

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2022**

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2022 in the NCHD Board Room, at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950 – A, Corpus Christi, Texas.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

Jonny F. Hipp	Administrator/CEO
Belinda E. Chism	Assistant Administrator, Administrative Services
Donna Littlefield	Director, Accounting & Finance
Mary Esther Guerra	Assistant County Attorney – via Zoom
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Linda Espericueta	Data Base Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT:

LaShae Kuykendall	Collier, Johnson and Woods
Dr. Xavier Gonzales	Director of Mental Health
Becky Rios	Christus Spohn Hospital – via Zoom
Mike Pierce	CC Rehab Hospital – via Zoom
Bridget Cook	Collier, Johnson and Woods – via Zoom
Mark Hendrix	NCMHID – via Zoom
Francisco Zamora	Nueces County Attorney – via Zoom
M. Cocking	Texas Health Institute – via Zoom
Ankit Sanghavi	Texas Health Institute – via Zoom

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1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

X Daniel W. Dain, Chairman
 Y Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice-Chairman
 Y Belinda Flores, R.N.
 X Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D.

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John E. Valls, M.B.A.
 Mariana Garza, J.D.
 Efrain Guerrero, Jr.

3. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM, MEETING POSTING CONFIRMATION, AND CLOSED MEETING NOTICE

- A. Call to order – Ms.Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice-Chairman.
The meeting was called to order by Ms. Oliver **at** 10:03 a.m.
- B. Establish quorum – Ms. Oliver.
A quorum was present with five members in attendance.

Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice-Chairman – PRESENT
Belinda Flores, R.N., Member – PRESENT
John E. Valls, M.B.A., Member – PRESENT
Mariana Garza, J.D., Member – PRESENT @ 10:13 a.m.
Efrain Guerrer, Jr., Member – PRESENT
Daniel W. Dain, Chairman – ABSENT
Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Member – ABSENT

- C. Confirm posting of Meeting's public notice in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.
- D. Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers may elect to go into Closed Meeting session(s) at any time during the meeting to discuss any matter(s) listed on the agenda when so authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - Persons attending in-person and wishing to comment on any item(s) on the agenda or any subject within the Board's responsibilities must sign-in on the "Agenda Item Request to Speak" form provided at the entrance of the Board meeting room at least five (5) minutes prior to commencement of the meeting. Persons attending via audio or video conference and wishing to comment on any item(s) on the agenda or any subject within the Board's responsibilities must verbally notify the presiding officer of their desire to comment when the officer calls for public comment from those attending via audio and video conference. Commenters shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes, except that Commenters addressing the Board through a translator shall limit their comments to six (6) minutes.

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No one to speak for public comment.

5. CONSENT AGENDA - The Consent Agenda consists of those agenda items which are routine, administrative in nature, not in need of separate attention, and which a member of the Board has not requested be discussed separately. If requested to be discussed separately, that agenda item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by the presiding officer to the Regular Agenda and discussed as a part of the Regular Agenda at the appropriate time. All remaining items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted upon in a single vote:

A. Approve Board of Managers minutes:

1. Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021; and
2. Special Meeting of December 8, 2021.

B. Receive annual listing of vendors as of January 20, 2022; listing provided pursuant to Board of Managers Bylaws, §2.1.B and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176.

C. Receive summary payment information on Nueces County health care disbursements for Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022 year-to-date:

1. Salaries, benefits, supplies, and intergovernmental transfers at/for City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health District;
2. Emergency medical services provided in unincorporated areas of Nueces County;
3. Supplemental and jail diversion program funding for Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities;
4. Medical services provided at County correctional facilities:
 - a. Nueces County Jail; and
 - b. Nueces County Juvenile Detention Center;
5. Funding for alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs:
 - a. Cenikor (Charlie's Place);
 - b. Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and
 - c. Palmer Drug Abuse Program;
6. Funding for diabetes prevention and supporting programs;

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7. Public health grants; and

8. Legal and professional fees. (*Finance Committee*)

D. Receive summary imputed claims information on medical and hospital care provided to the Nueces Aid Program population consistent with the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement for fiscal year-to-date period-ended December 31, 2021. (*Finance Committee*)

E. Receive fiscal year-to-date Specified Annual Percentage-related revenue reports; revenue receipts pursuant to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement, Section 5.03. (*Finance Committee*)

F. Receive monthly statement of escrow amounts deposited and/or withdrawn by CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation; deposits pursuant to and consistent with Schedule 1 to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement; receive statement for months-ended November 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021. (*Finance Committee*)

G. Receive statement of amounts deposited to and/or withdrawn from Local Provider Participation Fund for fiscal year-to-date; deposits and withdrawals pursuant to Board of Managers Order authorizing participation in a health care provider participation program pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 298C, as amended. (*Finance Committee*)

H. Receive summary report of cumulative estimated provider payments and actual intergovernmental transfers made in support of local and other healthcare providers participating in Medicaid supplemental and directed payment programs sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

1. Directed Payment Programs - Medicaid managed care organization payments to healthcare providers that support overall Medicaid program goals and objectives:

- a. Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP);
- b. Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP);
- c. Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS);
- d. Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program (UHRIP); and

2. Supplemental Payment Programs - HHSC-directed payments made to hospitals for achieving certain goals or to support health care providers that see significant numbers of uninsured or persons without much money:

- a. Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) program;

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- b. Graduate Medical Education (GME);
- c. Hospital Uncompensated Care (UC) pool; and

3. Phase-Out Programs:

- a. Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) pool. (*Finance Committee*)

Consent agenda approved. Motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Ms. Flores. MOTION CARRIED.

6. **REGULAR AGENDA** - The Regular Agenda consists of those agenda items which are non-routine, not administrative in nature, or are otherwise in need of separate attention. Each Regular Agenda item will be voted upon separately if action is required:

A. Finance Committee:

- 1. Receive and approve Annual Financial Report from Collier, Johnson, & Woods, P.C., Certified Public Accountants on Nueces County Hospital District's governmental activities financial statements, major funds, and aggregate remaining funds for fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. (*ACTION*)

Motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Ms. Garza, with updated presentation. MOTION CARRIED.

- 2. Receive and approve unaudited financial statements for the months and fiscal year-to-date periods ended October 31, 2021, November 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021. (*ACTION*)

Motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Ms. Garza. MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. Receive Quarterly Investment Report for fiscal quarter-ended December 31, 2021. (*INFORMATION*)

- 4. Receive reports relating to Nueces Aid Program enrollment for the month-ended December 31, 2021:

- a. Total Persons and Households Enrolled;
- b. Enrollment Summary;
- c. Denials;

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- d. Application Processing Summary; and
- e. Enrollment by Zip Code. (*INFORMATION*)

B. COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Ratify Interlocal Purchasing Agreement between Nueces County and Nueces County Hospital District enabling the Hospital District to use and rely on the County's procurement of and award for Disaster Recovery Management under County RFP No. 3141-20 including use of and reliance on all responsive proposals received under the RFP. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Ms. Flores.
MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Discuss and consider action relating to Professional Services Contract between Nueces County Hospital District and Hagerty Consulting, Inc. for disaster recovery administrative services for the term February 1, 2022 - January 31, 2024 with three one-year renewal options and authorize Administrator to execute Contract and related documents. (*ACTION*)

**Items 6. B.2. tabled by Mr. Valls and seconded by
Ms. Garza. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Discuss and consider action relating to December 6, 2021 payment request from Texas Health Institute concerning its dissemination and release of "Advancing Health Equity in Nueces County - Amid and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic" Report during the period May - July 2021. (*ACTION*)

**Motion to table by Mr. Valls and seconded by
Ms. Flores, to allow Texas Health Institute to respond
to letter that Mr. Hipp sent out via certified mail dated
December 9, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Community Mental Health Initiatives:

1. Ratify Interlocal Agreement between Nueces County, Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities, and the Nueces County Hospital District; Agreement relates to the provision of Jail Diversion, Crisis Intervention, and Jail-Based Competency Restoration Services for the period October 1, 2021 –

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September 30, 2022. (***ACTION***)

2. Ratify Interlocal Agreement between Nueces County, Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities, and the Nueces County Hospital District; Agreement relates to the provision of Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Program Services for the period October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. (***ACTION***)

3. Ratify Interlocal Agreement between Nueces County, Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities, and the Nueces County Hospital District; Agreement relates to the provision of Walk-In Crisis Clinic Services for the period October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. (***ACTION***)

**Motion to approve, Items 6. C. 1-3.
by Ms. Garza and seconded by Mr. Valls.
MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Receive and discuss information presented by Nueces County's Director of Mental Health Programs on Hospital District-funded and other mental health programs. (***INFORMATION***)

Dr. Gonzales presented an update to the Board Members.

D. Medicaid 1115 Waiver:

1. Receive information on Texas Health and Human Services Commission's pause of one-year extension of Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. (***INFORMATION***)

E. Board of Managers Business:

1. Confirm Board of Managers' Committee Chairs and members for the term October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. (***ACTION***)

No Action taken.

2. Receive 2022 Board of Managers meeting schedule; meetings scheduled on fourth Tuesday of each month. (***INFORMATION***)

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:

A. Applications for consideration of appointment to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation's Board of Directors for three-year term commencing

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January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024. (**INFORMATION**)

B. Next Board of Managers and Board Committee regular meetings (all meetings' dates, times, and locations are subject to change):

1. Finance Committee: February 22, 2022, 9:30 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401; and

2. Board of Managers: February 22, 2022, 10:00 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. (**INFORMATION**)

8. **CLOSED MEETING** - Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers may elect to go into closed meeting session(s) at any time during the meeting to discuss any matter(s) listed on the agenda, when so authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 and the Board specifically expects to go into a closed session(s) on the matters listed below pursuant to the Act, §551.071. In the event the Board elects to go into closed session(s) regarding an agenda item(s), the section(s) of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the closed session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in closed session(s), then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either: (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon reconvening of the public meeting; or (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine pursuant to applicable laws:

A. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to the Amended and Restated Membership Agreement with CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation and the related 1996 Transaction Agreements entered and effective September 30, 1996, including the Master, Lease, and Indigent Care Agreements; and the Memorandum of Understanding dated November 18, 2015.

B. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to December 6, 2021 payment request from Texas Health Institute.

Ms. Oliver called for Close Session at 12:06 p.m.

9. **OPEN MEETING** - Following the Closed Meeting, the Board of Managers will reconvene the Open Meeting prior to taking any action(s) on matters considered in the Closed Meeting or adjourning the meeting.

Ms. Oliver called for Open Session at 1:23 p.m.

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10. Consider final action, decision, or vote on matters considered in the Closed Meeting.
(ACTION AS NEEDED)

No Action taken.

11. ADJOURN

**Motion to adjourn by Ms. Oliver and seconded by
Ms. Garza. Meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.**

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PRESIDING OFFICER

Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
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ABSENT
Wm Dewitt Alsup, General Counsel
Nueces County Hospital District