximate fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The Company used a third-party appraiser to determine the fair value and estimated useful lives of acquired assets and liabilities.

	(amounts in thousands)
Other current assets	\$ 62
Property and equipment	161
Goodwill	14,554
Other intangible assets	14,000
Other assets	52
<b>Total assets acquired</b>	<b>28,829</b>
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	112
<b>Total liabilities assumed</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Net assets acquired</b>	<b>\$ 28,717</b>

Based on the final independent third-party appraisal, the Company assigned the following values to intangible and other identifiable assets: \$10.4 million to customer relations with an estimated useful life of 16 years, \$3.4 million to database with an estimated useful life of 10 years, and \$0.2 million to non-compete agreements with a useful life of 5 years, in a total \$14.0 million and a weighted average estimated useful life of 14 years. The remaining excess of purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired of \$14.6 million was recorded as goodwill, which is expected to be deductible for tax purposes. Additional acquisition-related costs of approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.6 million were incurred and are reflected as acquisition and integration costs on the Company's consolidated statement of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively.

The following unaudited pro forma financial information approximates the consolidated results of operations of the Company as if the MSN and allied staffing business acquisitions had occurred as of January 1, 2013, after giving effect to certain adjustments, including additional interest expense on the amount the Company borrowed on the date of the transaction, the amortization of acquired intangible assets and the elimination of certain expenses that will not be recurring in post-acquisition

periods, net of an estimated income tax impact. These results are not necessarily indicative of future results as they do not include incremental investments in support functions, cost reductions or operating synergies, estimates of the changes in the fair value of the embedded derivative in our Convertible Notes or an estimate of any impact on interest expense resulting from the operating cash flow of the acquired business, among other adjustments that could be made in the future but are not factually supportable on the date of the transaction.

	<b>Six Months Ended</b>		<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>June 30, 2014</b>		<b>June 30, 2013</b>	
	(unaudited, amounts in thousands)			
Revenue from services	\$	362,818	\$	354,951
Net loss	\$	(1,978)	\$	(2,524)
Net loss per common share - basic	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.08)
Net loss per common share - diluted	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.08)

#### *MDA Holdings, Inc.*

In September 2008, the Company consummated the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of privately-held MDA Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries and all of the outstanding stock of Jamestown Indemnity Ltd., a Cayman Island company and wholly-owned subsidiary (collectively, MDA). As of June 30, 2014, an indemnification escrow account of \$3.6 million exists.

#### **4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

The clinical trial services business provided clinical trial, drug safety, and regulatory professionals and services on a contract staffing and outsourced basis to companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, as well as to contract research organizations, primarily in the United States, and also in Canada and Europe.

On February 15, 2013, the Company completed the sale of its previously discontinued clinical trial services business to ICON Clinical Research, Inc. and ICON Clinical Research UK Limited (the "Buyer") for an aggregate \$52.0 million in cash, subject to certain adjustments. At closing, the total amount paid was reduced by \$0.1 million for the amount the Targeted Net Working Capital exceeded the Estimated Net Working Capital. During the fourth quarter of 2013, the Company paid an additional \$0.2 million to the Buyer to finalize the Net Working Capital adjustment, pursuant to the asset purchase agreement.

The agreement included a provision for an earn-out of up to \$3.75 million related to certain performance-based milestones. The maximum earn-out amount of \$3.75 million was deposited in escrow by Buyer as security for the earn-out payment, if any. The \$3.75 million earn out related to certain performance-based milestones was treated as contingent consideration and the Company assigned no fair value to this earn-out as of June 30, 2014 based on recent information available to the Company. In addition, a portion of the performance-based milestones was not earned, and as a result \$1.5 million of the original escrow was released to the Buyer in the second quarter of 2013, leaving a balance of \$2.25 million as of June 30, 2014 which was released in July 2014.

Of the \$52.0 million purchase price paid at closing, \$3.75 million was also placed in escrow for a period of 18 months following the closing to provide partial security to the Buyer in the event of any breach of the representations, warranties and covenants of the Company. The Company recorded the \$3.75 million indemnity escrow funds as an escrow receivable, and will adjust the amount, each reporting period, based on any known information that may arise that would be reasonable and estimable. As of June 30, 2014 there was no known information about any indemnity claims. See Note 10 – Fair Value Measurements for more information.

As a result of the disposal, the underlying operations and cash flows of the clinical trial services business have been eliminated from the Company's continuing operations and the Company no longer has the ability to influence the operating and/or financial policies of the disposal group. The historical financial results of operations, except for disclosures related to cash flows, have been presented as discontinued operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013.

The following table presents the revenues and the components of discontinued operations, net of tax:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2013	Six Months Ended June 30, 2013
	(amounts in thousands)	
Revenue	\$ —	\$ 7,939
Income from discontinued operations before gain on sale and income taxes	—	483
(Loss) gain on sale of discontinued operations	(73)	4,085
Income tax benefit (expense)	51	(2,086)
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	\$ (22)	\$ 2,482

## 5. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Total comprehensive (loss) income includes net (loss) income, foreign currency translation adjustments and reclassification of foreign currency adjustments, net of any related deferred taxes. Certain of the Company's foreign operations use their respective local currency as their functional currency. In accordance with ASC 830, *Foreign Currency Matters*, assets and liabilities of these operations are translated at the exchange rates in effect on the balance sheet date. Statement of operations items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period. The cumulative impact of currency translation is included in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets and was \$1.0 million and \$1.1 million at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

Pursuant to Accounting Standard Update (ASU) 2013-5, *Foreign Currency Matters (Topic 830), Parent's Accounting for the Cumulative Translation Adjustment upon Derecognition of Certain Subsidiaries or Groups of Assets within a Foreign Entity or of an Investment in a Foreign Entity (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force)* (ASU 2013-5) the Company released into earnings \$2.3 million of its cumulative currency translation losses related to the sale of clinical trial services business in the first quarter of 2013, which was included in the income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

## 6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

In accordance with the requirements of the ASC 260, *Earnings Per Share* Topic of the FASB ASC, basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net (loss) income by the weighted average number of shares outstanding (excluding unvested restricted stock) and diluted earnings per share reflects the dilutive effects of stock options and restricted stock (as calculated utilizing the treasury stock method).

Certain shares of common stock that are issuable upon the exercise of options and vesting of restricted stock have been excluded from the per share calculations because their effect would have been anti-dilutive. Such shares amounted to: 1,030,542 and 689,182 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, and 1,807,044 and 1,780,294 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively. For purposes of calculating net (loss) income per common share, the Company excluded potentially dilutive shares of: 212,880 and 332,561 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, and 155,760 and 165,567 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively, from the calculation as their effect would have been anti-dilutive due to the Company's net loss from continuing operations in those periods.

Contingently issuable shares of 3,521,126 as of June 30, 2014, related to Convertible Notes, as defined in Note 8- Debt, if converted, would have had an anti-dilutive effect, and as such, have been excluded from the per share calculations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

The following table sets forth the components of the numerator and denominator for the computation of the basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
(amounts in thousands, except per share data)				
Loss from continuing operations	\$ (3,181)	\$ (1,435)	\$ (3,964)	\$ (2,781)
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of tax	—	(22)	—	2,482
Net loss	<u>\$ (3,181)</u>	<u>\$ (1,457)</u>	<u>\$ (3,964)</u>	<u>\$ (299)</u>
Basic (loss) income per common share from:				
Continuing operations	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.09)
Discontinued operations	—	—	—	0.08
Net loss	<u>\$ (0.10)</u>	<u>\$ (0.05)</u>	<u>\$ (0.13)</u>	<u>\$ (0.01)</u>
Diluted (loss) income per common share from:				
Continuing operations	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.09)
Discontinued operations	—	—	—	0.08
Net loss	<u>\$ (0.10)</u>	<u>\$ (0.05)</u>	<u>\$ (0.13)</u>	<u>\$ (0.01)</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	31,151	30,961	31,125	30,932
Diluted	31,151	30,961	31,125	30,932

## 7. GOODWILL, TRADE NAMES AND OTHER IDENTIFIABLE INTANGIBLE ASSETS

As of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company had the following acquired intangible assets:

	June 30, 2014			December 31, 2013		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Net Carrying Amount
(amounts in thousands)						
Intangible assets subject to amortization (a):						
Databases	\$ 22,625	\$ 12,336	\$ 10,289	\$ 15,925	\$ 12,103	\$ 3,822
Customer relationships	38,804	16,440	22,364	37,304	15,125	22,179
Non-compete agreements	3,603	3,427	176	3,603	3,406	197
	<u>\$ 65,032</u>	<u>\$ 32,203</u>	<u>\$ 32,829</u>	<u>\$ 56,832</u>	<u>\$ 30,634</u>	<u>\$ 26,198</u>
Intangible assets not subject to amortization (a):						
Goodwill			\$ 96,034			\$ 77,266
Trade Names			46,501			42,301
			<u>\$ 142,535</u>			<u>\$ 119,567</u>

(a) Based on the timing of the MSN Acquisition, the estimated fair value of the intangible assets was recorded based on a preliminary valuation analysis. See Note 3 - Acquisitions.

As of June 30, 2014, estimated annual amortization expense for continuing operations is as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	(amounts in thousands)	
2014	\$	2,280
2015		3,694
2016		3,694
2017		3,649
2018		3,565
Thereafter		15,947
	\$	<u>32,829</u>

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by segment are as follows:

	Nurse And Allied Staffing	Physician Staffing	Other Human Capital Management Services	Total
(amounts in thousands)				
<b>Balances as of December 31, 2013</b>				
Aggregate goodwill acquired	\$ 274,286	\$ 43,405	\$ 19,307	\$ 336,998
Accumulated impairment loss (a)	(259,732)	—	—	(259,732)
Goodwill, net of impairment loss	14,554	43,405	19,307	77,266
<b>Changes to aggregate goodwill in 2014</b>				
Goodwill acquired (b)	18,768	—	—	18,768
<b>Balances as of June 30, 2014</b>				
Aggregate goodwill acquired	293,054	43,405	19,307	355,766
Accumulated impairment loss	(259,732)	—	—	(259,732)
Goodwill, net of impairment loss	<u>\$ 33,322</u>	<u>\$ 43,405</u>	<u>\$ 19,307</u>	<u>\$ 96,034</u>

(a) A non-cash pretax impairment charge of approximately \$241.0 million was recorded to reduce the carrying value of goodwill to its estimated fair value in the fourth quarter of 2008 for its nurse and allied staffing business segment. The majority of the goodwill impairment was attributable to the Company's initial capitalization in 1999, which was accounted for as an asset purchase, and subsequent nurse staffing acquisitions made through 2003. In addition, in the second quarter of 2012, a non-cash pretax impairment charge of approximately \$18.7 million was recorded for the Company's nurse and allied staffing reporting unit.

(b) Preliminary goodwill acquired from the acquisition of Medical Staffing Network. Due to the time of the acquisition, the final goodwill calculation is incomplete. See Note 3 - Acquisitions.

## 8. DEBT

At June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, long-term debt consists of the following:

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
	(amounts in thousands)	
Senior Secured Asset-Based, interest 1.77% and 3.27% at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	\$ 11,605	\$ 8,400
Second Lien Term Loan, net of unamortized discount of \$1,125, interest 7.50% at June 30, 2014	28,875	—
Convertible Notes, net of unamortized discount of \$7,702, interest 8.00% at June 30, 2014	17,298	—
Convertible note derivative liability	6,765	—
Capital lease obligations	254	176
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>64,797</b>	<b>8,576</b>
Less current portion	(11,711)	(8,483)
<b>Long-term debt</b>	<b>\$ 53,086</b>	<b>\$ 93</b>

#### Senior Credit Facility

On January 9, 2013, the Company entered into a First Lien Loan and Security Agreement, (the First Lien Loan Agreement of Senior Secured Asset-Based), by and among the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, as borrowers, and Bank of America, N.A., as agent. The First Lien Loan Agreement was subsequently amended to allow for the sale of its clinical trials services business in February 2014 and for administrative matters.

The initial proceeds from the revolving credit facility were used to finance the repayment of existing indebtedness of the Company under its prior credit agreement and the payment of fees and expenses. The repayment of the term loan portion of the Company's debt outstanding in the first quarter of 2013 was treated as extinguishment of debt, and, as a result, the Company recognized a loss on extinguishment in the first quarter of 2013, related to the write-off of unamortized net debt issuance costs of approximately \$0.3 million. The repayment of the revolver portion of the Company's debt outstanding in the first quarter of 2013 was treated partially as extinguishment and partially as a modification. The fees related to the modified portion of \$0.1 million relate to the continuation of credit provided by Bank of America, N.A. in its First Lien Loan Agreement. The Company wrote-off the remaining unamortized net debt issuance costs of approximately \$1.1 million in the first quarter of 2013.

On June 30, 2014, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, as borrowers, entered into a third amendment (the Amendment) to the Company's First Lien Loan Agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as agent, in order to, among other things, increase the Company's borrowing capacity under the First Lien Loan Agreement and to consent to the consummation of the MSN acquisition and the incurrence by the Company of the indebtedness contemplated pursuant to the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement and the Note Purchase Agreement. The Amendment provides for, among other things, increasing the revolving credit facility under the First Lien Loan Agreement from \$65.0 million to \$85.0 million and increasing the letter of credit subline under the First Lien Loan Agreement from \$20.0 million to \$35.0 million. In addition, the termination date of the revolving credit facility under the First Lien Loan Agreement has been extended to June 30, 2017.

The Company used the increased availability under the letter of credit subline to collateralize certain insurance obligations related to the MSN acquisition. The revolving credit facility and letter of credit subline will be used to provide ongoing working capital and for other general corporate purposes of the Company and its subsidiaries.

As of June 30, 2014 the First Lien Loan Agreement provides for: a three-year senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$85.0 million (as described below), which includes a subfacility for swingline loans up to an amount equal to 10% of the aggregate Revolver Commitments, as defined in the agreement, and a \$35.0 million subfacility for standby letters of credit. Swingline loans and letters of credit issued under the First Lien Loan Agreement reduce available revolving credit commitments on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Pursuant to the First Lien Loan Agreement, the aggregate amount of advances under the revolving credit facility (Borrowing Base) cannot exceed the lesser of (a) (i) \$85.0 million, or (ii) 85% of eligible billed accounts receivable as defined in the First Lien Loan Agreement; plus (b) the lesser of (i) 85% of eligible unbilled accounts receivable and (ii) \$18.0 million; minus (c) reserves as defined by the First Lien Loan Agreement, which include one week's worth of W-2 payroll and fees payable to independent contractors.

The revolving credit facility can be used to provide ongoing working capital and for other general corporate purposes of the Company and its subsidiaries. As of June 30, 2014, the interest rate spreads and fees under the First Lien Loan Agreement are based on LIBOR plus 1.50% or Base Rate plus 0.50%. The LIBOR and Base Rate margins are subject to performance pricing adjustments, pursuant to a pricing matrix based on the Company's excess availability under the revolving credit facility, and could increase by 200 basis points if an event of default exists. The Company is required to pay a monthly commitment fee on the average daily unused portion of the revolving loan facility, which, as of June 30, 2014, was 0.375%.

The First Lien Loan Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, and affirmative covenants. The First Lien Loan Agreement also contains customary negative covenants, including covenants with respect to, among other things: (i) indebtedness, (ii) liens, (iii) investments, (iv) significant corporate changes, including mergers and acquisitions, (v) dispositions, (vi) dividend, distributions and other restricted payments, (vii) transactions with affiliates and (viii) restrictive agreements. In addition, if the Company's availability under the revolving credit facility is less than the greater of (i) 12.5% of the Loan Cap, as defined, and (ii) \$8.25 million, or availability is less than \$4.0 million, the Company is required to meet a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.0, as defined in the First Lien Loan Agreement. The First Lien Loan Agreement also contains customary events of default, such as payment defaults, cross-defaults to other material indebtedness, bankruptcy and insolvency, the occurrence of a defined change in control and the failure to observe covenants or conditions under the credit facility documents.

The Company's obligations under the First Lien Loan Agreement are guaranteed by all material domestic subsidiaries of the Company that are not co-borrowers (Subsidiary Guarantors). As collateral security for their obligations under the First Lien Loan Agreement and guarantees thereof, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors have granted to Bank of America, N.A. a security interest in substantially all of their tangible and intangible assets.

As of June 30, 2014, the gross availability under the First Lien Loan Agreement was approximately \$73.0 million based on the Company's May accounts receivable balance pro forma including MSN accounts receivable. The Company had \$31.5 million letters of credit outstanding and \$11.6 million drawn under its revolving credit facility, leaving \$29.9 million available as of June 30, 2014. The letters of credit relate to the Company's workers' compensation and professional liability insurance policies and included a backstop letter of credit of \$8.0 million related to the acquisition of MSN which was subsequently released in July 2014.

#### *Second Lien Term Loan*

On June 30, 2014, the Company entered into a second lien loan and security agreement (the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement), by and among the Company, as borrower, certain of its domestic subsidiaries, as guarantors, and BSP Agency, LLC, as agent.

The Second Lien Term Loan Agreement provides for a five-year senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$30.0 million (the Second Lien Term Loan Facility, and the loans thereunder, the Second Lien Term Loans). The proceeds from the Second Lien Term Loan Facility were used by the Company to pay a portion of the consideration paid in the MSN Acquisition and related fees and expenses.

Amounts borrowed under the Second Lien Term Loan Facility that are repaid or prepaid may not be re-borrowed. The Second Lien Term Loans bear interest at a rate equal to adjusted LIBOR (defined as the 3-month London interbank offered rate for U.S. dollars, adjusted for customary Eurodollar reserve requirements, if any, and subject to a floor of 1.00%) plus 6.50%. The interest rate would increase by 200 basis points if an event of default exists under the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement.

The Company may, at its option, elect to prepay the Second Lien Term Loans on or before June 30, 2015, subject to a prepayment premium in an amount equal to (i) the amount of the principal amount of the Second Lien Term Loans being repaid, plus (ii) the accrued but unpaid interest on the principal amount so prepaid, if any, to the date of the prepayment, plus (iii) any associated administrative amounts or charges owed to the lenders as a result of the redeployment of funds or fees payable to terminate matching deposits, plus (iv) a "make whole" amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) the present value at the prepayment date of (1) 103% of the aggregate principal amount of the Second Lien Term Loans then being prepaid, plus (2) all remaining scheduled interest payments due on the principal amount of such Second Lien Term Loans being prepaid through June 30, 2015 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the date of such prepayment), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury rate as of such prepayment date plus 50 basis points over (b) the outstanding principal amount of such Second Lien Term Loans being prepaid. The Company may, at its option at any time after June 30, 2015, prepay the Second Lien Term Loans in whole or in part at the redemption prices set forth therein, which range from 103% of the principal amount thereof for prepayments during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, 102% of the principal amount thereof for prepayments during the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and 100% of the principal amount thereof for prepayments after such

date. If the Company completes a public offering on or prior to November 27, 2014, however, the Company may apply the proceeds of such public offering to prepay the Term Loans (plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon), in whole but not in part, without premium or penalty.

Subject to certain exceptions, the Second Lien Term Loans are required to be prepaid with: (a) 50% of excess cash flow (as defined in the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement) above \$5.0 million for each fiscal year of the Company (commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015), provided that voluntary prepayments of the Second Lien Term Loans made during such fiscal year will reduce the amount of excess cash flow prepayments required for such fiscal year on a dollar-for-dollar basis; (b) 100% of the net cash proceeds of all asset sales or other dispositions of property by the Company and its subsidiaries, as set forth in the agreement, in excess of a defined threshold and subject to the right of the Company to reinvest such proceeds within 12 months; (c) 100% of the net cash proceeds of issuances of debt offerings of the Company and its subsidiaries (except the net cash proceeds of any permitted debt); and (d) 50% of the net cash proceeds of equity offerings of the Company.

The Second Lien Term Loan Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, and affirmative covenants. Among other things, the agreement also includes a financial covenant limiting the Company's maximum "debt" to "EBITDA" (each, as defined therein) ratio to no greater than 4.50:1.00, subject to customary equity cure rights. The financial covenant will be tested quarterly, commencing with the quarter ended June 30, 2015 and each quarter thereafter for so long as any Second Lien Term Loans are outstanding. The agreement also contains customary negative covenants; including covenants with respect to, among other things, (i) indebtedness, (ii) liens, (iii) investments, (iv) fundamental corporate changes, (v) dispositions, (vi) dividends, distributions and other restricted payments, (vii) transactions with affiliates and (viii) restrictive agreements. The agreement contains customary events of default, such as payment defaults, cross-defaults to other material indebtedness, bankruptcy and insolvency, the occurrence of a defined change in control and the failure to observe covenants or conditions under the Second Lien Term Loan Facility documents.

The Company's obligations under the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement are guaranteed by all material domestic subsidiaries of the Company (Subsidiary Guarantors). As collateral security for their obligations under the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement and guarantees thereof, the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors have granted a second-priority security interest in substantially all their tangible and intangible assets.

#### *Private Placement of Convertible Notes*

On June 30, 2014, the Company and certain of its domestic subsidiaries entered into a Convertible Note Purchase Agreement (the Note Purchase Agreement), with certain note holders (collectively, the Noteholders). Pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement, the Company sold to the Noteholders an aggregate of \$25.0 million of convertible senior notes (the Convertible Notes). The proceeds from the Note Purchase Agreement were used by the Company to pay a portion of the consideration paid in the MSN Acquisition and related fees and expenses.

The Convertible Notes are convertible at the option of the holders thereof at any time into shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (Common Stock), at an initial conversion price of \$7.10 per share, or 3,521,126 shares of Common Stock. After three years, the Company has the right to force a conversion of the Convertible Notes if the volume-weighted average price (VWAP) per share of its Common Stock exceeds 125% of the then conversion price for 20 days of a 30 day trading period. The conversion price is subject to adjustment pursuant to customary weighted average anti-dilution provisions including adjustments for the following: Common Stock dividends or distributions; issuance of any rights, warrants or options to acquire Common Stock; distributions of property; tender offer or exchange offer payments; cash dividends; or certain issuances of Common Stock at less than the conversion price. Upon conversion of the Convertible Notes, the Company will exchange, for the applicable conversion amount thereof a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the amount determined by dividing (i) such conversion amount by (ii) the conversion price in effect at the time of conversion. No fractional shares of Common Stock will be issued upon conversion of the Conversion Notes. In lieu of fractional shares, the Company shall pay cash in respect of each fractional share equal to such fractional amount multiplied by the Thirty Day VWAP as of the closing of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the conversion date as well as any unpaid accrued interest.

The Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 8.00% per annum, payable in quarterly cash installments; provided, however, that, at the Company's option, up to 4.00% of the interest payable may be "paid-in-kind" through a quarterly addition of such "paid-in-kind" interest amount to the principal amount of the Convertible Notes. The Convertible Notes will mature on June 30, 2020, unless earlier repurchased, redeemed or converted. Subject to certain exceptions, the Company is not permitted to redeem the Convertible Notes until June 30, 2017. If the Company redeems the Convertible Notes on or after June 30, 2017, the Company is required to pay a premium equal to the greater of (i) the sum of (a) the amount of principal of the Convertible Notes redeemed, plus (b) the accrued but unpaid interests on the principal amount so redeemed to the date of the redemption, plus (c) 15% of the amount of principal of the Convertible Notes redeemed and (ii) the sum of (x) the average thirty day VWAP

per share of Common Stock multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock that the redeemed Convertible Notes are then convertible into and (y) the accrued but unpaid interest on the Convertible Notes.

If the Convertible Notes are redeemed prior to June 30, 2017, the Company is required to pay a premium equal to the greater of (i) the sum of (a) the amount of principal of the Convertible Notes redeemed, plus (b) the accrued but unpaid interests on the principal amount so redeemed to the date of the redemption, plus (c) a “make whole” amount (described below) and (ii) the sum of (x) the average thirty day volume-weighted average price per share of Common Stock multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock that the redeemed Convertible Notes are then convertible into and (y) the accrued but unpaid interest on the Convertible Notes. The “make whole” amount is equal to the excess, if any, of (1) the present value at the date of redemption of (A) 115% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes redeemed, plus (B) all remaining scheduled interest due on the principal amount of the notes being redeemed through June 30, 2017 computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury rate as of the date of redemption plus 50 basis points over (2) the outstanding principal amount of the Convertible Notes then redeemed.

The Company has granted the Noteholders preemptive rights with respect to future equity issuances by the Company, subject to customary exceptions.

In connection with the placement of the Convertible Notes, on June 30, 2014, the Company entered into a registration rights agreement (the Registration Rights Agreement) with the Noteholders, which sets forth the rights of the Noteholders to have the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Notes registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) for public resale under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company is required to file a registration statement with the SEC (the Initial Registration Statement) on or prior to January 2, 2015, registering the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Notes. The Company is required to use its reasonable best efforts to have the Initial Registration Statement declared effective as promptly as possible following the filing thereof and, in any event, by no later than by March 31, 2015. In addition, the agreement gives the Noteholders the ability to exercise certain piggyback registration rights in connection with registered offerings by the Company.

## **9. CONVERTIBLE NOTES DERIVATIVE LIABILITY**

Derivative financial instruments, as defined in ASC 815, *Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities*, consist of financial instruments or other contracts that contain a notional amount and one or more underlyings (e.g. interest rate, security price or other variable), require no initial net investment and permit net settlement. Derivative financial instruments may be free-standing or embedded in other financial instruments. Further, derivative financial instruments are initially, and subsequently, measured at fair value and recorded as liabilities or, in rare instances, assets.

The Company does not use derivative financial instruments to hedge exposures to cash-flow, market or foreign-currency risks. However, the Company has issued Convertible Notes with features that are either (i) not afforded equity classification, (ii) embody risks not clearly and closely related to host contracts, or (iii) may be net-cash settled by the counterparty. As required by ASC 815, in certain instances, these instruments are required to be carried as derivative liabilities, at fair value, in our financial statements.

The Convertible Notes issued in conjunction with the MSN acquisition are subject to anti-dilution adjustments that allow for the reduction in the Conversion Price, as defined in the agreement, in the event the Company subsequently issues equity securities including Common Stock or any security convertible or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock for a price less than the current conversion price. In addition, the Convertible Notes allows the issuer to exercise optional redemption features and the holder to exercise an offer to purchase feature, under certain conditions. The Company accounted for the conversion option in accordance with ASC 815. Since this conversion feature is not considered to be solely indexed to the Company’s own stock the derivative was recorded as a liability.

The Company’s Convertible Notes derivative liability has been measured at fair value at June 30, 2014 using a trinomial lattice model. The optional redemption features along with the offer to purchase features are incorporated in to the valuation model. In addition, since the conversion price contains an anti-dilution adjustment, the probability that the Conversion Price of the Notes would decrease as the share price decreased was also incorporated into the valuation calculation.

The inputs into the valuation model are as follows:

	<b>June 30, 2014</b>
Closing share price	\$6.52
Conversion price	\$7.10
Risk free rate	1.94%
Expected volatility	40%
Dividend yield	—%
Expected life	6 years

The fair value of the convertible note payable derivative liability was \$6.8 million at June 30, 2014.

## **10. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* Topic also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

*Level 1*—Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

*Level 2*—Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

*Level 3*—Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

### **Items Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis:**

At June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the Company's financial assets/liabilities required to be measured on a recurring basis were its deferred compensation liability included in other long-term liabilities, Convertible Notes derivative liability and contingent consideration receivable related to the sale of its clinical trial services business.

*Deferred compensation* —The Company utilizes Level 1 inputs to value its deferred compensation liability. The Company's deferred compensation liability is measured using publicly available indices that define the liability amounts, as per the plan documents.

*Convertible Notes derivative liability* - The Company utilizes Level 3 inputs to value its Convertible Notes derivative liability. See Note 9 - Convertible Notes Derivative Liability for further information.

*Contingent consideration receivable*—The earn out related to the Company's sale of its clinical trial services business is treated as a contingent consideration receivable for accounting purposes. The Company utilizes Level 3 inputs to value its contingent consideration receivable as significant unobservable inputs are used in the calculation of its fair value and are related to future performance of the disposed business. The fair value of the contingent consideration receivable will be adjusted to its fair value on a quarterly basis with the adjustment to the related receivable and the gain/loss on the sale of assets (included in discontinued operations). The future performance of the disposed business directly impacts the contingent consideration that could be paid to the Company, thus performance that exceeds target could result in a higher payout, and a performance under target could result in a lower payout. As of June 30, 2014, the Company assigned no value to the performance earn-out based on recent information available to the Company. See Note 4 - Discontinued Operations for further information.

The table which follows summarizes the estimated fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

**Fair Value Measurements**  
(amounts in thousands)

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Financial Liabilities:	(amounts in thousands)	
<b>(Level 1)</b>		
Deferred compensation	\$ 1,424	\$ 1,638
<b>(Level 3)</b>		
Convertible Notes derivative liability (a)	6,765	—

(a) Embedded derivative included in long-term debt on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. See Note 9 - Convertible Notes Derivative Liability for further information.

**Items Measured at Fair Value on a Non-Recurring Basis:**

As required by ASC 805, *Business Combinations*, the Company estimated the fair value of the net assets acquired of the MSN acquisition. Refer to Note 3 - Acquisitions for further information.

If required by ASC 350, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other*, the Company's goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3). Goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets with indefinite lives are reviewed for impairment annually, and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Long-lived assets and identifiable intangible assets are also reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that amounts may not be recoverable. If the testing performed indicates that impairment has occurred, the Company records a non-cash impairment charge for the difference between the carrying amount of the goodwill or other intangible assets and the implied fair value of the goodwill or other intangible assets in the period the determination is made.

**Other Fair Value Disclosures:**

Financial instruments not measured or recorded at fair value in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, escrow receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses and short and long-term debt. The estimated fair value of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate their carrying amount due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The estimated fair value of the Company's debt was calculated using discounted cash flow analysis and appropriate valuation methodologies using Level 2 inputs from available market information.

The Company recorded the \$3.75 million indemnity escrow funds related to the sale of its clinical trial services business as an escrow receivable (see Note 4 - Discontinued Operations for more information), and will adjust the amount to the estimated fair value each reporting period based on any known information. As of June 30, 2014, the fair value of the escrow receivable approximates its carrying amount based on the short-term nature of the receivable.

The following table represents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's significant financial instruments that were not measured at fair value:

	June 30, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
<b>(Level 2)</b>	(amounts in thousands)			
<b>Financial Assets:</b>				
Escrow Receivable	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,700
<b>Financial Liabilities:</b>				
Second Lien Term Loan, net	\$ 28,875	\$ 28,875	\$ —	\$ —
Convertible Notes, net	\$ 17,298	\$ 17,298	\$ —	\$ —
Senior Secured Asset-Based (a)	\$ 11,605	\$ 11,605	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,400

(a) Carrying value of the Senior Secured Asset-Based approximates estimated fair value based on the short-term nature and the pricing at varying interest rates.

### Concentration of Risk:

The Company has invested its excess cash in highly-rated overnight funds and other highly-rated liquid accounts. The Company has been exposed to credit risk associated with these investments. The Company minimizes its credit risk relating to these positions by monitoring the financial condition of the financial institutions involved and by primarily conducting business with large, well established financial institutions and diversifying its counterparties.

The Company generally does not require collateral and mitigates its credit risk by performing credit evaluations and monitoring at-risk accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts represents the Company's estimate of uncollectible receivables based on a review of specific accounts and the Company's historical collection experience. The Company writes off specific accounts based on an ongoing review of collectability as well as past experience with the customer. The Company's contract terms typically require payment between 15 to 60 days from the date services are provided and are considered past due based on the particular negotiated contract terms. Overall, based on the large number of customers in differing geographic areas, throughout the United States and its territories, the Company believes the concentration of credit risk is limited.

## 11. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

### Stock Repurchase Program

During both the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company did not repurchase any shares of its Common Stock under its February 2008 Board authorization.

As of June 30, 2014, the Company may purchase up to an additional 942,443 shares of Common Stock under the February 2008 Board authorization, subject to certain conditions in the Company's First Lien Loan Agreement and Second Lien Term Loan Agreement. At June 30, 2014, the Company had 31,238,871 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

### Share-Based Payments

On March 11, 2014, the Board of Directors approved an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan (amended and restated effective March 20, 2013) (the "Stock Incentive Plan"), which was renamed the 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The Stock Incentive Plan as amended and restated is referred to below as the Omnibus Plan. The Omnibus Plan approval was subject to, and became effective upon, stockholder approval at the Annual Meeting held on May 13, 2014 (the date of such approval is referred to below as the "2014 Restatement Date"). The Omnibus Plan generally incorporates the provisions of the Stock Incentive Plan as currently in effect and includes the following key modifications:

- Increase of the Aggregate Share Reserve. The aggregate share reserve was increased by an additional 600,000 shares for a total share reserve of 4,100,000 shares under the Omnibus Plan.

- Removal of Non-Appreciation Award Limit. In connection with the increase in the aggregate share reserve, the limit on the number of awards that are not "appreciation awards" (i.e., restricted stock and restricted stock units) that may be granted under the Omnibus Plan was removed.

- Performance-Based Cash Awards. The Omnibus Plan includes performance-based cash awards that may be granted with the intent to comply with the “performance-based compensation” exception under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Term Extension. The term of the Amended Plan was extended until March 10, 2024 (the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan was scheduled to expire on April 5, 2017).
- Added pre-tax income as a metric to measure performance based equity awards.

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, 351,240 restricted stock awards and 239,585 performance stock awards were granted under the Omnibus Plan to the Company’s non-employee Directors and management team. Pursuant to the Omnibus Plan the number of target shares that are issued for performance stock awards are determined based on the level of attainment of the targets. If the minimum level of performance is attained, restricted stock will be issued and with a vesting date of December 31, 2016, subject to the employee’s continuing employment.

The following table summarizes restricted stock awards and performance stock awards activity for the six months ended June 30, 2014:

	Restricted Stock Awards		Performance Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Number of Target Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested restricted stock awards, January 1, 2014	552,231	\$ 5.37	—	\$ —
Granted	351,240	\$ 6.03	239,585	\$ 5.81
Vested	(173,479)	\$ 5.78	—	\$ —
Forfeited	(78,623)	\$ 5.37	(14,623)	\$ 5.77
Unvested restricted stock awards, June 30, 2014	651,369	\$ 5.62	224,962	\$ 5.82

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, \$0.1 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, was included in selling, general and administrative expenses related to share-based payments. In addition, a net of 135,534 restricted shares of Common Stock vested in the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, \$0.6 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, was included in selling, general and administrative expenses related to share-based payments. In addition, a net of 180,613 restricted shares of Common Stock vested in the three and six months ended June 30, 2013.

## 12. SEGMENT DATA

In accordance with the ASC 280, *Segment Reporting* Topic of the FASB ASC, the Company reports three business segments – nurse and allied staffing, physician staffing, and other human capital management services, described below:

- *Nurse and allied staffing* - The nurse and allied staffing segment provides traditional staffing, including temporary and permanent placement of travel nurses and allied professionals, and branch-based local nurses and allied staffing. Its clients include: public and private acute-care and non-acute care hospitals, government facilities, schools, outpatient clinics, ambulatory care facilities, retailers, and many other healthcare providers throughout the U.S. The Company aggregates its various brands that it markets to its customers in this business segment.
- *Physician staffing* – The physician staffing business segment provides physicians in many specialties, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) under the Company's Medical Doctor Associates (MDA) brand as independent contractors on temporary assignments throughout the U.S. at various healthcare facilities, such as acute and non-acute care facilities, medical group practices, government facilities, and managed care organizations. The physician staffing business also provides certain other employees on a temporary basis to its customers.

- *Other human capital management services* - The other human capital management services business segment provides education and training programs to the healthcare industry and retained search services for physicians and healthcare executives within the U.S.

The Company's management evaluates performance of each segment primarily based on revenue and contribution income. The Company's management does not evaluate, manage or measure performance of segments using asset information; accordingly, asset information by segment is not prepared or disclosed. The information in the following table is derived from the segments' internal financial information as used for corporate management purposes. Certain corporate expenses are not allocated to and/or among the operating segments.

Information on operating segments and a reconciliation to income (loss) from operations for the periods indicated are as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013 (a)	2014	2013 (a)
(amounts in thousands)				
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Nurse and allied staffing	\$ 82,616	\$ 65,656	\$ 162,809	\$ 136,729
Physician staffing	30,849	34,837	59,985	64,580
Other human capital management services	9,191	10,275	17,953	19,775
	<u>\$ 122,656</u>	<u>\$ 110,768</u>	<u>\$ 240,747</u>	<u>\$ 221,084</u>
<b>Contribution income (b):</b>				
Nurse and allied staffing (c)	\$ 6,652	\$ 3,493	\$ 12,621	\$ 8,667
Physician staffing	1,874	2,562	2,625	4,788
Other human capital management services	(232)	534	(66)	824
	<u>8,294</u>	<u>6,589</u>	<u>15,180</u>	<u>14,279</u>
Unallocated corporate overhead (c)	5,057	5,486	11,380	11,787
Depreciation	817	1,040	1,791	2,062
Amortization	784	566	1,569	1,132
Acquisition and integration costs	2,747	—	3,042	—
Restructuring costs	755	375	755	375
Legal settlement charge	—	750	—	750
Loss from operations	<u>\$ (1,866)</u>	<u>\$ (1,628)</u>	<u>\$ (3,357)</u>	<u>\$ (1,827)</u>

- (a) Prior year data has been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. Effective January 1, 2014, the Company merged its Allied Health Group, LLC subsidiary with its Medical Doctor Associates, LLC subsidiary. The decision to merge these companies was based on a number of factors including the consolidation of back office processes and other operational efficiencies. Along with this merger, the Company evaluated the Allied Health Group trade name and determined that it would be more valuable to use it for the Company's nurse and allied staffing business, and as a result, transferred the trade name effective January 1, 2014.

The allied health staffing business of MDA has primarily consisted of higher-level allied professionals, such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners, whose job functions are becoming increasingly more similar to those of physicians than to other allied health professionals. The 2014 change in legal structure and processes, along with the current market dynamics has changed the Company's approach/conclusion to aggregate this business with its nurse and allied staffing business segment for 2014. The Company has revised its segments for 2014 reporting to include this business with its physician staffing business segment.

- (b) The Company defines contribution income as income or loss from operations before depreciation, amortization, acquisition and integration costs, restructuring costs, legal settlement charges, impairment charges and corporate expenses not specifically identified to a reporting segment. Contribution income is a financial measure used by management when assessing segment performance and is provided in accordance with ASC 280, *Segment Reporting*.

- (c) In 2014, the Company refined its methodology for allocating certain corporate overhead expenses to its nurse and allied staffing segment to more accurately reflect this segment's profitability. Prior year information has been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

### 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### *Commitments*

The Company has entered into non-cancelable operating lease agreements for the rental of office space and equipment. Certain of these leases include options to renew as well as rent escalation clauses and in certain cases, incentives from the landlord for rent-free months and allowances for tenant improvements.

Future minimum lease payments, as of June 30, 2014, associated with these agreements with terms of one year or more are as follow:

<b>Through Year Ending December 31:</b>	(amounts in thousands)	
2014	\$	3,868
2015		6,774
2016		5,381
2017		3,778
2018		1,619
Thereafter		2,623
	<u>\$</u>	<u>24,043</u>

#### *Legal Contingencies*

On December 4, 2012, the Company's subsidiary, CC Staffing, Inc. (now known as Travel Staff, LLC) became the subject of a purported class action lawsuit (Alice Ogues, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiffs, vs. CC Staffing, Inc., a Delaware corporation; and DOES 1-50, inclusive, Defendants) filed in the United States District Court, Northern District of California. Plaintiff alleges that traveling employees were denied meal periods and rest breaks, that they should have been paid overtime on reimbursement amounts, various other wage and hour claims, and that they are entitled to associated penalties. In 2013, the parties agreed to settle this lawsuit for \$0.8 million with the understanding that such settlement is not an admission by the Company of any liability, negligence or wrong doing. The settlement amount has been accrued for and is included in other current liabilities on its consolidated balance sheets. The United States District Court, Northern District of California granted preliminary approval of the settlement on January 17, 2014, subject to the inclusion of language requiring a five-day cure period for deficient requests for exclusion from class members. On February 6, 2014, the parties amended the settlement agreement to include such language. A hearing for final approval of the settlement agreement was held in May 2014. The Company expects the Court to grant final approval of the settlement during the fourth quarter of 2014.

The Company is also subject to other legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of its business. In the opinion of management, the outcome of these other matters will not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### *Sales & Other State Non-income Tax Liabilities*

The Company's sales and other state non-income tax filings are subject to routine audits by authorities in the jurisdictions where it conducts business in the United States which may result in assessments of additional taxes. The Company accrues sales and other non-income tax liabilities based on the Company's best estimate of its probable liability utilizing currently available information and interpretation of relevant tax regulations. Given the nature of the Company's business, significant subjectivity exists as to both whether sales and other state non-income taxes can be assessed on its activity and how the sales tax will ultimately be measured by the relevant jurisdictions. The Company makes a determination for each reporting period

whether the estimates for sales and other non-income taxes in certain states should be revised. The expense is included in selling, general and administrative expenses on its condensed consolidated statements of operations and the liability is reflected in sales tax payable as of December 31, 2013 and June 30, 2014, on its condensed consolidated balance sheets.

#### 14. INCOME TAXES

When projected taxable income for the full year is close to break-even, the expected annual effective tax rate becomes volatile and will distort the income tax provision for an interim period. When this happens the Company calculates the income tax provision or benefit using the year-to-date effective tax rate in accordance with the ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, paragraphs 270-30-18. This cut-off method results in an income tax provision or benefit based solely on the year-to-date pretax income or loss as adjusted for permanent differences on a pro rata basis.

For the periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 the Company has calculated its effective tax rate based on year-to-date results (under ASC 740-280-30-18) as opposed to estimating its annual effective tax rate. The Company's effective tax rate for continuing operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 was (46.3)% and 1.6%, respectively, including the impact of discrete items. Excluding discrete items, the Company's effective tax rate for continuing operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 was (4.0)% and (41.4)%, respectively. The effective tax rates are different than the statutory rates primarily due to the impact of the partial non-deductibility of certain per diem expenses and state minimum taxes.

The Company records valuation allowances to reduce deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that a tax benefit will not be realized. The assessment of whether or not a valuation allowance is required often requires significant judgment, including the long-range forecast of future taxable income and the evaluation of tax planning initiatives. Adjustments to the deferred tax valuation allowances are made to earnings in the period when such assessments are made. Due to the historical losses from the Company's operations, it has recorded a full valuation allowance on its deferred tax assets. In the first quarter of 2014, the Company recorded a non-cash adjustment of \$1.7 million primarily related to an overstatement of the valuation allowance established as of December 31, 2013. The out-of-period adjustment also decreased the net loss by the same amount of \$0.06 per diluted share for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Management concluded that the adjustment was not material to its prior period financial statements and is not expected to be material to the full year results for 2014.

Unrecognized tax benefits are included in other current liabilities and other long term liabilities on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets. In accordance with ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, a reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized tax benefits, including estimated interest and penalties, is as follows:

#### Unrecognized Tax Benefits (amounts in thousands)

Balance at January 1, 2014	\$	4,986
Reductions based on tax positions related to prior years		(8)
Additions based on tax positions related to current year		317
Settlements of tax positions related to prior years		(344)
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$	<u>4,951</u>

As of June 30, 2014, the Company had approximately \$4.4 million of unrecognized tax benefits, net of deferred taxes, which would affect the effective tax rate if recognized. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company had gross increases of \$0.3 million to its current year unrecognized tax benefits related to federal and state tax issues. In addition, the Company had gross decreases of \$0.3 million to its unrecognized tax benefits related to settlements.

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-11, *Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists*. This new guidance is effective prospectively for annual reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2013 and interim periods therein. ASU 2013-11 provides guidance on the presentation of unrecognized tax benefits, reflecting the manner in which an entity would settle, at the reporting date, any additional income taxes that would result from the disallowance of a tax position when net operating loss carryforwards, similar tax losses, or tax credit carryforwards exist. We adopted the provisions of this amendment during 2014, which resulted in a reclassification between other non-current liabilities and non-current deferred income tax assets of approximately \$2.5 million. The adoption did not change existing recognition and measurement requirements in our condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in the provision for income taxes. The Company had accrued approximately \$1.1 million and \$1.0 million for interest and penalties as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

The tax years 2004, 2005 and 2008 through 2012 remain open to examination by the major taxing jurisdictions in which the Company is subject to tax, with the exception of certain states in which the statute of limitations has been extended. In mid-July of 2013, the Company received a notice of proposed audit adjustments from the State of New York. In January of 2014 the Company settled the State of New York audit for its tax years ending December 31, 2006 through 2010 for less than the amount accrued as of December 31, 2013.

## **15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company provides services to hospitals which are affiliated with certain members of the Company's Board of Directors. Management believes the pricing for the Company's services is consistent with its other hospital customers. Revenue related to these transactions amounted to approximately \$3.2 million and \$5.5 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. Revenue related to these transactions amounted to approximately \$1.2 million and \$2.3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively. Accounts receivable due from these hospitals at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were approximately \$1.7 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

MSN provided staffing services to an entity that has a non-controlling interest in IntelliStaf of Oklahoma, LLC, a joint venture between MSN (68% ownership) and an unrelated third party (with 32% ownership). At June 30, 2014, the Company had a receivable balance of approximately \$0.9 million and a payable balance of \$0.1 million relating to these staffing services.

## **16. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-08, *Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity* to reduce diversity in practice for reporting discontinued operations. Under the previous guidance, any component of an entity that was a reportable segment, an operating segment, a reporting unit, a subsidiary, or an asset group was eligible for discontinued operations presentation. The revised guidance only allows disposals of components of an entity that represent a strategic shift (e.g., disposal of a major geographical area, a major line of business, a major equity method investment, or other major parts of an entity) and that have a major effect on a reporting entity's operations and financial results to be reported as discontinued operations. The revised guidance also requires expanded disclosure in the financial statements for discontinued operations as well as for disposals of significant components of an entity that do not qualify for discontinued operations presentation. The updated guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2014. The Company had operations that were reported as discontinued operations for the three months ended June 30, 2013 and does not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In May 2014, the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) jointly issued ASU No. 2014-9, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606), which clarifies the principles for recognizing revenue and develops a common revenue standard for GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The core principle of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. The ASU is effective for public entities for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is not permitted under GAAP and retrospective application is permitted, but not required. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this guidance on its financial position and results of operations.

## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The purpose of the following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is to help facilitate the understanding of significant factors influencing the quarterly operating results, financial condition and cash flows of Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. Additionally, the MD&A also conveys our expectations of the potential impact of known trends, events or uncertainties that may impact future results. This discussion supplements the detailed information presented in the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto which should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed for the year ended December 31, 2013.

### Business Overview

Cross Country Healthcare, Inc., is a national leader in providing healthcare recruiting, staffing and workforce management solutions. With more than 30 years of experience, we are dedicated to placing highly qualified nurses and physicians as well as allied health, advanced practice, clinical research, and case management professionals. We provide both retained and contingent placement services for physicians, as well as retained search services for healthcare executives. We have more than 4,300 active contracts with a broad range of clients, including acute care hospitals, physician practice groups, nursing facilities, rehabilitation and sports medicine clinics, government facilities, as well as nonclinical settings such as homecare and schools. Through our national staffing teams and network of more than 70 branch office locations, we are able to place clinicians for travel and per diem assignments, local short-term contracts and permanent positions. We are a market leader in providing flexible workforce management solutions, which include managed services provider, workforce assessments, internal resource pool consulting and development, electronic medical record transition staffing and recruitment process outsourcing. In addition, we provide education and training programs for healthcare professionals through seminars and e-learning tools.

Our results are reported in three business segments: Nurse and Allied Staffing, Physician Staffing, and Other Human Capital Management Services. For the quarter ended June 30, 2014, our nurse and allied staffing business which is comprised of travel and per diem nurse and allied staffing represented approximately 67% of our total revenue. Travel nurse staffing, which is the largest part of the nurse and allied staffing business, represented approximately 49% of our total revenue and 72% of the segment revenue. Other nurse and allied staffing services include the placement of allied healthcare professionals, such as rehabilitation therapists, radiology technicians, and respiratory therapists. Our physician staffing business represented approximately 25% of our second quarter 2014 revenue and consists of temporary physician staffing services (locum tenens) in many specialties, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs). Our other human capital management services business represented approximately 8% of our revenue and consists of healthcare professional education and training, as well as retained search services.

### Acquisitions

#### *Medical Staffing Network*

On June 30, 2014, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the assets and certain liabilities of Medical Staffing Network (MSN) for an aggregate purchase price of \$48.1 million, subject to certain post-closing net working capital adjustments. We paid \$45.4 million at closing, net of cash acquired and an additional \$2.5 million was deferred and is due to the seller in 21 months less any COBRA expenses incurred by us on behalf of former MSN employees over that period.

At the time of the acquisition, MSN had 55 locations throughout the U.S. that provide per diem, local, contract, travel, and permanent hire staffing services. This acquisition increases our branch network and market share, diversifies our customer base and brings new service lines. We believe it positions us to serve our customers better and to increase earnings growth through improved fill rates, expansion of our managed service programs and per diem activities, and the recognition of cost synergies.

The acquisition has been accounted for in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 805, *Business Combinations*, using the purchase method. The Company expects the results of the MSN Acquisition to be substantially reported through its nurse and allied business segment.

In December 2013, we acquired the operating assets of On Assignment, Inc.'s Allied Healthcare Staffing division (the acquired allied staffing business) for an aggregate purchase price of \$28.7 million, subject to certain post-closing adjustments. Excluded from the transaction were the accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued compensation of the business being acquired. The Company used \$24.7 million in cash on hand and \$4.5 million from borrowings under its current revolver facility with Bank of America, N.A. to pay the purchase price and approximately \$0.5 million in transaction costs. Subsequent to December 31, 2013, an immaterial post-closing adjustment was made.

We believe this acquisition complements our current operations by: (1) adding new skillsets to our traditional staffing offerings, (2) expanding our local branch network, which will allow us to expand our local market presence and our MSP business, (3) diversifying our customer base into the local ambulatory care and retail market, which provides more balance between our large volume based customers and our small local customers, and (4) better positioning us to take additional market share at our MSP accounts. At the time of the acquisition, the acquired allied staffing business had 84 branch-based employees and made placements in more than 125 specialties from 23 branch offices.

The allied staffing business acquisition has been accounted for in accordance with ASC805, *Business Combination*, using the purchase method. The results of the acquisition's operations have been included in the consolidated statements of operations since December 2, 2013, the date of the acquisition. The acquired allied staffing business has been included with our nurse and allied staffing business segment.

## Dispositions

The clinical trial services business provided clinical trial, drug safety, and regulatory professionals and services on a contract staffing and outsourced basis to companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, as well as to contract research organizations, primarily in the United States, and also in Canada and Europe. On February 15, 2013, we completed the sale of our clinical trial services business to ICON Clinical Research, Inc. and ICON Clinical Research UK Limited (the "Buyer") for an aggregate \$52.0 million in cash, subject to certain adjustments. The business segment has been classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented (see Note 4 - Discontinued Operations and see Note 10 – Fair Value Measurements, to our condensed consolidated financial statements for more information).

## Segment Information

In accordance with ASC 280, *Segment Reporting*, the Company reports three business segments – nurse and allied staffing, physician staffing, and other human capital management services, described below:

- *Nurse and allied staffing* - The nurse and allied staffing segment provides traditional staffing, including temporary and permanent placement of travel nurses and allied professionals, and branch-based local nurses and allied staffing. Its clients include: public and private acute-care and non-acute care hospitals, government facilities, schools, outpatient clinics, ambulatory care facilities, retailers, and many other healthcare providers throughout the U.S. The Company aggregates various brands that it markets to its customers in this business segment.
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- *Other human capital management services* - The other human capital management services business segment provides education and training programs to the healthcare industry and retained search services for physicians and healthcare executives within the U.S.

## Executive Summary of Operations

We continue to execute on the elements of our strategy to grow revenue in our core businesses, expand margins and enhance the operating leverage of our infrastructure. The fundamentals of our strategy are to ensure we offer a full range of services and specialties necessary to meet the needs of our clients, to deliver creative and flexible workforce solutions, build a customer-centric strong sales capability with geographic access to all of our key markets, provide world class client service with a focus on fulfillment and retention, and continuously improve our operational effectiveness.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2014, our revenue was \$122.7 million, and we had a loss from continuing operations of \$3.2 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share. Cash flow used in operations for the six months ended was \$5.5 million, partly due to acquisition and integration related expenses. We financed the purchase of MSN with \$55.0 million in new subordinated debt consisting of a \$30.0 million, 5-year term loan and \$25.0 million of convertible notes having a 6-year maturity and a conversion price of \$7.10. We ended the second quarter of 2014 with \$9.3 million of cash and cash equivalents and total debt of \$64.8 million, or a ratio of debt, net of cash to total capitalization of 25.0%.

#### *Nurse and Allied Staffing*

In the second quarter our nurse and allied staffing business grew both year-over year and sequentially as we experienced strong demand for our services, particularly in travel nursing. Our ratio of contract bookings for travel nursing as a percentage of working nurses (book-to-bill ratio) for the first quarter of 2014 was 104% which drove sequential revenue growth in this segment. For the second quarter of 2014 our book-to-bill ratio, excluding the impact of the MSN acquisition was 104% and we expect this to translate into continued growth in the third quarter.

#### *Physician Staffing*

Revenue from our physician staffing business was down 11% year-over-year but increased 6% sequentially. The year-over-years decline was primarily volume driven across most of our specialties which was partly offset by higher revenue per day invoiced. The sequential increase was evenly balanced between volume and price across our specialties and led by Emergency Medicine.

#### *Other Human Capital Management Services*

Revenue in our other human capital management services business segment decreased 11% compared to the prior year quarter primarily due to fewer executive search placements and a reduction in seminar attendance. Our education and training business has been impacted by the extension of the ICD-10 deadline, which resulted in a number of cancellations during the quarter.

### **Business Metrics**

In general, we evaluate our financial condition and operating results by revenue, contribution income (see Segment Information), and net income (loss). We also use measurement of our cash flow generation and operating and leverage ratios to help us assess our financial condition. In addition to the metrics identified below, we monitor other volume and profitability indicators such as number of open orders, contract bookings, and price.

<b>Business Segment</b>	<b>Business Measurement</b>
<b>Nurse and Allied Staffing</b>	<p><b>FTEs</b> represent the average number of nurse and allied contract personnel on a full-time equivalent basis.</p> <p><b>Average Revenue per FTE per Day</b> is calculated by dividing the nurse and allied staffing revenue by the number of days worked in the respective periods. Nurse and allied staffing revenue also includes revenue from the permanent placement of nurses.</p>
<b>Physician Staffing</b>	<p><b>Days filled</b> is calculated by dividing the total hours filled during the period by 8 hours.</p> <p><b>Revenue per day filled</b> is calculated by dividing the actual revenue invoiced (excluding permanent placement fees) by the Company's physician staffing segment by days filled for the period presented.</p>

**Other Financial Data  
(unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended		Change	Percent Change
	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013		
<b><u>Nurse and allied staffing statistical data:</u></b>				
FTEs	3,177	2,300	877	38.1 %
Average nurse and allied staffing revenue per FTE per day	\$ 286	\$ 314	(28)	(8.9)%
<b><u>Physician staffing statistical data:</u></b>				
Days filled	21,147	24,462	(3,315)	(13.6)%
Revenue per day filled	\$ 1,444	\$ 1,405	39	2.8 %

**Results of Operations**

The following table summarizes, for the periods indicated, selected condensed consolidated statements of operations data expressed as a percentage of revenue:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenue from services	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Direct operating expenses	73.6	74.9	73.9	74.3
Selling, general and administrative expenses	23.8	24.0	24.4	24.3
Bad debt expense	—	0.1	0.2	0.3
Depreciation and amortization	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
Acquisition and integration costs	2.2	—	1.3	—
Restructuring costs	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
Legal settlement charge	—	0.7	—	0.3
Loss from operations	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.5)	(0.8)
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	—	(0.1)	—	—
Interest expense	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Loss on early extinguishment and modification of debt	—	—	—	0.6
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(1.8)	(1.5)	(1.7)	(1.6)
Income tax expense (benefit)	0.8	(0.2)	—	(0.3)
Loss from continuing operations	(2.6)	(1.3)	(1.7)	(1.3)
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	—	—	—	1.1
Net loss	(2.6)%	(1.3)%	(1.7)%	(0.2)%

**Segment Information**

The Company's management evaluates performance of each segment primarily based on revenue and contribution income. The Company's management does not evaluate, manage or measure performance of segments using asset information; accordingly, asset information by segment is not prepared or disclosed. The information in the following table is derived from the segments' internal financial information as used for corporate management purposes. Certain corporate expenses are not allocated to and/or among the operating segments.

Information on operating segments and the reconciliation to income (loss) from operations for the periods indicated are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013 (a)	2014	2013 (a)
(amounts in thousands)				
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Nurse and allied staffing	\$ 82,616	\$ 65,656	\$ 162,809	\$ 136,729
Physician staffing	30,849	34,837	59,985	64,580
Other human capital management services	9,191	10,275	17,953	19,775
	<u>\$ 122,656</u>	<u>\$ 110,768</u>	<u>\$ 240,747</u>	<u>\$ 221,084</u>
<b>Contribution income (b):</b>				
Nurse and allied staffing (c)	\$ 6,652	\$ 3,493	\$ 12,621	\$ 8,667
Physician staffing	1,874	2,562	2,625	4,788
Other human capital management services	(232)	534	(66)	824
	<u>8,294</u>	<u>6,589</u>	<u>15,180</u>	<u>14,279</u>
Unallocated corporate overhead (c)	5,057	5,486	11,380	11,787
Depreciation	817	1,040	1,791	2,062
Amortization	784	566	1,569	1,132
Acquisition and integration costs	2,747	—	3,042	—
Restructuring costs	755	375	755	375
Legal settlement charge	—	750	—	750
Loss from operations	<u>\$ (1,866)</u>	<u>\$ (1,628)</u>	<u>\$ (3,357)</u>	<u>\$ (1,827)</u>

- (a) Prior year data has been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. Effective January 1, 2014, we merged our Allied Health Group, LLC subsidiary with Medical Doctor Associates, LLC subsidiary. The decision to merge these companies was based on a number of factors including the consolidation of back office processes and other operational efficiencies. Along with this merger, we evaluated the Allied Health Group trade name and determined that it would be more valuable to use it for our nurse and allied staffing business, and as a result, transferred the trade name effective January 1, 2014.

The allied health staffing business of MDA has primarily consisted of higher-level allied professionals, such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners, whose job functions are becoming increasingly more similar to those of physicians than to other allied health professionals. The 2014 change in legal structure and processes, along with the current market dynamics has changed the our approach/conclusion to aggregate this business with its nurse and allied staffing business segment for 2014. We have revised our segments for 2014 reporting to include this business with its physician staffing business segment.

- (b) We define contribution income or loss from operations before depreciation, amortization, acquisition and integration costs, restructuring costs, legal settlement charges, impairment charges, and other corporate expenses not specifically identified to a reporting segment. Contribution income is a measure used by management to access operations and is provided in accordance with ASC 280, *Segment Reporting*.
- (c) In 2014, we refined our methodology for allocating certain corporate overhead expenses to our nurse and allied staffing segment to more accurately reflect this segment's profitability. Prior year information has been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

**Revenue from services**

Revenue from services increased 10.7%, to \$122.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$110.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013. The revenue increase was entirely from our nurse and allied staffing business segment. Revenue declined year-over-year in both our physician staffing and other human capital management services business segments.

*Nurse and allied staffing*

Revenue from our nurse and allied staffing business segment increased 25.8%, to \$82.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$65.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013. The year-over-year increase was a result of growth in the segment as well as the impact from the acquired allied health staffing business. Excluding the impact of the acquired allied health staffing business, revenue increased \$7.3 million or 11.1%, primarily related to higher demand for travel nurses.

The average number of nurse and allied staffing FTEs on contract during the three months ended June 30, 2014 increased 38.1% from the three months ended June 30, 2013, including 665 FTEs from the acquired allied health staffing business. The average nurse and allied staffing revenue per FTE per day decreased 8.9%, primarily due to lower bill rates in the acquired allied staffing business. Excluding the acquired allied staffing business, average nurse and allied staffing revenue per FTE per day was up 1.7%.

*Physician staffing*

Revenue from our physician staffing business decreased 11.4%, to \$30.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$34.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013. The decrease in revenue was due to lower volume partially offset by higher average bill rates.

Physician staffing days filled decreased 13.6%, to 21,147 days in the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to 24,462 days in the three months ended June 30, 2013. Revenue per day filled for the three months ended June 30, 2014 was \$1,444, a 2.8% increase from the prior year quarter.

*Other human capital management services*

Revenue from other human capital management services decreased 10.5%, to \$9.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$10.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013. The revenue decline was due to fewer executive and physician searches as well as a decline in seminar attendance.

**Direct operating expenses**

Direct operating expenses are comprised primarily of field employee compensation and independent contractor expenses, housing expenses, travel expenses and field insurance expenses. Direct operating expenses increased \$7.3 million or 8.8%, to \$90.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$82.9 million for three months ended June 30, 2013. As a percentage of total revenue, direct operating expenses decreased to 73.6% compared to 74.9%. This decrease as a percentage of revenue is primarily due to improvement in our bill/pay spread as well as the impact from our acquisition of the allied health business.

**Selling, general and administrative expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 9.6%, to \$29.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$26.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013. This increase is primarily due to the acquired allied health staffing business. As a percentage of total revenue, selling, general and administrative expenses were 23.8% and 24.0%, for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Included in selling, general and administrative expenses are unallocated corporate overhead of \$5.1 million and \$5.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. This decline was primarily related to a decrease in share-based compensation as a result of increased forfeitures. As a percentage of consolidated revenue, unallocated corporate overhead was 4.1% and 5.0% for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Share-based compensation,

included in unallocated corporate overhead, was \$0.1 million and \$0.6 million in the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### **Contribution income**

#### *Nurse and allied staffing*

Contribution income from our nurse and allied staffing segment increased \$3.2 million or 90.4%, to \$6.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$3.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013. As a percentage of segment revenue, contribution income was 8.1% for the three months ended June 30, 2014, and 5.3% for the three months ended June 30, 2013. This increase was primarily due to improved bill/pay spreads in our organic business as well as improved operating leverage.

#### *Physician staffing*

Contribution income from physician staffing decreased \$0.7 million or 26.9%, to \$1.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$2.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013. As a percentage of segment revenue, contribution income was 6.1% for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 7.4% for the three months ended June 30, 2013. This decrease was primarily due to negative operating leverage.

#### *Other human capital management services*

Contribution income from other human capital management services was a loss of \$0.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to income of \$0.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013. Contribution income as a percentage of segment revenue was (2.5)% for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 5.2% for the three months ended June 30, 2013. The decrease in contribution income margin was primarily due to the declines in revenue as noted above.

### **Depreciation and amortization expense**

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$1.6 million for both the three months ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013. As a percentage of consolidated revenue, depreciation and amortization expense was 1.3% and 1.4% for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### **Restructuring Costs**

Restructuring costs are primarily related to severance costs for senior management of \$0.8 million and \$0.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, respectively. We initiated restructuring efforts to reduce operating costs beginning in the second quarter of 2013.

### **Legal Settlement Charge**

During the three months ended June 30, 2013, we accrued \$0.8 million to settle a wage and hour class action lawsuit in California, for which a final binding agreement is expected to be approved by the court later in the year. See Note 13 - Commitments and Contingencies to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

### **Acquisition and Integration Costs**

During the three months ended June 30, 2014, we incurred acquisition and integration costs of \$2.7 million. The acquisition and integration costs were primarily related to transaction costs for the MSN acquisition as well as integration costs of the acquired allied staffing business. No similar charges were recorded in the three months ended June 30, 2013.

### **Interest expense**

Interest expense totaled \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The increase was primarily due to a higher average borrowings in the three month ended June 30, 2014 compared to de minimis debt outstanding in the prior year quarter. The effective interest rate on our borrowings was 2.6% for the three month period ended June 30, 2014.

### **Income tax expense (benefit)**

Income tax expense from continuing operations totaled \$1.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to a benefit of \$0.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013. The effective tax rate was (46.3)% and 15.2% for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, respectively. The income tax expense for the three months ended June 30, 2014 was more than the statutory rate primarily due to changes in the valuation allowance resulting from the amortization of indefinite-lived intangibles for tax purposes, as well as the partial non-deductibility of certain per diem expenses and state minimum taxes. The effective tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2013 was lower than the statutory rate due to the impact of the non-deductibility of certain per diem expenses, state taxes and foreign taxes.

***(Loss) Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes***

Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes included the results from the sale of the clinical trial services business which was classified as discontinued in the three months ended June 30, 2013. See Note 4 –Discontinued Operations, to our condensed consolidated financial statements for more information.

*Comparison of Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 compared to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2013*

***Revenue from services***

Revenue from services increased 8.9%, to \$240.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$221.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The revenue increase was entirely from our nurse and allied staffing business segment and was offset by revenue declines in both our physician staffing and other human capital management services business segments.

*Nurse and allied staffing*

Revenue from our nurse and allied staffing business segment increased 19.1%, to \$162.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$136.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The revenue increase was partly related to the acquired allied health staffing business. Excluding the acquired allied health staffing business, revenue increased \$6.6 million or 4.9% due to higher volume and higher average bill rates in the six months ended June 30, 2014.

The average number of nurse and allied staffing FTEs on contract during the six months ended June 30, 2014, increased 31.4% from the six months ended June 30, 2013. The average nurse and allied staffing revenue per FTE per day decreased 9.5%, primarily due to lower bill rates in the acquired allied staffing business. Excluding the acquired allied staffing business, average nurse and allied staffing revenue per FTE per day was up 1.1%.

*Physician staffing*

Revenue from our physician staffing business decreased 7.1%, to \$60.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$64.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The decrease in revenue is primarily due to lower volume, which was partially offset by higher revenue per day filled.

Physician staffing days filled decreased 8.5%, to 41,948 days in the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to 45,850 days in the six months ended June 30, 2013. Revenue per day filled for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$1,433, a 2.7% increase from the six months ended June 30, 2013.

*Other human capital management services*

Revenue from other human capital management services decreased 9.2%, to \$18.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$19.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The decrease is due to a combination of lower seminar attendance and lower revenue from our retained search business.

***Direct operating expenses***

Direct operating expenses are comprised primarily of field employee compensation and independent contractor expenses, housing expenses, travel expenses and field insurance expenses. Direct operating expenses increased \$13.5 million or 8.2%, to \$177.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$164.4 million for six months ended June 30, 2013. As a percentage of total revenue, direct operating expenses were 73.9% and 74.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### ***Selling, general and administrative expenses***

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$5.0 million or 9.2%, to \$58.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$53.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The increase was primarily related to the allied health staffing business acquisition. As a percentage of total revenue, selling, general and administrative expenses were 24.4% and 24.3%, for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Included in selling, general and administrative expenses is unallocated corporate overhead of \$11.4 million for six months ended June 30, 2014, compared to \$11.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. As a percentage of consolidated revenue, unallocated corporate overhead was 4.7% and 5.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Share-based compensation, included in unallocated corporate overhead, was \$0.5 million and \$1.2 million in the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The year-over-year decline was related to increased forfeitures.

### ***Contribution income***

#### ***Nurse and allied staffing***

Contribution income from our nurse and allied staffing segment increased 45.6%, to \$12.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$8.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. As a percentage of segment revenue, contribution income was 7.8% for the six months ended June 30, 2014, and 6.3% for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The margin improvement was primarily due to a combination of an improvement in our bill/pay spread in our organic business along with higher margins from the acquired allied health staffing business.

#### ***Physician staffing***

Contribution income from physician staffing decreased 45.2%, to \$2.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$4.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. As a percentage of segment revenue, contribution income was 4.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 7.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2013. This decrease was primarily due to a combination of higher physician compensation and negative operating leverage .

#### ***Other human capital management services***

Contribution income from other human capital management services decreased 108.0%, to a \$0.1 million loss for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$0.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. Contribution income as a percentage of segment revenue was (0.4)% for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 4.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The decrease in contribution income margin was primarily due to lower revenue noted above.

### ***Depreciation and amortization expense***

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$3.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$3.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. As a percentage of consolidated revenue, depreciation and amortization expense was 1.4% and 1.4% for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### ***Restructuring Costs***

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, we initiated a restructuring plan to reduce operating costs. We recorded restructuring costs of \$0.8 million and \$0.4 million, in the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, primarily related to senior management severance pay.

### ***Legal Settlement Charge***

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, we accrued \$0.8 million to settle a wage and hour class action lawsuit in California, for which a final binding agreement is expected to be approved by the court later this year. See Note 13 - Commitments and Contingencies to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

### ***Acquisition and Integration Costs***

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we incurred acquisition and integration costs of \$3.0 million, pretax. The acquisition and integration costs were primarily related to the MSN acquisition and the integration of the acquired allied

staffing business and included transitional services as well as travel and training costs. No similar charges were recorded in the six months ended June 30, 2013.

#### ***Loss on early extinguishment and modification of debt***

In the six months ended June 30, 2013, loss on early extinguishment or modification of debt was \$1.4 million and related to a change in lenders' participations and modification of the then existing July 2012 Credit Agreement. See Note 8- Debt, to our condensed consolidated financial statements for more information.

#### ***Interest expense***

Interest expense totaled \$0.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to \$0.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The increase in interest expense was due to a combination of higher average borrowings and higher interest rates on our borrowings. The effective interest rate on our borrowings was 2.7% for the six month period ended June 30, 2014 compared to 2.1% in the six month period ended June 30, 2013.

#### ***Income tax expense (benefit)***

Income tax benefit from continuing operations totaled \$0.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014, as compared to \$0.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The effective tax rate was 1.6% and 21.4% in the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The income tax benefit in the six months ended June 30, 2014 included a benefit of \$1.7 million from discrete items, the most significant of which related to corrections to the valuation allowance recorded at December 31, 2013. Excluding those discrete items, income tax expense was \$1.6 million reflecting the impact of changes in the valuation allowance resulting from amortization of indefinite lived intangibles for tax purposes, as well as partial non-deductibility for certain per diem expenses and to a lesser extent state and foreign taxes, offsetting the tax benefit arising from the continuing loss. The effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2013 was lower than the statutory rate due to the impact of the non-deductibility of certain per diem expenses, state taxes and foreign taxes.

#### ***Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes***

Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes includes the results from the sale of the clinical trial services business which was classified as discontinued in the six months ended June 30, 2013. Income from discontinued operations, net of tax of \$2.5 million included a \$4.1 million gain (\$2.2 million net of taxes) on the sale of our clinical trial services business in the six months ended June 30, 2013. See Note 4 –Discontinued Operations, to our condensed consolidated financial statements for more information.

#### ***Transactions with Related Parties***

We provided services to hospitals which are affiliated with certain members of our Board of Directors. We believe the pricing for these services is consistent with our other hospital customers. Revenue related to these transactions amounted approximately \$3.2 million and \$5.5 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. Revenue related to these transactions amounted approximately \$1.2 million and \$2.3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively. Accounts receivable due from these hospitals at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were approximately \$1.7 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

MSN provided staffing services to an entity that has a non-controlling interest in InteliStaf of Oklahoma, LLC, a joint venture between MSN (68% ownership) and an unrelated third party (with 32% ownership). At June 30, 2014, we had a receivable balance of approximately \$0.9 million and a payable balance of \$0.1 million relating to these staffing services.

#### ***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

As of June 30, 2014, we had a current ratio, defined as the amount of current assets divided by current liabilities, of 2 to 1. Working capital increased to \$60.4 million as of June 30, 2014 from \$39.0 million as of December 31, 2013 primarily due to the MSN acquisition.

We financed the purchase price of MSN using \$55.0 million in new subordinated debt consisting of a \$30.0 million, 5-year term loan and \$25.0 million of convertible notes having a 6-year maturity and a conversion price of \$7.10. We also amended our loan agreement with Bank of America, N.A. to increase our borrowing capacity under our senior secured asset-based

revolving credit facility from \$65.0 million to \$85.0 million. See Note 8 - Debt and Note 9 - Derivative Liability for further information.

Our operating cash flows constitute our primary source of liquidity, and historically, have been sufficient to fund our working capital, capital expenditures, internal business expansion and debt service. We believe that our capital resources are sufficient to meet our working capital needs for the next twelve months. We expect to meet our future needs for working capital, capital expenditures, internal business expansion and debt service from a combination of cash on hand, operating cash flows and funds available through the revolving loan portion of our First Lien Loan Agreement. We believe that operating cash flows and cash on hand, along with amounts available under our First Lien Loan Agreement, will be sufficient to meet these needs during the next twelve months.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$5.5 million in the six months ended June 30, 2014, compared to \$4.4 million provided by operating activities in the six months ended June 30, 2013. Net cash flow provided by discontinued operations was approximately \$0.5 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013. The increased usage in cash was primarily due to acquisition and integration costs related to the MSN acquisition and the integration of the allied health staffing business acquired in December of 2013. The number of days' sales outstanding was 52 days at June 30, 2014 compared to 52 days and 51 days at June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

Investing activities used \$48.2 million in the six months ended June 30, 2014, compared to \$45.5 million provided by investing activities in the six months ended June 30, 2013. As previously noted, we acquired substantially all of the assets and certain liabilities of MSN in the second quarter of 2014 for a purchase price of \$48.1 million, net of cash acquired. During the six months ended June 30, 2013, we sold the clinical trial services business with net proceeds from the sale of \$45.9 million. We used \$2.8 million for capital expenditures in the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to \$0.4 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013. The capital expenditures in the six months ended June 30, 2014 primarily related to the relocation of our physician staffing headquarters and included \$0.9 million of tenant improvements funded by our landlord.

Net cash provided by financing activities during the six months ended June 30, 2014, was \$54.9 million compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$34.3 million during the six months ended June 30, 2013. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we increased our debt by \$56.1 million primarily to fund the acquisition of MSN, including acquisition related expenses, fund integration efforts from our allied health acquisition as well as capital expenditures. In addition, we used \$0.9 million for debt issuance costs related to the financing of the MSN acquisition. In the six months ended June 30, 2013, we repaid total debt, net of borrowings, of \$33.5 million using the proceeds from the sale of clinical trial services business. In addition, we used \$0.5 million to pay debt issuance costs related to our First Lien Loan Agreement.

## **Stockholders' Equity**

### *Stock Repurchase Program*

As of June 30, 2014, we may purchase up to an additional 942,443 shares of Common Stock under the February 2008 Board authorization, subject to certain conditions in the our First Lien Loan Agreement and Second Lien Term Loan Agreement. Subject to certain conditions as described in the First Lien Loan Agreement, we may repurchase up to an aggregate amount of \$5.0 million of our Equity Interests (as defined in the Loan Agreement). During the six months ended June 30, 2014 and the six months ended June 30, 2013, we did not repurchase any shares under our February 2008 Board of Directors' authorization.

### *Share-based Payments*

On March 11, 2014, the Board of Directors approved an amendment and restatement of the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan (amended and restated effective March 20, 2013) (the "Stock Incentive Plan"), which was renamed the 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The Stock Incentive Plan as amended and restated is referred to below as the Omnibus Plan. The Omnibus Plan approval was subject to, and became effective upon, stockholder approval at the Annual Meeting held on May 13, 2014. The Omnibus Plan generally incorporates the provisions of the Stock Incentive Plan as currently in effect and includes the following key modifications:

- Increase of the Aggregate Share Reserve. The aggregate share reserve was increased by an additional 600,000 shares for a total share reserve of 4,100,000 shares under the Omnibus Plan.

- Removal of Non-Appreciation Award Limit. In connection with the increase in the aggregate share reserve, the limit on the number of awards that are not “appreciation awards” (i.e., restricted stock and restricted stock units) that may be granted under the Omnibus Plan was removed.
- Performance-Based Cash Awards. The Omnibus Plan includes performance-based cash awards that may be granted with the intent to comply with the “performance-based compensation” exception under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- Term Extension. The term of the Amended Plan was extended until March 10, 2024 (the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan was scheduled to expire on April 5, 2017).
- Added pre-tax income as a metric to measure performance based equity awards.

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, 351,240 restricted stock awards and 239,585 performance stock awards were granted under the Omnibus Plan to the Company's non-employee Directors and management team. Pursuant to the Omnibus Plan the number of target shares that are issued for performance stock awards are determined based on the level of attainment of the targets. If the minimum level of performance is attained, restricted stock will be issued and with a vesting date of December 31, 2016, subject to the employee's continuing employment.

## **Debt**

### *Senior Credit Facility*

On January 9, 2013, we entered into a First Lien Loan and Security Agreement, (the First Lien Loan Agreement), by and among the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, as borrowers, and Bank of America, N.A., as agent. The First Lien Loan Agreement was subsequently amended to allow for the sale of our clinical trials services business in February 2014 and for administrative matters.

On June 30, 2014, we entered into a third amendment (the Amendment) to the First Lien Loan Agreement dated as of January 9, 2013 with Bank of America, N.A., as agent, in order to, among other things, increase the Company's borrowing capacity under the First Lien Loan Agreement and to consent to the consummation of the MSN acquisition and the incurrence of the indebtedness contemplated pursuant to the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement and the Note Purchase Agreement. The Amendment provides for, among other things, increasing the revolving credit facility under the First Lien Loan Agreement from \$65.0 million to \$85.0 million and increasing the letter of credit subline under the First Lien Loan Agreement from \$20.0 million to \$35.0 million. In addition, the termination date of the revolving credit facility under the First Lien Loan Agreement has been extended to June 30, 2017.

We used the increased availability under the letter of credit subline to collateralize certain insurance obligations related to the MSN acquisition. The revolving credit facility and letter of credit subline will be used to provide ongoing working capital and for other general corporate purposes.

As of June 30, 2014, the interest rate spreads and fees under the First Lien Loan Agreement are based on LIBOR plus 1.50% or Base Rate plus 0.50%. The LIBOR and Base Rate margins are subject to performance pricing adjustments, pursuant to a pricing matrix based on excess availability under the revolving credit facility, and could increase by 200 basis points if an event of default exists. We are required to pay a monthly commitment fee on the average daily unused portion of the revolving loan facility, which, as of June 30, 2014, was 0.375%.

The revolving credit facility can be used to provide ongoing working capital and for other general corporate purposes of the Company and its subsidiaries. As of June 30, 2014, the gross availability under the First Lien Loan Agreement was approximately \$73.0 million based on the Company's May accounts receivable balance pro forma to include MSN accounts receivable. We had \$31.5 million letters of credit outstanding and \$11.6 million drawn under its revolving credit facility, leaving \$29.9 million available as of June 30, 2014. The letters of credit relate to our workers' compensation and professional liability insurance policies and included a backstop letter of credit of \$8.0 million related to the acquisition of MSN which was subsequently released in July 2014. For additional information refer to Note 8- Debt to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

### *Second Lien Term Loan*

On June 30, 2014, we entered into a second lien loan and security agreement (the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement), by and among the Company, as borrower, certain of its domestic subsidiaries, as guarantors, and BSP Agency, LLC, as agent.

The Second Lien Term Loan Agreement provides for a five-year senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$30.0 million (the Second Lien Term Loan Facility, and the loans thereunder, the Second Lien Term Loans). The proceeds from the Second Lien Term Loan Facility were used to pay a portion of the consideration for the MSN acquisition and related fees and expenses.

Amounts borrowed under the Second Lien Term Loan Facility that are repaid or prepaid may not be re-borrowed. The Second Lien Term Loans bear interest at a rate equal to adjusted LIBOR (defined as the 3-month London interbank offered rate for U.S. dollars, adjusted for customary Eurodollar reserve requirements, if any, and subject to a floor of 1.00%) plus 6.50%. The interest rate would increase by 200 basis points if an event of default exists under the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement.

At our option we may elect to prepay the Second Lien Term Loans on or before June 30, 2015, subject to a prepayment premium in an amount equal to (i) the amount of the principal amount of the Second Lien Term Loans being repaid, plus (ii) the accrued but unpaid interest on the principal amount so prepaid, if any, to the date of the prepayment, plus (iii) any associated administrative amounts or charges owed to the lenders as a result of the redeployment of funds or fees payable to terminate matching deposits, plus (iv) a "make whole" amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) the present value at the prepayment date of (1) 103% of the aggregate principal amount of the Second Lien Term Loans then being prepaid, plus (2) all remaining scheduled interest payments due on the principal amount of such Second Lien Term Loans being prepaid through June 30, 2015 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the date of such prepayment), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury rate as of such prepayment date plus 50 basis points over (b) the outstanding principal amount of such Second Lien Term Loans being prepaid. The Company may, at its option at any time after June 30, 2015, prepay the Second Lien Term Loans in whole or in part at the redemption prices set forth therein, which range from 103% of the principal amount thereof for prepayments during the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, 102% of the principal amount thereof for prepayments during the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and 100% of the principal amount thereof for prepayments after such date. If we complete a public offering on or prior to November 27, 2014, however, we may apply the proceeds of such public offering to prepay the Second Lien Term Loans (plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon), in whole but not in part, without premium or penalty.

Subject to certain exceptions, the Second Lien Term Loans are required to be prepaid with: (a) 50% of excess cash flow (as defined in the Second Lien Term Loan Agreement) above \$5.0 million for each fiscal year of the Company (commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015), provided that voluntary prepayments of the Second Lien Term Loans made during such fiscal year will reduce the amount of excess cash flow prepayments required for such fiscal year on a dollar-for-dollar basis; (b) 100% of the net cash proceeds of all asset sales or other dispositions of property by us, as set forth in the agreement, in excess of a defined threshold and subject to our right to reinvest such proceeds within 12 months; (c) 100% of the net cash proceeds of issuances of debt offerings by us (except the net cash proceeds of any permitted debt); and (d) 50% of the net cash proceeds of equity offerings of the Company.

#### *Private Placement of Convertible Notes*

On June 30, 2014, we entered into a Convertible Note Purchase Agreement (the Note Purchase Agreement), with certain note holders (collectively, the Noteholders). Pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement, we sold to the Noteholders an aggregate of \$25.0 million of convertible senior notes (the Convertible Notes). The proceeds from the Note Purchase Agreement were used to pay a portion of the consideration paid in the MSN Acquisition and related fees and expenses.

The Convertible Notes are convertible at the option of the holders thereof at any time into shares of our common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (Common Stock), at an initial conversion price of \$7.10 per share, or 3,521,126 shares of Common Stock. After three years, we have the right to force a conversion of the Convertible Notes if the volume-weighted average price (VWAP) per share of its Common Stock exceeds 125% of the then conversion price for 20 days of a 30 day trading period. The conversion price is subject to adjustment pursuant to customary weighted average anti-dilution provisions including adjustments for the following: Common Stock dividends or distributions; issuance of any rights, warrants or options to acquire Common Stock; distributions of property; tender offer or exchange offer payments; cash dividends; or certain issuances of Common Stock at less than the conversion price. Upon conversion of the Convertible Notes, we will exchange, for the applicable conversion amount thereof a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the amount determined by dividing (i) such conversion amount by (ii) the conversion price in effect at the time of conversion. No fractional shares of Common Stock will be issued upon conversion of the Conversion Notes. In lieu of fractional shares, the Company shall pay cash in respect of each fractional share equal to such fractional amount multiplied by the Thirty Day VWAP as of the closing of business on the Business Day immediately preceding the conversion date as well as any unpaid accrued interest.

The Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 8.00% per annum, payable in quarterly cash installments; provided, however, that, at our option, up to 4.00% of the interest payable may be “paid-in-kind” through a quarterly addition of such “paid-in-kind” interest amount to the principal amount of the Convertible Notes. The Convertible Notes will mature on June 30, 2020, unless earlier repurchased, redeemed or converted. Subject to certain exceptions, we are not permitted to redeem the Convertible Notes until June 30, 2017. If we redeem the Convertible Notes on or after June 30, 2017, we are required to pay a premium equal to the greater of (i) the sum of (a) the amount of principal of the Convertible Notes redeemed, plus (b) the accrued but unpaid interests on the principal amount so redeemed to the date of the redemption, plus (c) 15% of the amount of principal of the Convertible Notes redeemed and (ii) the sum of (x) the average thirty day VWAP per share of Common Stock multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock that the redeemed Convertible Notes are then convertible into and (y) the accrued but unpaid interest on the Convertible Notes.

If the Convertible Notes are redeemed prior to June 30, 2017, we are required to pay a premium equal to the greater of (i) the sum of (a) the amount of principal of the Convertible Notes redeemed, plus (b) the accrued but unpaid interests on the principal amount so redeemed to the date of the redemption, plus (c) a “make whole” amount (described below) and (ii) the sum of (x) the average thirty day volume-weighted average price per share of Common Stock multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock that the redeemed Convertible Notes are then convertible into and (y) the accrued but unpaid interest on the Convertible Notes. The “make whole” amount is equal to the excess, if any, of (1) the present value at the date of redemption of (A) 115% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes redeemed, plus (B) all remaining scheduled interest due on the principal amount of the notes being redeemed through June 30, 2017 computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury rate as of the date of redemption plus 50 basis points over (2) the outstanding principal amount of the Convertible Notes then redeemed.

In conjunction with ASC 815, *Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities*, we have bifurcated and accounted for an embedded derivative related to specific features of these Convertible Notes. As required by ASC 815, the embedded derivative is required to be accounted for as a derivative liability at fair value in our condensed consolidated financial statements. Refer to Note 9 - Derivative liability for further information.

We have granted the Noteholders preemptive rights with respect to future equity issuances by us, subject to customary exceptions.

In connection with the placement of the Convertible Notes, on June 30, 2014, we entered into a registration rights agreement (the Registration Rights Agreement) with the Noteholders, which sets forth the rights of the Noteholders to have the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Notes registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) for public resale under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, we are required to file a registration statement with the SEC (the Initial Registration Statement) on or prior to January 2, 2015, registering the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Notes. We are required to use our reasonable best efforts to have the Initial Registration Statement declared effective as promptly as possible following the filing thereof and, in any event, by no later than by March 31, 2015. In addition, the agreement gives the Noteholders the ability to exercise certain piggyback registration rights in connection with registered offerings by the Company.

#### Commitments and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements as of June 30, 2014.

The following table reflects our contractual obligations and other commitments as of June 30, 2014.

Commitments	Total	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Thereafter
(amounts in thousands)							
Senior Secured Asset-Based (a)	\$ 11,605	\$ 11,605	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Second Lien Term Loan (a)	30,000	—	—	—	—	—	30,000
Convertible Notes	25,000	—	—	—	—	—	25,000
Capital lease obligations	254	53	107	71	13	8	2
Operating leases obligations (b)	24,043	3,868	6,774	5,381	3,778	1,619	2,623
	<u>\$ 90,902</u>	<u>\$ 15,526</u>	<u>\$ 6,881</u>	<u>\$ 5,452</u>	<u>\$ 3,791</u>	<u>\$ 1,627</u>	<u>\$ 57,625</u>

- (a) Under our Senior Secured Asset-Based and Second Lien Term Loan, we are required to comply with certain financial covenants. Our inability to comply with the required covenants or other provisions could result in default under our credit facility. In the event of any such default and our inability to obtain a waiver of the default, all amounts outstanding could be declared immediately due and payable.
- (b) Represents future minimum lease payments associated with operating lease agreements with original terms of more than one year.

## Critical Accounting Principles and Estimates

### Derivative Liability

In accordance with ASC 815, *Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities*, we have bifurcated and accounted for an embedded derivative related to specific features of the Convertible Notes. The Company's Convertible Notes derivative liability has been measured at fair value at June 30, 2014 using a trinomial lattice model. Since the Conversion Price contains an anti-dilution adjustment, the probability that the Conversion Price of the Notes would decrease as the share price decreased was incorporated into the valuation calculation.

The inputs into the valuation model are as follows:

	June 30, 2014
Closing share price	\$6.52
Conversion price	\$7.10
Risk free rate	1.94%
Expected volatility	40%
Dividend yield	—%
Expected life	6 years

The fair value of the convertible note payable derivative liability was \$6.8 million at June 30, 2014.

Our other critical accounting principles and estimates remain consistent with those reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, filed with the SEC.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-08, *Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity* to reduce diversity in practice for reporting discontinued operations. Under the previous guidance, any component of an entity that was a reportable segment, an operating segment, a reporting unit, a subsidiary, or an asset group was eligible for discontinued operations presentation. The revised guidance only allows disposals of components of an entity that represent a strategic shift (e.g., disposal of a major geographical area, a major line of business, a major equity method investment, or other major parts of an entity) and that have a major effect on a reporting entity's operations and financial results to be reported as discontinued operations. The revised guidance also requires expanded disclosure in the financial statements for discontinued operations as well as for disposals of significant components of an entity that do not qualify for discontinued operations presentation. The updated guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2014. We had operations that were reported as discontinued operations for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and we do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In May 2014, the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) jointly issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-9, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606), which clarifies the principles for recognizing revenue and develops a common revenue standard for GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The core principle of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. The ASU is effective for public entities for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is not permitted under GAAP and retrospective application is permitted, but not required. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting this guidance on our financial position and results of operations.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

### *Interest Rate Risk*

We are exposed to the risk of fluctuation in interest rates relating to our variable rate debt related to our Senior Credit Facility and Second Lien Loan Agreement entered. See Note 8 - Debt to our condensed and consolidated financial statements. During the six months ended June 30, 2014 or 2013, we did not use interest rate swaps or other types of derivative financial instruments to hedge our interest rate risk.

### *Derivative Liability Risk*

As of June 30, 2014, in conjunction with the MSN acquisition, we had \$25.0 million of 8.0% fixed rate Convertible Notes outstanding due June 30, 2020. The Convertible Notes include terms that are considered to be embedded derivatives, including conversion and redemption features that primarily protect the investors' investment with us (see Note 9 - Convertible Notes Derivative Liability). On a quarterly basis, we are required to record this embedded derivative at fair value with the changes being recorded as a component of other expense (income) on our condensed consolidated statements of operations. Accordingly, our results of operations are subject to exposure associated with increases or decreases in the estimated fair value of our embedded derivative.

The fair value of this derivative liability is primarily determined by fluctuations in our stock price. As our stock price increases or decreases, the fair value of this derivative liability increases or decreases, resulting in a corresponding current period loss or gain to be recognized. As of June 30, 2014, a \$1 decrease or increase in our stock price would have resulted in a change in the initial valuation of the embedded derivative by \$1.6 million and a 1% decrease or increase in interest rates would have resulted in a change in the initial valuation of the derivative of \$0.5 million.

There have been no material changes to our other exposures as disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed for the year ended December 31, 2013.

## **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

### *Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

Attached as exhibits to this report are certifications of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, which are required in accordance with Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). This "Controls and Procedures" section includes information concerning the controls and related evaluations referred to in the certifications and it should be read in conjunction with the certifications for a more complete understanding of the topics presented.

As of the end of the period covered in this report, we carried out an evaluation, as required in Rule 13a-15(b) under the Exchange Act, under the supervision and with the participation of members of our senior management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act.

Based on that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, due to the material weakness in our control over financial reporting as disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, our internal disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Based on additional analysis and other post-closing procedures designed to ensure that our consolidated financial statements will be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, management believes, notwithstanding the material weakness, that the consolidated financial statements included in this report fairly present, in all material respects, our financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.

### *Remediation of Material Weakness*

As disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, our management identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013 specifically related to our controls of non-routine accounting processes. We continue to improve our policies and procedures relating to internal controls over financial reporting, including putting in place an increased level of accounting and reporting oversight and controls at the corporate level. We expect to complete the implementation of remediation measures, and as a result, remediate the existing material weakness described above, by the end of 2014.

In addition, under the direction of the Audit Committee, management will continue to review and make necessary changes to the overall design of the Company's internal control environment, as well as to policies and procedures to improve the overall effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Management believes the foregoing efforts will effectively remediate the material weakness. However, the material weakness will not be considered remediated until the applicable remedial controls operate for a sufficient period of time and management has concluded, through testing, that these controls are operating effectively, which we expect to occur within the current fiscal year.

### *Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting*

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. We note that management continued its remediation efforts during the first six months of June 2014 related to the above-described material weakness.

A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can only provide reasonable assurances that the objectives of the control system are met. Because there are inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been or will be detected.

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

On December 4, 2012, the Company's subsidiary, CC Staffing, Inc. (now known as Travel Staff, LLC) became the subject of a purported class action lawsuit (Alice Ogues, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiffs, vs. CC Staffing, Inc., a Delaware corporation; and DOES 1-50, inclusive, Defendants) filed in the United States District Court, Northern District of California. Plaintiff alleges that traveling employees were denied meal periods and rest breaks, that they should have been paid overtime on reimbursement amounts, various other wage and hour claims, and that they are entitled to associated penalties. The parties have agreed to settle this lawsuit for \$0.8 million. The United States District Court, Northern District of California granted preliminary approval of the settlement on January 17, 2014, subject to the inclusion of language requiring a five-day cure period for deficient requests for exclusion from class members. On February 6, 2014, the parties amended the settlement agreement to include such language. A hearing for final approval of the settlement agreement was held in May 2014. The Company expects the Court to grant final approval of the settlement during the fourth quarter 2014.

The Company is also subject to other legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of its business. In the opinion of management, the outcome of these other matters will not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The following Risk Factors are in addition to the Risk Factors as stated in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed for the year ended December 31, 2013:

***Changes in the fair value of financial instruments may result in significant volatility in our reported results.***

We have issued convertible notes with certain conversion features and provisions, which we identified as embedded derivatives. This requires us to "mark to market" or record the derivatives at fair value as of the end of each reporting period on our balance sheet and to record the change in fair value over the period as a non-cash adjustment to our current period results of operations in our income statement, subjecting our results of operations to greater and potentially significant volatility.

***We have a substantial level of indebtedness which may have an adverse effect on our business or limit our ability to take advantage of business, strategic or financing opportunities.***

As indicated below, we have and will continue to have a significant amount of indebtedness relative to our equity. The following table sets forth our total principal amount of debt and stockholders' equity.

	June 30, 2014
	(amounts in thousands)
Total principal amount of indebtedness	98,359
Stockholders' equity	156,945

Our substantial level of indebtedness increases the possibility that we may be unable to generate cash sufficient to pay the principal, interest or other amounts due on our indebtedness. Subject to certain restrictions under our existing indebtedness, we and our subsidiaries may also incur significant additional indebtedness in the future, some of which may be secured debt. This may have the effect of increasing our total leverage.

As a consequence of our indebtedness, (1) demands on our cash resources may increase, (2) we are subject to restrictive covenants that further limit our financial and operating flexibility and (3) we may choose to institute self-imposed limits on our indebtedness based on certain considerations including market interest rates, our relative leverage and our strategic plans. For example, as a result of our substantial level of indebtedness and the uncertainties arising in the credit markets and the U.S. economy:

- we may be more vulnerable to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- we may have to pay higher interest rates upon refinancing or on our variable rate indebtedness if interest rates rise, thereby reducing our cash flows;

- we may find it more difficult to obtain additional financing to fund future working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate requirements that would be in our best long-term interests;

- we may be required to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to the payment of principal and interest on our debt, reducing the available cash flow to fund other investments,;
- we may have limited flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business or in the industry;
- we may have a competitive disadvantage relative to other companies in our industry that are less leveraged; and
- we may be required to sell debt or equity securities or sell some of our core assets, possibly on unfavorable terms, in order to meet payment obligations.

These restrictions could have a material adverse effect on our business.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

See Exhibit Index immediately following signature page.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.**

Date: August 8, 2014

By: /s/ William J. Burns

William J. Burns  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.**

Date: August 8, 2014

By: /s/ Nicholas Buscemi III

Nicholas Buscemi III  
Chief Accounting Officer  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
*4.1	2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan - Restricted Stock Agreement Form
*4.2	2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan - Performance Share and Restricted Stock Agreement Form
*31.1	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14 (a) by William J. Grubbs, President and Chief Executive Officer
*31.2	Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14 (a) by William J. Burns, Chief Financial Officer
*32.1	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 by William J. Grubbs, President and Chief Executive Officer
*32.2	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 by William J. Burns, Chief Financial Officer
**101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
**101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
**101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
**101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
**101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
**101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
*	Filed herewith
**	Furnished herewith

**RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT  
PURSUANT TO THE  
CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.  
2014 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN**

THIS RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), made as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the "Grant Date"), by and between Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (the "Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Participant").

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

**WHEREAS**, the Company has adopted the Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), which is administered by a committee (the "Committee") appointed by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Plan, the Board may grant to Eligible Employees shares of its common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock"); and

**WHEREAS**, such shares of Common Shares granted to the Participant hereunder are to be subject to restrictions prior to the vesting thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Grant of Shares.** Subject to the restrictions, terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company granted to the Participant on the Grant Date [\_\_\_\_\_] shares of duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable Common Share (the "Shares"). To the extent required by law, the Participant shall pay the Company the par value (\$0.0001) for each Share awarded to the Participant simultaneously with the execution of this Agreement. The Shares are subject to certain transfer restrictions and possible risk of forfeiture pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. While such restrictions are in effect, the Shares subject to such restrictions shall be referred to herein as "Restricted Stock."

2. **Restrictions on Transfer.** The Participant shall not sell, assign, transfer, pledge, exchange, encumber, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of the Restricted Stock, except as set forth in the Plan or this Agreement. Any attempted sale, assignment, transfer, pledge, exchange, encumbrance, hypothecation or other disposition of the Restricted Stock in violation of the Plan or this Agreement shall be void and of no effect and the Company shall have the right to disregard the same on its books and records and to issue "stop transfer" instructions to its transfer agent.

3. **Restricted Stock.**

(a) **Retention of Certificates.** Promptly after the date of this Agreement, the Company shall issue stock certificates representing the Restricted Stock unless it elects to recognize

such ownership through book entry or another similar method pursuant to Section 8 herein. The stock certificates shall be registered in the Participant's name and shall bear any legend required under the Plan or Section 4(a) of this Agreement. Unless held in book entry form, such stock certificates shall be held in custody by the Company (or its designated agent) until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed. Upon the Company's request, the Participant shall deliver to the Company a duly signed stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to the Restricted Stock. If the Participant receives a stock dividend or extraordinary cash dividend on the Restricted Stock or the shares of Restricted Stock are split or the Participant receives any other shares, securities, moneys or property representing a dividend on the Restricted Stock (other than regular cash dividends on and after the date of this Agreement) or representing a distribution or return of capital upon or in respect of the Restricted Stock or any part thereof, or resulting from a split-up, reclassification or other like changes of the Restricted Stock, or otherwise received in exchange therefor, and any warrants, rights or options issued to the Participant in respect of the Restricted Stock (collectively "RS Property"), the Participant will also immediately deposit with and deliver to the Company any of such RS Property, including any certificates representing shares duly endorsed in blank or accompanied by stock powers duly executed in blank, and such RS Property shall be subject to the same restrictions, including that of this Section 3(a), as the Restricted Stock with regard to which they are issued and shall herein be encompassed within the term "Restricted Stock."

(b) **Rights with Regard to Restricted Stock.** The Participant will have all rights of a stockholder with respect to the Restricted Stock, including the right to vote the Restricted Stock, to receive and retain any dividends payable to holders of Common Stock of record on and after the transfer of the Restricted Stock (although such dividends shall be treated, to the extent required by applicable law, as additional compensation for tax purposes if paid on Restricted Stock and stock dividends will be subject to the restrictions provided in Section 3(a)), and to exercise all other rights, powers and privileges of a holder of Common Stock with respect to the Restricted Stock set forth in the Plan, with the exceptions that: (i) the Participant will not be entitled to delivery of the stock certificate or certificates representing the Restricted Stock until the Restriction Period shall have expired; (ii) the Company (or its designated agent) will retain custody of the stock certificate or certificates representing the Restricted Stock and the other RS Property during the Restriction Period; (iii) no RS Property shall bear interest or be segregated in separate accounts during the Restriction Period; and (iv) the Participant may not sell, assign, transfer, pledge, exchange, encumber, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of the Restricted Stock during the Restriction Period.

(c) **Vesting.** The Restricted Stock shall become vested and cease to be Restricted Stock, and accordingly, the restrictions contained in Sections 2, 3(a) and 3(b) will no longer apply (but the Shares will remain subject to Section 5 of this Agreement) pursuant to the following schedule, which shall be cumulative; provided that the Participant has not had a Termination any time prior to the applicable vesting date:

<u>Vesting Date</u>	<u>Percentage Vested</u>
First Anniversary of Grant Date	33.33%
Second Anniversary of Grant Date	33.33%
Third Anniversary of Grant Date	33.34%

There shall be no proportionate or partial vesting in the periods prior to each vesting date and all vesting shall occur only on the appropriate vesting date; provided that no Termination has occurred prior to such date.

When any Shares of Restricted Stock become vested, the Company shall promptly issue and deliver, unless the Company is using book entry or another similar method pursuant to Section 8 herein, to the Participant a new stock certificate registered in the name of the Participant for such Shares without the legend set forth in Section 4(a) hereof and deliver to the Participant any related other RS Property, subject to applicable withholding.

(d) **Detrimental Activity.** In consideration for the grant of Restricted Stock and in addition to any other remedies available to the Company, the Participant acknowledges and agrees that the Restricted Stock is subject to the provisions in the Plan regarding Detrimental Activity. If the Participant engages in any Detrimental Activity prior to, or during the one-year period after, any vesting of Restricted Stock, the Committee may direct that all unvested Restricted Stock shall be immediately forfeited to the Company and that the Participant shall pay over to the Company an amount equal to the Fair Market Value at the time of vesting of any Restricted Stock that had vested in the period referred to above.

(e) **Termination; Forfeiture.** The Participant shall forfeit to the Company, without compensation, other than repayment of any par value paid by the Participant for such Shares (if any), any and all Restricted Stock (but no vested Shares) and RS Property upon the Participant's Termination for any reason.

(f) **Taxes.** The Participant shall pay, or make arrangements to pay, in a manner satisfactory to the Company, an amount equal to the amount of all applicable federal, state and local or foreign taxes that the Company is required to withhold at any time. In the absence of such arrangements, the Company or one of its Affiliates will have the right to withhold such taxes from any amounts payable to the Participant, including, but not limited to, the right to withhold Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant hereunder. In addition, any statutorily required withholding obligation may be satisfied, as determined in the Committee's sole discretion, in whole or in part, at the Participant's election, in the form and manner prescribed by the Committee, by delivery of shares of Common Share to the Company (including Shares issuable under this Agreement) equal to the statutorily required withholding obligation.

(g) **Section 83(b).** If the Participant properly elects (as permitted by Section 83(b) of the Code) within thirty (30) days after the Grant Date to include in gross income for federal income tax purposes in the year of issuance the fair market value of all or a portion of such Restricted Stock, the Participant shall be solely responsible for any foreign, federal, state, provincial or local taxes the Participant incurs in connection with such election. The Participant acknowledges that it is the Participant's sole responsibility, and not the Company's, to file timely and properly the election under Section 83(b) of the Code and any corresponding provisions of state tax laws if the Participant elects to utilize such election.

(h) **Delivery Delay.** The delivery of any certificate representing the Shares or other RS Property may be postponed by the Company for such period as may be required for it to comply with any applicable foreign, federal or state securities law, or any national securities exchange listing requirements and the Company is not obligated to issue or deliver any securities if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, the issuance of such Shares shall constitute a violation by the Participant or the Company of any provisions of any applicable foreign, federal or state law or of any regulations of any governmental authority or any national securities exchange.

4. **Legend.** All certificates representing the Restricted Stock shall have endorsed thereon the following legends:

(a) “The anticipation, alienation, attachment, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance or charge of the shares of stock represented hereby are subject to the terms and conditions (including forfeiture) of the Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (the “Company”) 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”) and an agreement entered into between the registered owner and the Company dated \_\_\_\_\_. Copies of such Plan and agreement are on file at the principal office of the Company.”

(b) Any legend required to be placed thereon by applicable blue sky laws of any state.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Company be obligated to issue a certificate representing the Restricted Stock prior to the vesting dates set forth above.

5. **Securities Representations.** The Shares are being issued to the Participant and this Agreement is being made by the Company in reliance upon the following express representations and warranties of the Participant.

The Participant acknowledges, represents and warrants that:

(a) The Participant has been advised that the Participant may be an “affiliate” within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Act”) currently or at the time the Participant desires to sell the Shares following the vesting of the Restricted Stock, and in this connection the Company is relying in part on the Participant’s representations set forth in this section.

(b) If the Participant is deemed an affiliate within the meaning of Rule 144 of the Act, the Shares must be held indefinitely unless an exemption from any applicable resale restrictions is available or the Company files an additional registration statement (or a “re-offer prospectus”) with regard to such Shares and the Company is under no obligation to register the Shares (or to file a “re-offer prospectus”).

(c) If the Participant is deemed an affiliate within the meaning of Rule 144 of the Act, the Participant understands that the exemption from registration under Rule 144 will not be available unless (i) a public trading market then exists for the Common Stock, (ii) adequate information concerning the Company is then available to the public, and (iii) other terms and

conditions of Rule 144 or any exemption therefrom are complied with; and that any sale of the Shares may be made only in limited amounts in accordance with such terms and conditions.

6. **No Obligation to Continue Employment.** This Agreement is not an agreement of employment. This Agreement does not guarantee that the Company or its Affiliates will employ or retain, or to continue to, employ or retain the Participant as an employee during the entire, or any portion of, the term of this Agreement, including but not limited to any period during which the Restricted Stock is outstanding, nor does it modify in any respect the Company or its Affiliate's right to terminate or modify the Participant's employment or compensation.

7. **Power of Attorney.** The Company, its successors and assigns, is hereby appointed the attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, of the Participant for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement and taking any action and executing any instruments which such attorney-in-fact may deem necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes hereof, which appointment as attorney-in-fact is irrevocable and coupled with an interest. The Company, as attorney-in-fact for the Participant, may in the name and stead of the Participant, make and execute all conveyances, assignments and transfers of the Restricted Stock, Shares and property provided for herein, and the Participant hereby ratifies and confirms all that the Company, as said attorney-in-fact, shall do by virtue hereof. Nevertheless, the Participant shall, if so requested by the Company, execute and deliver to the Company all such instruments as may, in the judgment of the Company, be advisable for the purpose.

8. **Uncertificated Shares.** Notwithstanding anything else herein, to the extent permitted under applicable foreign, federal or state law, the Company may issue the Restricted Stock in the form of uncertificated shares. Such uncertificated shares of Restricted Stock shall be credited to a book entry account maintained by the Company (or its designee) on behalf of the Participant. If thereafter certificates are issued with respect to the uncertificated shares of Restricted Stock, such issuance and delivery of certificates shall be in accordance with the applicable terms of this Agreement.

9. **Provisions of Plan Control.** This Agreement is subject to all the terms, conditions and provisions of the Plan, including, without limitation, the amendment provisions thereof, and to such rules, regulations and interpretations relating to the Plan as may be adopted by the Committee and as may be in effect from time to time. The Plan is incorporated herein by reference. By signing and returning this Agreement, the Participant acknowledges having received and read a copy of the Plan and agrees to comply with it, this Agreement and all applicable laws and regulations. Capitalized terms in this Agreement that are not otherwise defined shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Plan. If and to the extent that this Agreement conflicts or is inconsistent with the terms, conditions and provisions of the Plan, the Plan shall control, and this Agreement shall be deemed to be modified accordingly. This Agreement and the Plan contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior agreements between the Company and the Participant with respect to the subject matter hereof.

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certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested), to the appropriate party at the address set forth below:

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If to the Participant, to the address for the Participant on file with the Company;

or such other address or to the attention of such other person as a party shall have specified by prior Notice to the other party. Each Notice will be deemed given and effective upon actual receipt (or refusal of receipt).

11. **Acceptance.** As required by Section 8.2(b) of the Plan, the Participant shall forfeit the Restricted Stock if the Participant does not execute this Agreement within a period of 60 days from the Grant Date (or such other period as the Board shall provide). In the event that the Restricted Stock is not accepted within such time period, this Agreement will be null and void *ab initio* and this award of Restricted Stock will not be valid.

12. **Governing Law.** All questions concerning the construction, validity and interpretation of this Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the domestic laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware.

13. **Consent to Jurisdiction.** In the event of any dispute, controversy or claim between the Company or any Affiliate and the Participant in any way concerning, arising out of or relating to the Plan or this Agreement (a "**Dispute**"), including without limitation any Dispute concerning, arising out of or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement of the Plan or this Agreement, the parties hereby (a) agree and consent to the personal jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Florida located in Palm Beach County and/or the Federal courts of the United States of America located in the Florida Southern District (collectively, the "**Agreed Venue**") for resolution of any such Dispute, (b) agree that those courts in the Agreed Venue, and only those courts, shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any Dispute, including any appeal, and (c) agree that any cause of action arising out of this Agreement shall be deemed to have arisen from a transaction of business in the State of Florida. The parties also hereby irrevocably (i) submit to the jurisdiction of any competent court in the Agreed Venue (and of the appropriate appellate courts therefrom), (ii) to the fullest extent permitted by law, waive any and all defenses the parties may have on the grounds of lack of jurisdiction of any such court and any other objection that such parties may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court (including without limitation any defense that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum), and (iii) consent to service of process in any such suit, action or proceeding, anywhere in the world, whether within or without the jurisdiction

of any such court, in any manner provided by applicable law. Without limiting the foregoing, each party agrees that service of process on such party pursuant to a Notice as provided in Section 11 shall be deemed effective service of process on such party. Any action for enforcement or recognition of any judgment obtained in connection with a Dispute may be enforced in any competent court in the Agreed Venue or in any other court of competent jurisdiction.

14. **Amendment.** The Board may, subject to the terms of the Plan, at any time and from time to time amend, in whole or in part, any or all of the provisions of this Agreement and may also suspend or terminate this Agreement subject to the terms of the Plan. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, no modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement will be effective unless in writing by the party against whom it is sought to be enforced.

15. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed (including by facsimile transmission) with counterpart signature pages or in separate counterparts each of which shall be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

16. **Miscellaneous.**

(a) By signing and returning this Agreement, the Participant agrees to comply with this Agreement and all applicable laws and regulations.

(b) This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior agreements between the Company and the Participant with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(c) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Participant hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Company may assign this Agreement to any successor to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company. As used in this Agreement, "**Company**" shall mean the Company and any successor to its business and/or assets.

(d) The failure of any party hereto at any time to require performance by another party of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the right of such party to require performance of that provision, and any waiver by any party of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any continuing or succeeding breach of such provision, a waiver of the provision itself, or a waiver of any right under this Agreement.

(e) If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such provisions had not been included.

(f) The section headings used in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and shall not affect, or be used in connection with, the interpretation of this Agreement.

(g) Although the Company makes no guarantee with respect to the tax treatment of the Restricted Stock, the award of Restricted Stock pursuant to this Agreement is intended to be exempt from Section 409A of the Code and shall be limited, construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. With respect to any dividends and other RS Property, however, this Agreement is intended to comply with, or to be exempt from, the applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code and shall be limited, construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. In no event whatsoever shall the Company or any of its affiliates be liable for any additional tax, interest or penalties that may be imposed on the Participant by Section 409A of the Code or any damages for failing to comply with Section 409A of the Code.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

PARTICIPANT:

CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**First and Last Name**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERFORMANCE SHARE AND  
RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT  
PURSUANT TO THE  
CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.  
2014 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN**

THIS PERFORMANCE SHARE AND RESTRICTED STOCK AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), made as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the "Grant Date"), by and between Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (the "Company") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Participant").

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

**WHEREAS**, the Company has adopted the Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), which is administered by a committee (the "Committee") appointed by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Company wishes to grant to the Participant a Performance Share Award under the Plan that, upon the achievement of the performance goal set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and subject to the Participant's continuing service with the Company or an Affiliate through the achievement of such performance goal, may provide for the issuance of restricted shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock") in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the performance goal set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto is intended to constitute a "performance goal", as set forth under the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, such shares of Common Stock, when issued to the Participant, shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement, including without limitation, the restrictions set forth in Sections 2 and 3 herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Award.**

(a) **Award.** Subject to the restrictions, terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, and subject to the Participant's not incurring a Termination prior to the Issuance Date (as defined below), upon the Committee determining and certifying the level of achievement of the performance metric set forth on Appendix A attached hereto (the "Performance Goal") with respect to the performance period beginning on January 1, 20\_\_ and ending on December 31, 20\_\_ (the "Performance Period"), the Company shall grant to the Participant a number of duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable shares of Common Stock calculated based on the level of achievement of the Performance Goal for the Performance Period relative to the Participant's number of target shares set forth on the signature page hereto (the "Target Shares"), subject to the

restrictions pursuant to Sections 2 and 3 hereof. The actual number of shares of Common Stock granted to the Participant on the Issuance Date (i.e., the Participant's Target Shares adjusted to reflect the actual level of attainment of the Performance Goal) is referred to as the "Adjusted Shares."

(b) **Certification**. The Committee shall certify the level of achievement of the Performance Goal in 20\_\_ (such date of certification, the "Certification Date") and will issue to the Participant the applicable number of Adjusted Shares within thirty (30) days following the Certification Date, but no later than December 31, 20\_\_ (such date of issuance, the "Issuance Date").

(c) **Termination**. If the Participant incurs a Termination for any reason prior to the Issuance Date, the Participant shall not be granted any Adjusted Shares.

(d) **Restrictions**. Pursuant to Section 2 and 3 hereof, any Adjusted Shares granted hereunder shall be subject to certain transfer restrictions and possible risk of forfeiture pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. While such restrictions are in effect, the Adjusted Shares subject to such restrictions shall be referred to herein as "Restricted Stock."

(e) **Adjustments**. The number of Adjusted Shares and the number of shares of Restricted Stock are subject to adjustment under Section 4.2(b) of the Plan.

2. **Restrictions on Transfer**. The Participant shall not sell, assign, transfer, pledge, exchange, encumber, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of the Target Shares or the Restricted Stock, except as set forth in the Plan or this Agreement. Any attempted sale, assignment, transfer, pledge, exchange, encumbrance, hypothecation or other disposition of the Restricted Stock in violation of the Plan or this Agreement shall be void and of no effect and the Company shall have the right to disregard the same on its books and records and to issue "stop transfer" instructions to its transfer agent.

### 3. **Restricted Stock**.

(a) **Retention of Certificates**. Promptly after the Issuance Date, the Company shall issue stock certificates representing the Restricted Stock unless it elects to recognize such ownership through book entry or another similar method pursuant to Section 8 herein. The stock certificates shall be registered in the Participant's name and shall bear any legend required under the Plan or Section 4(a) of this Agreement. Unless held in book entry form, such stock certificates shall be held in custody by the Company (or its designated agent) until the restrictions thereon shall have lapsed. Upon the Company's request, the Participant shall deliver to the Company a duly signed stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to the Restricted Stock. If the Participant receives a stock dividend or extraordinary cash dividend on the Restricted Stock or the shares of Restricted Stock are split or the Participant receives any other shares, securities, moneys or property representing a dividend on the Restricted Stock (other than regular cash dividends on and after the date of this Agreement) or representing a distribution or return of capital upon or in respect of the Restricted Stock or any part thereof, or resulting from a split-up, reclassification or other like changes of the Restricted Stock, or otherwise received in exchange therefor, and any warrants, rights or options issued to the Participant in respect of the Restricted Stock (collectively "RS Property"), the Participant will also immediately deposit with and deliver to the Company any of such RS Property,

including any certificates representing shares duly endorsed in blank or accompanied by stock powers duly executed in blank, and such RS Property shall be subject to the same restrictions, including that of this Section 3(a), as the Restricted Stock with regard to which they are issued and shall herein be encompassed within the term “Restricted Stock.”

(b) **Rights with Regard to Restricted Stock.** The Participant will have all rights of a stockholder with respect to the Restricted Stock, including the right to vote the Restricted Stock, to receive and retain any dividends payable to holders of Common Stock of record on and after the transfer of the Restricted Stock (although such dividends shall be treated, to the extent required by applicable law, as additional compensation for tax purposes if paid on Restricted Stock and stock dividends will be subject to the restrictions provided in Section 3(a)), and to exercise all other rights, powers and privileges of a holder of Common Stock with respect to the Restricted Stock set forth in the Plan, with the exceptions that: (i) the Participant will not be entitled to delivery of the stock certificate or certificates representing the Restricted Stock until the Restriction Period shall have expired; (ii) the Company (or its designated agent) will retain custody of the stock certificate or certificates representing the Restricted Stock and the other RS Property during the Restriction Period; (iii) no RS Property shall bear interest or be segregated in separate accounts during the Restriction Period; and (iv) the Participant may not sell, assign, transfer, pledge, exchange, encumber, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of the Restricted Stock during the Restriction Period.

(c) **Vesting.** The Restricted Stock shall become vested and cease to be Restricted Stock, and accordingly, the restrictions contained in Sections 2, 3(a) and 3(b) will no longer apply (but the Adjusted Shares will remain subject to Section 5 of this Agreement), on December 31, 20\_\_ (the “Vesting Date”) if the Participant has not incurred a Termination prior to the Vesting Date. There shall be no proportionate or partial vesting in the periods prior to the Vesting Date and all vesting shall occur only on the Vesting Date; provided that no Termination has occurred prior to the Vesting Date. Upon vesting of the Restricted Stock, the Company shall promptly issue and deliver, unless the Company is using book entry or another similar method pursuant to Section 8 herein, to the Participant a new stock certificate registered in the name of the Participant for the Adjusted Shares without the legend set forth in Section 4(a) hereof and deliver to the Participant any related other RS Property, subject to applicable withholding.

(d) **Detrimental Activity.** In consideration for the award of the Target Shares and issuance of any Adjusted Shares in accordance with this Agreement, and in addition to any other remedies available to the Company, the Participant acknowledges and agrees that the Adjusted Shares shall be subject to the provisions in the Plan regarding Detrimental Activity. If the Participant engages in any Detrimental Activity (i) prior to the Issuance Date, the Committee may direct that no Adjusted Shares will be issued to the Participant, (ii) after the Issuance Date but prior to the Vesting Date, the Committee may direct that the unvested Restricted Stock shall be immediately forfeited to the Company, or (iii) on, or during the one-year period after, the Vesting Date, the Committee may direct that the Participant shall pay over to the Company an amount equal to the Fair Market Value on the Vesting Date of the Adjusted Shares.

(e) **Termination; Forfeiture.** The Participant shall forfeit to the Company, without compensation, other than repayment of any par value paid by the Participant for such Shares

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(f) **Taxes.** The Participant shall pay, or make arrangements to pay, in a manner satisfactory to the Company, an amount equal to the amount of all applicable federal, state and local or foreign taxes that the Company is required to withhold at any time. In the absence of such arrangements, the Company or one of its Affiliates will have the right to withhold such taxes from any amounts payable to the Participant, including, but not limited to, the right to withhold Adjusted Shares otherwise deliverable to the Participant hereunder. In addition, any statutorily required withholding obligation may be satisfied, as determined in the Committee's sole discretion, in whole or in part, at the Participant's election, in the form and manner prescribed by the Committee, by delivery of shares of Common Share to the Company (including Adjusted Shares issuable under this Agreement) equal to the statutorily required withholding obligation.

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(h) **Delivery Delay.** The delivery of any certificate representing the Adjusted Shares or other RS Property may be postponed by the Company for such period as may be required for it to comply with any applicable foreign, federal or state securities law, or any national securities exchange listing requirements and the Company is not obligated to issue or deliver any securities if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, the issuance of the Adjusted Shares shall constitute a violation by the Participant or the Company of any provisions of any applicable foreign, federal or state law or of any regulations of any governmental authority or any national securities exchange.

4. **Legend.** All certificates representing the Restricted Stock shall have endorsed thereon the following legends:

(a) "The anticipation, alienation, attachment, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance or charge of the shares of stock represented hereby are subject to the terms and conditions (including forfeiture) of the Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (the "Company") 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan") and an agreement entered into between the registered owner and the Company dated \_\_\_\_\_. Copies of such Plan and agreement are on file at the principal office of the Company."

(b) Any legend required to be placed thereon by applicable blue sky laws of any state.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Company be obligated to issue a certificate representing the Restricted Stock prior to the Vesting Date.

5. **Securities Representations.** Any Adjusted Shares shall be issued to the Participant, and this Agreement is being made by the Company, in reliance upon the following express representations and warranties of the Participant.

The Participant acknowledges, represents and warrants that:

(a) The Participant has been advised that the Participant may be an “affiliate” within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Act”) currently or at the time the Participant desires to sell the Adjusted Shares following the Vesting Date, and in this connection the Company is relying in part on the Participant’s representations set forth in this section.

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11. **Acceptance.** By executing this Agreement (including via online acceptance) the Participant hereby accepts the terms and conditions of this Agreement and, effective as of the Grant Date, shall be deemed to have accepted the award of Restricted Stock, if any, granted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement within the time period required under Section 8.2(b) of the Plan.

12. **Governing Law.** All questions concerning the construction, validity and interpretation of this Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the domestic laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware.

13. **Consent to Jurisdiction.** In the event of any dispute, controversy or claim between the Company or any Affiliate and the Participant in any way concerning, arising out of or relating to the Plan or this Agreement (a “**Dispute**”), including without limitation any Dispute concerning, arising out of or relating to the interpretation, application or enforcement of the Plan or this Agreement, the parties hereby (a) agree and consent to the personal jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Florida located in Palm Beach County and/or the Federal courts of the United States of America located in the Florida Southern District (collectively, the “**Agreed Venue**”) for resolution of any such Dispute, (b) agree that those courts in the Agreed Venue, and only those courts, shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any Dispute, including any appeal, and (c) agree that any cause of action arising out of this Agreement shall be deemed to have arisen from a transaction of business in the State of Florida. The parties also hereby irrevocably (i) submit to the jurisdiction of any competent court in the Agreed Venue (and of the appropriate appellate courts therefrom), (ii) to the fullest extent permitted by law, waive any and all defenses the parties may have on the grounds of lack of jurisdiction of any such court and any other objection that such parties may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court (including without limitation any defense that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum), and (iii) consent to service of process in any such suit, action or proceeding, anywhere in the world, whether within or without the jurisdiction of any such court, in any manner provided by applicable law. Without limiting the foregoing, each party agrees that service of process on such party pursuant to a Notice as provided in Section 11 shall be deemed effective service of process on such party. Any action for enforcement or recognition of any judgment obtained in connection with a Dispute may be enforced in any competent court in the Agreed Venue or in any other court of competent jurisdiction.

14. **Amendment.** The Board may, subject to the terms of the Plan, at any time and from time to time amend, in whole or in part, any or all of the provisions of this Agreement and may also suspend or terminate this Agreement subject to the terms of the Plan. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, no modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement will be effective unless in writing by the party against whom it is sought to be enforced.

15. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed (including by facsimile transmission) with counterpart signature pages or in separate counterparts each of which shall be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

16. **Miscellaneous.**

(a) By signing and returning this Agreement, the Participant agrees to comply with this Agreement and all applicable laws and regulations.

(b) This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior agreements between the Company and the Participant with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(c) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Participant hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Company may assign this Agreement to any successor to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company. As used in this Agreement, “**Company**” shall mean the Company and any successor to its business and/or assets.

(d) The failure of any party hereto at any time to require performance by another party of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the right of such party to require performance of that provision, and any waiver by any party of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any continuing or succeeding breach of such provision, a waiver of the provision itself, or a waiver of any right under this Agreement.

(e) If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such provisions had not been included.

(f) The section headings used in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and shall not affect, or be used in connection with, the interpretation of this Agreement.

(g) The Company’s obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Target Shares shall be unfunded and unsecured, and no special or separate fund shall be established and no other segregation of assets shall be made. The rights of the Participant under this Agreement with respect to the Target Shares shall be no greater than those of a general unsecured creditor of the Company.

(h) Although the Company makes no guarantee with respect to the tax treatment of the award of the Target Shares or the issuance of the Adjusted Shares and Restricted Stock, the award of the Target Shares and the issuance of the Adjusted Shares and Restricted Stock pursuant to this Agreement are intended to be exempt from Section 409A of the Code and shall be limited, construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. With respect to any dividends and other RS Property, however, this Agreement is intended to comply with, or to be exempt from, the applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code and shall be limited, construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent. In no event whatsoever shall the Company or any of its affiliates be liable for any additional tax, interest or penalties that may be imposed on the Participant by Section 409A of the Code or any damages for failing to comply with Section 409A of the Code.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

PARTICIPANT:

CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE, INC.

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**First and Last Name**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**TARGET SHARES:**

**Certification**

I, William J. Grubbs, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Cross Country Healthcare, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 8, 2014

/s/ William J. Grubbs

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William J. Grubbs  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**Certification**

I, William J. Burns, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Cross Country Healthcare, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 8, 2014

/s/ William J. Burns

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William J. Burns  
Chief Financial Officer

## CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

In connection with the accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (the Company) for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2014, (the "Periodic Report"), I, William J. Grubbs, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge the Periodic Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Periodic Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 8, 2014

/s/ William J. Grubbs

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William J. Grubbs  
President and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. and will be retained by Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

The foregoing certification is provided solely for purposes of complying with the provisions of Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350**

In connection with the accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2014, (the "Periodic Report"), I, William J. Burns, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge the Periodic Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Periodic Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 8, 2014

/s/ William J. Burns

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William J. Burns  
Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. and will be retained by Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

The foregoing certification is provided solely for purposes of complying with the provisions of Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.