



NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF MANAGERS RESOLUTION JANUARY 27, 2015

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "TEXAS WAY PROGRAM" AND OTHER SIMILARLY PERFORMING TEXAS-DRIVEN INITIATIVES AS METHODS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED

WHEREAS, the Nueces County Hospital District (the AHospital District@ or ADistrict@) is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, established and created pursuant to the Texas Constitution, Article IX, Section 4 and the Texas Health and Safety Code (the AHealth Code@), Chapter 281, and operated in accordance with the Health Code and other applicable laws of the State of Texas:

WHEREAS, the Hospital District's Board of Managers (the "Board") have been duly appointed pursuant to Health Code, §281.021(a); pursuant to collective authorities of Health Code, §281.047 and §281.048, the Board is the Hospital District's governing body and the Board has, and at the time of adoption of this Resolution had, full power and authority to manage, control, administer, and to adopt rules governing operation of the District;

WHEREAS, Texas employers and the continued success of the Texas economy depend on a healthy workforce:

WHEREAS, more than 1.1 million low-wage working Texans have no access to public or affordable private health insurance:

WHEREAS, Texas has the highest rate of residents without health insurance: 31% of adults and 14% of children are uninsured;

WHEREAS, Hospital emergency rooms are often the sole source of care for the uninsured;

WHEREAS, in Nueces County in 2014, 30% of adults and 12% of children are without health insurance:

WHEREAS, in Nueces County in 2013-2014, local property taxpayers annually fund more than \$30 million dollars in county indigent health care services:

WHEREAS, Statewide, local property taxpayers fund more than one billion dollars in county indigent health care services;

WHEREAS, businesses in Texas pay healthcare-related taxes twice; businesses pay local property taxes to cover county indigents that would otherwise currently qualify for expanded federal benefits, and businesses pay federal income taxes, but do not receive the benefits of expanded federal coverage;

WHEREAS, federal tax penalties on employers are directly tied to state decisions about allowing expanded federal benefits for adults; employers will generally not face tax penalties for their employees who do not receive the benefits of expanded federal coverage;

WHEREAS, the average insurance premium for a Texas family is \$1,800 higher per year due to costs associated with uncompensated care for the uninsured;

WHEREAS, Texas hospitals are sustaining \$13 billion in funding cuts to pay for increasing access to health insurance coverage for the uninsured;

WHEREAS, federal funds are available to increase access to health insurance for uninsured Texans;

WHEREAS, Texas has the opportunity to be an innovation leader in health care coverage for the low-wage uninsured; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to support the "Texas Way Program" and other similarly performing Texas-driven initiatives as means to reduce the number of uninsured in Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, THAT:

1. The Board hereby endorses development and implementation of a flexible "Texas Way Program" as a means of reducing the number of uninsured in Texas by expanding private market-based coverage of the uninsured, promote personal responsibility, and focus additional resources on primary care, prevention, and wellness.

2. The Board hereby endorses other similarly performing Texas-driven initiatives as additional means of reducing the number of uninsured in Texas.

3. The Administrator shall be and is expressly authorized and directed to do and perform all acts, and to execute all instruments and other related documents, whether or not herein cited, as required to carry out the intent, terms, and provisions of this Resolution, such execution to be conclusively evidenced by the performance of such acts.

4. The Administrator, in his capacity as the Secretary of the Hospital District Board, be and is hereby legally authorized and empowered to perform all acts described above and certify these resolutions and that the provisions hereof are in conformance with the laws of the State of Texas and the Governing Board Bylaws of the Hospital District.

5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect upon and after its passage.

6. The Board retains its right to amend or repeal this Resolution.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES AND SEAL OF NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

**NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

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5. The attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the official records of the Hospital District; the duly qualified and acting members of the Board on the date of the Meeting are those persons shown above, and, according to the records of my office, each member of the Board was given actual notice of the time, place, and purpose of the Meeting and had actual notice that the Resolution would be considered; and the Meeting and deliberation of the aforesaid public business, was open to the public and written notice of said meeting, including the subject of the Resolution, was posted and given in advance thereof in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

6. I am the Secretary of the Board having been duly appointed pursuant to Health Code, §281.023(b).

7. The foregoing Resolution is in full force and effect; that the same has not been rescinded, nor has it been amended or modified in any way.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of the Hospital District on this the 27th day of January, 2015.

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

