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**MINUTES  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2020**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2020 in the NCHD Board Room, at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950 – A, Corpus Christi, Texas.

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:**

Jonny F. Hipp	Administrator/CEO
Belinda E. Chism	Assistant Administrator, Administrative Services
Donna Littlefield	Director, Accounting & Finance
Wm DeWitt Alsup	Attorney, Alsup Law Firm
Mary Esther Guerra	Assistant County Attorney
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kerry Upton	CIBH
Michele Mora-Trevino	Spohn
Carolyn Vaughn	Commissioner
Eddie Rodriguez	Spaw Glass
Juan Pimentel	Nueces County
Eric K. Kennedy	Spaw Glass
David Barrera	CIBH
Ellen Isaacs	CIBH
Dr. Nestor Praderio	CIBH
Seth Kovar	KRIS
Laura Jimenez	Nueces County Attorney
Dr. Osbert Blow	Spohn
Brent Chesney	Commissioner
Barbara Canales	Nueces County Judge
Jerry Kramer	CIBH
Hillary Watt	Consultant - Via Teleconference
Dr. Ram	Public Health Dept. – Via Teleconference
Joe (JAG) Gonzalez	County Commissioner – Via Teleconference
Belinda Garza	KIII TV Station

Others present, names were not auditable

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Martinez, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Martinez at 12:06 p.m.

2. **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM** – Mr. Martinez  
A quorum was present with all members in attendance.

**John B. Martinez – Chairman – PRESENT**  
**Sylvia T. Oliver – Vice Chair – PRESENT – via Teleconference**  
**Belinda Flores – Member -PRESENT**  
**Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D. Member – PRESENT**  
**Pamela L. Brower – Member -PRESENT**  
**Daniel W. Dain – Member - PRESENT – via Teleconference**  
**John Valls – Member - PRESENT**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Persons wishing to comment on any item(s) on the agenda or any subject within the Board's responsibilities must sign-in on the "Agenda Item Request to Speak" form provided at the entrance of the Board meeting room at least five (5) minutes prior to commencement of the meeting. Commenters shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes, except that Commenters addressing the Board through a translator shall limit their comments to six (6) minutes. See the "Public Comment" section of the preceding General Information page for additional information.

**Hillary Watt**  
**Judge Barbara Canales**  
**Dr. Ram**  
**Commissioner Joe (JAG) Gonzalez**  
**Commissioner Carolyn Vaughn**  
**Commissioner Brent Chesney**  
**Belinda Garza**  
**Jerry Kramer**

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

A. Discuss and consider action(s) related to establishment of a dedicated COVID-19 patient care unit at CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi – Memorial and potential relocation of mental health/psychiatric services located at Memorial to an alternate location. (**ACTION**)

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**Actions considered related to COVID-19 patient care unit.**

- 1. Upon confirmation that one or more Corpus Christi Hospitals agree to staff and operate ACS at Spohn Memorial.**
- 2. One or more Corpus Christi Hospitals agree to transfer its COVID-19 patients to an ACS facility.**
- 3. Spohn Health System Consent to allow the operators to use Memorial as ACS in accordance with term and conditions usually agreed upon the District, Spohn and operators. The District is prepared to commit up to three million dollars for facility cost to establish Christus Spohn Memorial.**

**Motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Ms. Flores.**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **CLOSED MEETING** - Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers may elect to go into closed meeting session(s) at any time during the meeting to discuss any matter(s) listed on the agenda, when so authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 and the Board specifically expects to go into a closed session(s) on the matter(s) listed below. In the event the Board elects to go into closed session(s) regarding an agenda item(s), the section(s) of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the closed session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in closed session(s), then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either: (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon reconvening of the public meeting; or (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine pursuant to applicable laws.
  - A. Consult with attorneys on legal matters related to establishment of dedicated COVID-19 patient care unit and relocation of mental health/psychiatric services pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, §551.071:
    - 1) The Amended and Restated Membership Agreement between CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation, CHRISTUS Health, and Nueces County Hospital District;

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- 2) Support for a dedicated COVID-19 patient care unit at CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi – Memorial; and
- 3) Potential relocation of mental health/psychiatric services located at CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi – Memorial to an alternate location.

**Members of the Board called for a recess at 2:42  
back from recess 2:52.**

**Mr. Martinez called for a Closed Session at 3:00 p.m.**

6. **OPEN MEETING** - Following the Closed Meeting, the Board of Managers will reconvene the public meeting before taking any action(s) on Closed Meeting matters or adjourning the meeting.

**Meeting reconvened to Open Session by  
Mr. Martinez at 4:58 p.m.**

7. Consider final action, decision, or vote on matters covered in Closed Meeting. (*ACTION AS NEEDED*)

**As per Mr. Martinez, no action taken.**

**8. ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martinez. Motion by Mr. Valls  
and seconded by Ms. Brower. Adjourned at 4:59.**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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John B. Martinez, Chairman  
Nueces County Hospital District

**ATTEST:**

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Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary  
Board of Managers  
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Wm. Dewitt Alsup, General Counsel  
Nueces County Hospital District

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