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NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS WORKSHOP
January 27, 2026, 9:00 AM

New Board Member Orientation and Refresher Briefing for Continuing Members

1. Hospital District Creation, History, and Mission – Jonny Hipp (Administrator)
2. Board of Managers Bylaws – Jonny Hipp
3. Open Meetings & Open Records – Mary Esther Guerra (Asst. County Attorney)
 - A. Meeting Quorums
 - B. Required Training
4. Hospital District’s Legal Responsibilities – Adam Robison (Outside Counsel)
 - A. Indigent Health Care:
 - i. Basic Services
 - ii. Optional Services
 - iii. Payor of Last Resort
5. Nueces Aid Program – Belinda Espinoza (Assistant Administrator)
 - A. Eligibility Requirements
 - B. Enrollment Procedures
 - C. Enrollment Sites
 - D. Fraud
6. Hospital District/CHRISTUS Spohn Contractual Relationship – Adam Robison
 - A. Prior Agreements:
 - i. Indigent Care Agreement
 - ii. Lease Agreement
 - iii. Master Agreement
 - iv. All Prior Agreements Potentially Retroactive
 - B. Current Agreement:
 - i. Membership Agreement
 - C. Hospital District Appointments to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Board of Directors
7. CHRISTUS Spohn’s Provision of Indigent Health Care Services – Adam Robison
 - A. Inpatient, Outpatient, Emergency Room
 - B. Physician Services
 - C. Mental Health/Psychiatric Services
 - D. Hospitals and Clinics Locations
 - E. External Quality Reviews by Texas Medical Foundation
8. Medicaid Supplemental Payment Programs – Jonny Hipp and Belinda Espinoza
 - A. Local Provider Participation Funds (LPPF)
 - B. Texas Health and Human Services Commission Programs:
 - i. Directed Payment Programs:
 - a. Aligning Technology by Linking Interoperable Systems (ATLIS)ⁱ
 - b. Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP)
 - c. Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP)
 - d. Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS)
 - ii. Supplemental Payment Programs:
 - a. Uncompensated Care (UC)
 - b. Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH)
 - c. Hospital Augmented Reimbursement Program (HARP)
 - d. Graduate Medical Education (GME)
9. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget – Jonny Hipp and Donna Littlefield (Director of Accounting & Finance)
10. Current and Future Issues – Jonny Hipp, Adam Robison, and John Martinez (General Counsel)

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