

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

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Health Center, 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Classroom #1, 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
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Xavier Gonzales	Nueces County Director of Mental Health
Jerry Kramer	CLK Architects
John A. Michael	Hanson
Bryan Hofmann	KRIS Ch. 6
Eric Evans	Corpus Christi Medical Center
Katelyn Papura	Hagerty Consulting – via Zoom
Mark Hendrix	NCMHID – via Zoom

.....

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

Y John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman
Y Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chairman
Y Sylvia Tryon Oliver
X Belinda Flores, R.N.
Y Mariana Garza, J.D.
X Efrain Guerrero, Jr.
Y Arthur Granado

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

A. Call to order – Mr. John E. Valls, Chairman.
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Valls at 10:07 a.m.

B. Establish quorum – Mr. Valls
A quorum was present with five members in attendance.

John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman – PRESENT
Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chairman – PRESENT
Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Member – PRESENT
Mariana Garza, J.D., Member – PRESENT.... Left meeting @ 11:25 a.m.
Arthur Granado, Member – PRESENT
Belinda Flores, R.N., Member – ABSENT
Efrain Guerrero, Jr., 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

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

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.

No one to speak in 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 September 20, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes.

B. Receive listing of new vendors as of October 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 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

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

c. Palmer Drug Abuse Program;

6. Funding for diabetes prevention and supporting programs;

7. Public health grants; and

8. Legal and professional fees.

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 September 30, 2022.

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.

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 September 30, 2022.

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.

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:

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

- a. Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) program;
 - b. Graduate Medical Education (GME);
 - c. Hospital Uncompensated Care (UC) pool; and
3. Phase-Out Programs:
- a. Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) pool.

Consent Agenda approved. Motion by Mr. Granado and seconded by Ms. Garza. 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. Financial Matters:

1. Financial Statements:
 - a. Receive and approve unaudited financial statements for the month and fiscal year-to-date period ended August 31, 2022. (**ACTION**)

Motion by Dr. Reddy and seconded by Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Investment Reports:
 - a. Receive Quarterly and Annual Investment Reports for the fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. (**INFORMATION**)
3. Nueces Aid Program Enrollment:
 - a. Receive reports relating to Nueces Aid Program enrollment for the month-ended September 30, 2022:
 1. Total Persons and Households Enrolled;
 2. Enrollment Summary;
 3. Denials;
 4. Application Processing Summary; and
 5. Enrollment by Zip Code. (**INFORMATION**)

B. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Cost Recovery:

1. Receive update on FEMA Public Assistance Project Application #674808 pertaining to recovery of Social Determinants of Health Study-related costs incurred

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- a. Recension of FEMA denial Determination Memorandum dated September 7, 2022; and
- b. Issuance of FEMA denial Determination Memorandum dated October 18, 2022. (**INFORMATION**)

2. Approve amendment to Services Contract with Hagerty Consulting, Inc. to provide for appeal of October 18, 2022 FEMA denial Determination Memorandum relating to FEMA Public Assistance Project Application #674808. (**ACTION**)

Motion by Mr. Granado, as stated by Mr. Valls, Chairman not to exceed \$25,000, total value \$75,000 and seconded by Ms. Garza. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Nueces County Juvenile Department:

1. Approve \$67,000 of additional funding for Nueces County Juvenile Department detainee health care costs during Fiscal Year 2023. (**ACTION**)

Motion to table by Ms. Garza and seconded by Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Memorial Medical Center Demolition:

1. Receive and discuss report from Hanson Professional Services, Owner's Representative, on the Memorial Medical Center demolition project being conducted by CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation; demolition project located at 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas. (**INFORMATION**)

E. Legislation:

1. Discuss and consider legislation for the 88th Texas Legislative Session. (**ACTION**)

Item table as per Mr. Valls, Chairman .

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

F. Board of Managers Business:

1. Board Chairman to appoint Board of Managers Committees and related Chairmen to be effective October 1, 2022; appointments pursuant to Board of Managers Bylaws, §2.2.B.2.(d). (***ACTION***)

Board Members appointed by Mr. Valls, Chairman, as follows:

**Legislative Committee: Arthur Granado – Chairman
Mariana Garza, J.D.
Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D.**

**Quality Committee: Sylvia Tryon Oliver – Chairman
Efrain Guerrero, Jr.
Belinda Flores, R.N.**

**Finance Committee: Mariana Garza, J.D. – Chairman
Sylvia Tryon Oliver
Belinda Flores, R.N.**

**Bylaws Committee: Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D. – Chairman
Arthur Granado
Efrain Guerrero, Jr.**

**Planning Committee: Belinda Flores, R.N. – Chairman
Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D.
Arthur Granado**

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. Letter Agreement with Carol Scott Public Relations for public messaging and awareness services relating to the demolition of CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi - Memorial (formerly Memorial Medical Center). (***ACTION***)

**Motion by Mr. Granado and seconded by
Dr. Reddy. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

b. Interlocal Agreement between Nueces County, Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (NCMHID), and Nueces County Hospital District (NCHD) relating to certain mental health-related programs to be provided by or through the NCMHID and paid for by NCHD during Fiscal Year 2023. (*ACTION*)

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

c. Second Supplemental Agreement between Nueces County Hospital District and Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative extending term of the original Professional Services Agreement to December 30, 2022. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Ms. Oliver and seconded by
Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.**

d. Relocation of November 15, 2022 Board of Managers and Board Committee meetings to accommodate tour of Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Health Center. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Dr. Reddy re: relocation for an open date on
the month of November and seconded by
Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.**

H. Community Mental Health Initiatives:

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

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:

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

1. Legislative Committee: November 15, 2022, 9:15 AM in Classroom #1 at Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Health Center, 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78405;

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

2. Finance Committee: November 15, 2022, 9:30 AM in Classroom #1 at Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Health Center, 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78405; and

3. Board of Managers: November 15, 2022, 10:00 AM in Classroom #1 at Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Health Center, 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78405. (*INFORMATION*)

8. ADJOURN

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Mr. Valls.
Meeting adjourned at 11:53.**

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

PRESIDING OFFICER

John E. Valls, M.B.A., Chairman

ATTEST:

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

ABSENT

Wm Dewitt Alsup, General Counsel
Nueces County Hospital District