DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If our organization is considering merger or affiliation, has our board determined what the primary purpose or goal is for considering these options and what level of control our organization is willing to give up to achieve them?

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2. What issues are non-negotiable for our organization as we approach working through merger or affiliation discussions?

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3. What role should our board play during the merger or affiliation process, and what role will the board continue to play after the process concludes?

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4. Does our hospital or health system need external expertise to work through the merger or affiliation process and how can our board help identify whether such expertise is needed?

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