

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 19, 2021**

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12:00 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2021 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
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Eric Baggerman	Amistad Community Health Center
Joe A. Gonzalez	Nueces County Commissioner
Govind Nakdarni	Christus Spohn Board Member
Becky Rios	Christus Spohn - via Zoom
Mark Hendrix	MHID – via Zoom
Andrea Kovarik	MHID – via Zoom
V. Camarillo	CC Caller Times – via Zoom
Rachell Chiang	Texas Health Institute - via Zoom
Nadia Siddiqui	Texas Health Institute – via Zoom
Ankit Sanghari	Texas Health Institute – via Zoom
Ryan Callison	Accenture, LLP. – via Zoom
Sachn Chintawar	Accenture LLP. – via Zoom
Barbara Canales	Nueces County Judge – via Zoom
Afrida Faria	Texas Health Institute - via Zoom
James Ragan	Attorney – via Zoom
Rob Cohan	Attorney - via Zoom
Joseph Florentino	Little Elm, Asst. Town Manager - via Zoom
MK Trawick	Crosswind – via Zoom
Cathy Sanders	- via Zoom
Richard IP address 216.201.247.118	Attorney – via Zoom

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1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

- Daniel W. Dain, Chairman
- Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice-Chairman
- Belinda Flores, RN
- Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D.
- 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.
The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sylvia Tryon Oliver at 12:06 p.m.

- B. Establish quorum
A quorum was present with six members in attendance.

**Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice – Chairman – PRESENT
Belinda Flores, RN, Member – PRESENT
Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Member – PRESENT
John E. Valls, M.B.A., Member – PRESENT
Mariana Garza, J.D., Member – PRESENT
Efrain Guerrero, Jr., Member – PRESENT
Daniel W. Dain, Chairman – 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

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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.

**Commissioner Gonzalez
Judge Barbara Canales
Accenture LLP, Group
Texas Health Institute Group**

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 Regular Meeting minutes of March 16, 2021.
- B. Receive listing of new vendors as of April 15, 2021; 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 year-to-date:
 - 1. Salaries, benefits, supplies, and intergovernmental transfers at/for Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health Department;
 - 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;

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6. Funding for diabetes prevention and supporting programs;
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 March 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 month-ended March 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. (*Finance Committee*)

H. Receive summary report of year-to-date intergovernmental transfers made in support of local and other healthcare providers participating in Medicaid supplemental payment programs sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. (*Finance Committee*)

1. Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program (Medicaid 1115 Waiver):
 - a. Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) pool; and
 - b. Hospital Uncompensated Care (UC) pool.
2. Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) program;
3. Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP);
4. Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program (UHRIP); and
5. Graduate Medical Education (GME). (*Finance Committee*)

**Consent Agenda, Motion to approve by Mr. Valls
and seconded by Ms. Flores. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

A. Health Equity (Social Determinants of Health):

1. Receive and discuss presentation from Accenture, LLP on conclusion of Statement of Work Contract DIR-TSO-4062 for Dashboard Health Equity Data relating to COVID-19 Health Equity (Social Determinants of Health), discuss related matters, and consider acceptance of Dashboard. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Dr. Reddy and seconded by Ms. Flores.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Reddy stepped out at 12 :58 and returned at 1:13.

Dr. Reddy stepped out at 1:16 and returned at 1:21.

2. Receive and discuss presentation from Texas Health Institute on Final Report on Advancing Health Equity in Nueces County Amid and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic, discuss related matters, and consider acceptance of Final Report. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Dr. Reddy and seconded by Ms. Flores.
MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Discuss and consider dissemination of information from Texas Health Institute's Final Report on Advancing Health Equity in Nueces County Amid and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Dr. Reddy and seconded by Ms. Flores.
MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Public Health:

1. Receive presentation from Joe A. Gonzalez, Nueces County Commissioner, Precinct 2 on use of mobile medical clinic for provision of health care activities in the colonias and rural areas of Nueces County and discuss related matters. (*INFORMATION*)

Dr. Reddy stepped out at 12:27 and returned at 12:35.

Mr. Valls left Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m., nevertheless there was still a quorum.

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C. Community Mental Health Initiatives:

1. Introduce Xavier Fonz Gonzales, PhD, Nueces County's new Director of Mental Health Programs and discuss mental health program matters. (*INFORMATION*)

D. Replacement Medical Examiner's Facility Site:

1. Discuss and consider matters relating to proposed site for replacement medical examiner's facility. (*ACTION*)

No Action taken. Motion to table by Dr. Reddy and seconded by Ms. Flores. MOTION CARRIED.

E. Finance Committee:

1. Receive and approve unaudited financial statements for the month and fiscal year-to-date period ended March 31, 2021. (*ACTION*)

Motion by Ms. Flores and seconded by Dr. Reddy. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Receive and approve Quarterly Investment Report for fiscal quarter-ended March 31, 2021 and ratify related investment transactions. (*ACTION*)

Motion by Ms. Flores and seconded by Dr. Reddy. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Receive reports relating to Nueces Aid Program enrollment for month-ended March 31, 2021. (*INFORMATION*)

F. Legislative Committee:

1. Receive update on actions associated with Hospital District's 87th Texas Legislative Session agenda. (*INFORMATION*)

G. Administrator's Actions:

1. Ratify Administrator's action(s) performed as part of his duties directing the affairs of the District and/or as required by the Board of Managers; duties established pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §281.026(e):

- a. Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Professional Services Contract between Nueces County, Nueces County Hospital District, and Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute; Supplemental Agreement extends due date for Deliverable No. 7 relating to implementation consulting services to June 30, 2021. (*ACTION*)

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**Motion by Dr. Reddy and seconded by
Ms. Flores. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Texas Health Institute extending term to April 20, 2021; Agreement originally entered October 20, 2020; Agreement relates to provision of project management, subject matter expert, environmental and policy scan, community stakeholder engagement services, and recommendations to guide Accenture, LLP's social determinants of health dashboard framework and metrics. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Dr. Reddy and seconded by
Ms. Flores. MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Board Chairman Business:

1. Board of Managers Chairman to appoint new Board member Efrain Guerrero, Jr. to one or more Board committees; Chairman's appointment(s) pursuant to Board of Managers Bylaws, §2.5.A. (*ACTION*)

**No action taken, Mr. Dain absent.
Table by Ms. Flores and seconded by
Dr. Reddy. MOTION CARRIED.**

I. Board Business:

1. Discuss and consider Board of Managers goals and objectives for upcoming Fiscal Year. (*ACTION*)

**No action taken. Table by Ms. Flores and
seconded by Dr. Reddy. MOTION CARRIED.**

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:

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

1. Finance Committee: Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 11:00 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401;

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2. Legislative Committee: Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 11:45 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401; and

3. Board of Managers: Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 12:00 Noon 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 and §551.074. 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 litigation against opioid drug manufacturers, promoters, and distributors responsible for causing and contributing to an epidemic of opioid addiction in Nueces County, including but not limited to Purdue Pharma, Endo Pharmaceuticals, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Insys Therapeutics, the McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen for violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act, fraud, unjust enrichment, negligence, violations of the federal Controlled Substances Act, civil conspiracy and any other related causes of action, and related matters.

B. Consult with attorneys on matters related to Hospital District-owned real property.

C. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to Amended and Restated Membership Agreement between the Hospital District and CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporaton.

D. Deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of a Deputy Hospital District Administrator.

Ms. Oliver called for close session at 2:03 p.m.

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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 2:28 p.m.

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. Motion by Ms. Flores and seconded by Ms. Garza. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice-Chairman
Nueces County Hospital District

ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
Board of Managers
Nueces County Hospital District

ABSENT

Wm Dewitt Alsup, General Counsel
Nueces County Hospital District