

**MINUTES  
QUALITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**April 17, 2012**

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The Quality Management Committee of the Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., in the NCHD Board Room at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950-A, Corpus Christi, TX.

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:**

Jonny F. Hipp, Administrator/CEO  
Dena B. Bruni, Assistant Administrator, Administrative Services  
Donna Littlefield, Director, Accounting & Finance  
Wm. DeWitt Alsup, Attorney, Alsup & Alsup Law Firm  
Catherine Heller, Assistant County Attorney  
Melissa Quintanilla, Administrative Specialist  
Carmen H. Ramos, Administrative Assistant

**OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

Chris Miller, R.Ph., Director, Pharmacy Services, Christus Spohn Hospital C.C.- Memorial  
Sue White, RN, BSN, Director, Quality Counseling Services, TMF, Austin, TX.  
Albert A. Chiuminetta, RN, BSN, Health Services Consultant, TMF, Austin, TX.  
Gary York, RN, Review Coordinator, TMF, Austin, TX.

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1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Winship, Chair  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Winship at 5:33 p.m.
  2. **Establishment of Quorum** - Mr. Winship  
A quorum was present with two members in attendance.  
  
Mr. Winship, Committee Chair - PRESENT  
Mr. Hart, Member - PRESENT
  3. **Elect Committee Chair pursuant to Board Chairman's Directive** - ACTION  
Motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Winship, the Committee elected Mr. Dan Winship to continue as Chairman of the Quality Committee. **MOTION CARRIED.**
  4. **Approve minutes of March 22, 2011 Committee meeting** - ACTION  
Motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Winship, the Committee approved the March 22, 2011 Committee minutes as written. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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5. **Receive summary information relating to Nueces Aid service utilization for the period of January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011: INFORMATION**

The Quality Management Committee received and accepted the Nueces Aid services utilization information for the period of January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011 as presented:

- (1) Pharmacy Program;
- (2) Pharmacy Volume by Month;
- (3) Therapeutic Class Total Report;
- (4) Top Utilized Drugs by Dollars; and
- (5) Cost and Utilization Summary Report.

Copy of the summary information relating to Nueces Aid service utilization for the period noted above is attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

6. **Receive information relating to pain medication prescribing and utilization within the Nueces Aid program and related prescriber training and education - INFORMATION**

Ms. Bruni gave a brief summary relating to pain medication prescribed and utilized by Nueces Aid recipients and asked Mr. Miller to provide further detail on training and education relating to prescriber training and education. Copy of the handout is attached hereto for information and is made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Miller provided the following information:

- **Utilization Management of Opiates & Controlled Prescription Totals CY10-11** - Provided a utilization management of opiates handout, including pharmacy strategies, education, prescription utilization and future initiatives.
- **Gabriel Lopez, M.D.** - Pain management clinic is under contract with Dr. Lopez; provides pain education on all medications; initiates pain management contracts between doctor and patient for the purpose of not duplicating prescribed pain medication and provider services; will be providing a pain management clinic of those really hard to treat pain management issues (nerve block).
- **Elimination of Pain Medications:** In the last year the pharmacy has eliminated the use of lortab and vicodin, and actually using a safer product called "norco" which has less tylenol content.

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- **TDH Controlled Substance Database** - Mr. Miller reports every pharmacy on a weekly basis have to report every controlled substance activity and for years we didn't know what became of the information or where it went. TDH is finally opening the database and we should be able to access controlled substance activity on patients.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

The Quality Management Committee entered into executively closed session at approximately 5:55 p.m., to discuss and or deliberate on the following agenda item(s): 7. a., b., & c.:

7. **Receive report on medical health care services provided on the Indigent Care Agreement, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §161.031, §161.0315(f) and §161.032:**
  - a. Annual Record Review Report 2011;
  - b. Primary Care Record Review 2011; and
  - c. Dental Services Report Record Review 2011.

Members of the Committee, Administrator Jonny F. Hipp, Assistant Administrator Dena B. Bruni, Director of Accounting and Finance Donna Littlefield, Attorneys Wm. DeWitt Alsup, Assistant County Attorney Catherine Heller, TMF Director, Quality Consulting Services Sue White, TMF Health Services Consultant Albert A. Chiuminetta and TMF Review Coordinator Gary York remained for the executive closed session.

The Quality Management Committee ended its executively closed session and reopened to public session at approximately **6:25** p.m. and reported **no action** taken on agenda item(s) 7. a., b. & c.

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**OPEN MEETING SESSION**

8. **Consider final action, or vote on matters deliberated in Closed Meeting Session -  
(Action as Needed)**

There was no action taken in open session with regards to agenda items discussed/deliberated in closed session.

9. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.