

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SESSION**

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**March 30, 2015**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met in **REGULAR SESSION** in the NCHD Board Room at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950-A on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., 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  
Catherine Heller, Assistant County Attorney  
Sara G. Lopez, Administrative Specialist  
Carmen H. Ramos, Administrative Assistant

**OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

Mr. Govind Nadkarni, P.E., Appointee, Board of Directors, Christus Spohn Health System Corp.  
Elissa Molina, Govind Development, LLC  
Katy Kiser, Manager of Marketing & Communications, Christus Spohn Health System Corp.  
Estela Chapa, Transformation & Clinical Officer, Christus Spohn Health System Corp.  
Kelly Elkins, Chief Administrative Officer, Christus Spohn Health System Corporation

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1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Huseman, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Huseman at 12:30 p.m.
  
  2. **Establishment of Quorum** - Mr. Huseman  
A quorum was present with four members in attendance.

Van Huseman, Chairman - PRESENT  
Irma Caballero, Member - PRESENT  
Robert N. Corrigan, Member - PRESENT  
John E. Valls, Member - PRESENT

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Claude "Cal" Jennings, Member - **ABSENT**  
Rodney J. Hart, Member - **ABSENT**  
Raymond F. Wetegrove, Member - **ABSENT**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None requested. Request to Speak Sign-In sheet is attached hereto for information.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

On motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Valls, the Board of Managers voted to accept, adopt, amend, authorize(s) and/or ratify the following consent agenda items: A. 1 & 2; B.1 - 6; C.1 - 6; and D. 1; **except the Finance Committee Report; MOTION CARRIED.**

A. **Board of Managers:**

- 1) Approved minutes of January 27, 2015 Board of Managers Regular Session meeting.
- 2) Received listing of new vendors as of March 20, 2015; vendor listing pursuant to Board of Managers Bylaws, §2.1B and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176. Copy of vendor listing as of March 20, 2015 is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

B. **Quality Management Committee:**

- 1) Ratified renewal of Service Agreements with the Texas Medical Foundation for the period of January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2016:
  - a) Non-Medicare Medical Records Review; and
  - b) Quality Assessment, Utilization Review, and Coding Review.

Copies of memorandum to Board of Managers dated March 26, 2015, Renewal of Non-Medicare Medical Record Review and Renewal of Quality Assessment, Utilization Review and Coding Review agreements are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

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Copies of memorandum to Board of Managers dated March 26, 2015, Renewal of Non-Medicare Medical Record Review and Renewal of Quality Assessment, Utilization Review and Coding Review agreements are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

- 2) Received information relating to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Poverty Guidelines:
  - a) Annual update of the DHHS Poverty Guidelines from *Federal Register*, Vol. 80, No. 14, January 22, 2015, pp.3236 - 3237; and
  - b) Historical DHHS Poverty Guidelines, 1965 - 2014 from Table 3. E8, *Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin, 2014*.

Copies of DHHS Poverty Guidelines are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

- 3) Received notice of annual increase adjustments of Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines; adjustments effective March 1, 2015 for:
  - a) Household Resources as required by Program's Handbook Policy No. NA002, Attachment 2, Sections I-B, I-C-I, I-C-22, and I-F; and
  - b) Household Income as required by Program's Handbook Policy No. NA002, Attachment 4, Section I-F-3.

Copies of Policies Nos. NA002 , Attachment 2, Sections I-B, I-C-I, I-C22 and I-F and NA002, Attachment 4, Sections I-F-3 are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

- 4) Received summary information relating to Nueces Aid Program pharmacy service Utilization for calendar years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014:
  - a) Pharmacy Program;
  - b) Pharmacy Volume by Year;
  - c) Cost and Utilization Summary Report;

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- d) Therapeutic Class total Report; and
- e) Top 100 Utilized Drugs by Dollars.

Copy of summary information relating to Nueces Aid pharmacy service is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

- 5) Received summary information relating to Nueces Aid Program for calendar years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014:
  - a) Program Enrollment;
  - b) Program Applications Processed; and
  - c) Program Eligibility:
    - (1) Eligibility Demographics; and
    - (2) Enrollment by Zip Code.

Copy of summary for calendar years ended December 31, 2013 and December 2014 are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

- 6) Received summary information relating to the Nueces Aid Program and suspected fraud cases under investigation, fraud cases closed, persons disqualified, and related recoveries, all pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §61.066 for calendar years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014.

Copy of summary information relating to suspected fraud cases under investigation and related matters for calendar years ended December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014 are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

**C. Finance Committee:**

Due to lack of a quorum, the Finance Committee did not meet and therefore did not present any of the reports noted below:

- 1) Received unaudited financial statements for the months and fiscal year-to-date periods ended December 31, 2014 and January 31, 2015.

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- 2) Received revenue report relating to Christus Spohn Health System Corporation Membership Agreement for current fiscal year-to-date.
- 3) Received investment reports and ratified related investment transactions:
  - a) Quarterly Investment Report for fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2014; and
  - b) Interim Investment Transaction Report for period January 1, 2015 - March 26, 2015.
- 4) Ratified Calendar Year 2014 unreimbursed health care expenditure amounts submitted to the Texas Department of State Health Services for pro rata share distribution of Calendar year 2014 income from the Tobacco Permanent Settlement Trust Account; expenditure submission pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 102, Rules §102.1(b) and §102.3(a), (e), and (f).
- 5) Received summary report of intergovernmental transfers in support of the Medicaid 1115 Waiver-related Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Commission for fiscal year-to-date.
- 6) Received summary payment information for current fiscal year-to-date:
  - a) Medical services at Nueces County juvenile detention facility;
  - b) Emergency medical services in unincorporated areas of Nueces County;
  - c) Supplemental funding for Nueces County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center (presently known as Behavioral Health Center of Nueces County); and
  - d) Salaries, benefits, and supplies at Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health Department.

Copies of all of the above report are attached hereto for information purposes only.

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D. **Planning Committee:**

- 1) Received hospital providers' reports relating to certain Indigent Care Affiliation Agreements associated with the Hospital District's participation in the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver; received providers' reports for the calendar quarter ended December 31, 2014:
  - a) Christus Spohn Health System Hospitals: Alice, Beeville, and Kleberg (Joint Reports);
  - b) Corpus Christi Medical Center;
  - c) DeTar Healthcare System; and
  - d) Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Copies of each of abovementioned providers' reports are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

5. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

A. **Planning Committee:**

Presenter: Ms. Caballero, Committee Member

- 1) **Approve and confirm Nueces County Commissioners Court's nomination of Mr. Govind Nadkarni to the Christus Spohn Health System Corporation Board of Trustees to fill vacant position with unexpired term ending December 2016; vacant position previously occupied by Mr. Richard L. Bowers - ACTION**

On motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Valls, the Board of Managers approved and confirmed Nueces County Commissioners Court's nomination of Mr. Govind Nadkarni to the Christus Spohn Health System Corporation Board of Directors to fill the vacant position with the unexpired term ending December 2016 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.** Copy of Mr. Nadkarni appointment letter and résumé from Commissioners Court is attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Hipp added Tony LaMantia's term expires December 2015; and Rachel Canales's term expires December 2017.

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- 2) **Received update on Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver (Waiver) and related activities by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) with the U.S. Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); INFORMATION**

Mr. Hipp referenced the excerpt from Texas Hospital Association's March 19, 2015 *Healthcare Advocate* newsletter relating to weekly updates on state and federal legislative and regulatory issues. According to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, CMS expressed concerns with the 1115 Waiver and uncompensated care deferral in its present form. The excerpt describes the status of both 1115 Waiver and uncompensated care deferral.

- a) HHSC's actions with CMS to extend or renew Waiver, and  
b) CMS actions with HHSC relating to deferral of Waiver-related payments for hospital uncompensated care expenditures.

- 3) **Received information on legislation filed during the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session relating to intergovernmental transfers to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the non-federal share of Medicaid supplemental, waiver-related, and other similar payment programs in Texas - INFORMATION**

A brief discussion followed relating to the intergovernmental transfers to THHSC for non-federal share of Medicaid supplemental, waiver and other payments programs.

Copy of THA's Excerpt dated March 19, 2015 *Healthcare Advocate* newsletter is attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

B. **Board of Managers:**

- 1) **Receive presentation from Christus Spohn Health System Corporation leadership regarding status update on design development process and time line for construction of the planned Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Health Center - INFORMATION**

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A brief presentation on the proposed plans and design for the new Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Health Center was made by Ms. Elkins and Ms. Chapa. A brief time line noted below:

- Construction of the new Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Center is scheduled to begin late June or early July 2015;
- Plans are to construct a one-story medical center;
- Completion is expected by the end of July 2016;
- Utilization of services are expected to begin within a year's time;
- Services to be relocated to Spohn Shoreline include: Level II trauma center, residency training programs, and indigent care clinic;
- Proposed location for the new Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Medical Center is 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Hospital Boulevard;
- Presently, there are two floor plans for the 43,000 square foot building; and
- Demolition of Memorial building by 2018.

**C. Indigent Care Provider's Briefing:**

1) **Receive and discuss information from Christus Spohn Health System Corporation (Provider) relating to:**

No briefing or report presented at this time.

- a) Medical aid and hospital care provided to the Nueces Aid Program population consistent with the Christus Spohn Health System Corporation Membership Agreement and related matters; and
- b) Programs, projects, and/or activities at Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial and other Hospital District-owned facilities and related matters. **INFORMATION**

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**D. Administrator's Briefing:**

1) Next Scheduled Board and Committee meetings: INFORMATION  
Meetings' schedule as noted below:

a) May 26, 2015 meetings; start times to be determined:

- (1) Planning Committee;
- (2) Finance Committee; and
- (3) Board of Managers

**6. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Valls, the meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

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**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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Van Huseman, Chairman  
Board of Managers  
Nueces County Hospital District

**ATTEST:**

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

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Wm. DeWitt Alsup, General Counsel  
Nueces County Hospital District