

**MINUTES  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**January 27, 2015**

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The Planning Committee of the Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 11:30 a.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 Law Firm  
Cathy Heller, Nueces County Assistant Attorney  
Sara G. Lopez, Administrative Specialist  
Carmen H. Ramos, Administrative Assistant

**OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

None.

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1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Hart, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hart at 11:32 a.m.
  
  2. **Establishment of Quorum** - Mr. Hart  
A quorum was present with two members in attendance.  
  
Rodney J. Hart, Chair - PRESENT  
Irma Caballero, Member - PRESENT
  
  3. **Public Comment:**  
None requested.
  
  4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**  
Motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Planning Committee voted to accept, adopt, authorize(s) and/or ratify/ratifies the following consent agenda items: A 1 & 2; B and C as presented below: **MOTION CARRIED.**

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5. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

A. **Receive update on U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) September 2014 deferral of certain Medicaid 1115 Waiver-related Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program (THTOIP) payments for hospital uncompensated care expenditures; THTOIP sponsored by Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): INFORMATION**

Mr. Hipp made reference to The CHRISTUS Spohn Arrangement Does Not Create a Donation referring to the Spohn Membership Agreement. Concluding that there's no donation because the agreement transaction entered for commercially reasonable business reason unrelated to Medicaid payments.

1. HHSC's December 8, 2014 Transmittal of Inquiry Findings to CMS; and
2. CMS's January 7, 2015 Release of September 2014 Deferral.

Copies of the above-mentioned documents are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

The Overview of 2012 document describes the history, background and objectives for negotiations by and between CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation and the Nueces County Hospital District. Mr. Hart recognized the 2012 Membership Agreement and its benefits to the Nueces County Hospital District. Mr. Alsop stated work continues on the membership agreement.

B. **Recommend adoption of Board of Managers Resolution supporting the "Texas 138 Way Program" and other similarly performing Texas-driven initiatives as methods to reduce the number of uninsured - ACTION**

Motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Planning Committee recommends adoption of Board of Managers Resolution supporting the "Texas 138 Way Program" and other similarly performing Texas-driven initiatives as methods to reduce the number of uninsured. **MOTION CARRIED.** Copies of unsigned resolution and Texas Way FAQ - The Texas Way are attached here for information and made a part of these minutes.

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6. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, and on motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Hart the Planning Committee adjourned at 11:50 a.m.