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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)<sup>i</sup>
      - 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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