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**BOARD OF MANAGERS
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 28, 2024**

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12:00 p.m. May 28, 2024 in the NCHD Board Room at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950 – A Corpus Christi, Texas.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

Jonny F. Hipp	Administrator/CEO
Belinda Espinoza	Asst. Administrator, Admin. Services
Donna Littlefield	Director, Accounting & Finance
John B. Martinez	General Counsel
Adam Robison	Legal Counsel
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andrea Kovarik	MHID
Mike Davis	MHID
Mark Hendrix	MHID
Jenny Dorsey	NCCA
Becky Rios	CCSH – via Zoom
Jennie Simpson	HHSC – via Zoom
Jodie Harrell-Salmon	CCMC – via Zoom
David McElwain	Meeder – via Zoom

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1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

- John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman
- Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chairman
- Sylvia Tryon Oliver
- Belinda Flores, R.N.
- Judge Mariana Garza
- Efrain Guerrero, Jr.
- Arthur Granado

3. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM, MEETING POSTING CONFIRMATION, AND CLOSED MEETING NOTICE:

A. Call to order – John E. Valls, Chairman.
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Valls at 12:00 p.m.

B. Establish quorum – Mr. Valls, Chairman.
A quorum was present with all members in attendance.

John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman – PRESENT
Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chairman – PRESENT @ 12:10 p.m.
Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Member – PRESENT
Belinda Flores, R.N., Member – PRESENT @ 12:03 p.m.
Judge Mariana Garza, Member – PRESENT – via Zoom @ 12:07 p.m.
Efrain Guerrero, Jr., Member – PRESENT
Arthur Granado, Member – PRESENT

C. Confirm posting of Meeting's public notice in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

D. 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.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT ON DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. Any Conflicts of Interest or Appearance of a Conflict of Interest with items on this agenda shall be declared at this time. Members with conflicts will refrain from voting and are asked to refrain from discussion on such items. Conflicts discovered later in the meeting shall be disclosed at that time.

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5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Persons attending in-person and 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. Persons attending via audio or video conference and wishing to comment on any item(s) on the agenda or any subject within the Board's responsibilities must verbally notify the presiding officer of their desire to comment when the officer calls for public comment from those attending via audio and video conference. 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.

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6. **CONSENT AGENDA** - The Consent Agenda consists of those agenda items which are routine, administrative in nature, not in need of separate attention, and which a member of the Board has not requested be discussed separately. If requested to be discussed separately, that agenda item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by the presiding officer to the Regular Agenda and discussed as a part of the Regular Agenda at the appropriate time. All remaining items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted upon in a single vote:

- A. Approve Board of Managers Regular Meeting minutes of April 23, 2024.
- B. Receive summary payment information on Nueces County health care disbursements for Fiscal Year 2024 year-to-date:
 - 1. Salaries, benefits, supplies, and intergovernmental transfers at/for City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health District;
 - 2. Emergency medical services provided in unincorporated areas of Nueces County;
 - 3. Supplemental and jail diversion program funding for Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities;
 - 4. Medical services provided at County correctional facilities:
 - a. Nueces County Jail; and
 - b. Nueces County Juvenile Detention Center;
 - 5. Funding for alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs:
 - a. Cenikor (Charlie's Place);
 - b. Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and
 - c. Palmer Drug Abuse Program;
 - 6. Funding for diabetes prevention and supporting programs;

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7. Public health grants; and

8. Legal and professional fees.

C. Receive summary imputed claims information on medical and hospital care provided to the Nueces Aid Program population consistent with the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement for fiscal year-to-date period-ended April 30, 2024.

D. Receive fiscal year-to-date Specified Annual Percentage-related revenue reports; revenue receipts pursuant to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement, Section 5.03.

E. Receive monthly statement of escrow amounts deposited and/or withdrawn by CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation; deposits pursuant to and consistent with Schedule 1 to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement; receive statement for month-ended April 30, 2024.

F. Receive statement of amounts deposited to and/or withdrawn from Local Provider Participation Fund for fiscal year-to-date; deposits and withdrawals pursuant to Board of Managers Order authorizing participation in a health care provider participation program pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 298C, as amended.

G. Receive summary report of cumulative estimated provider payments and actual intergovernmental transfers made in support of local and other healthcare providers participating in Medicaid supplemental and directed payment programs sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):

1. Directed Payment Programs - Medicaid managed care organization payments to healthcare providers that support overall Medicaid program goals and objectives:

- a. Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP);
- b. Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP);
- c. Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS);
- d. Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program (UHRIP); and

2. Supplemental Payment Programs - HHSC-directed payments made to hospitals for achieving certain goals or to support health care providers that see significant numbers of uninsured or persons without much money:

- a. Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) program;
- b. Graduate Medical Education (GME);
- c. Hospital Uncompensated Care (UC) pool; and

3. Phase-Out Programs:

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- a. Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) pool.

H. Receive reports relating to Nueces Aid Program enrollment for the month-ended April 30, 2024:

1. Total Persons and Households Enrolled;
2. Enrollment Summary;
3. Denials;
4. Application Processing Summary; and
5. Enrollment by Zip Code.

Consent Agenda approved. Motion by Ms. Oliver and seconded by Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - The Regular Agenda consists of those agenda items which are non-routine, not administrative in nature, or are otherwise in need of separate attention. Each Regular Agenda item will be voted upon separately if action is required:

A. Finance:

1. Financial Statements:

- a. Receive and approve unaudited financial statements for the month and fiscal year-to-date period ended April 30, 2024. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Ms. Oliver and seconded by Mr. Granado.
MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Investment Report:

- a. Receive and approve Quarterly Investment Report for fiscal quarter-ended March 31, 2024 and ratify related investment transactions. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Ms. Flores and seconded by Ms. Oliver.
MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Tobacco Settlement Distribution:

- a. Receive information on State Comptroller of Public Accounts' 2024 pro-rata distributions of Calendar Year 2023 income from Tobacco Permanent Settlement Trust Account; distributions pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 102, Rule §102.2. (*INFORMATION*)

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4. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget:

- a. Receive information on Fiscal Year 2025 budget planning workshops. *(INFORMATION)*

B. Mental Health:

1. Receive and discuss presentation from Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) for Nueces County and associated activities and clinical programming strategies with Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities and others; SIM used as planning tool for behavioral health and justice partners to identify strategies for diverting people with mental illness, substance use disorder, and/or intellectual developmental disabilities, when appropriate, away from the justice system into treatment; HHSC presentation by Jennie M. Simpson, PhD, Associate Commissioner and State Forensic Director, Office of Forensic Coordination Behavioral Health Service. *(INFORMATION)*
2. Receive information from Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) relating to:
 - a. MHID Jail Diversion Center construction; information on scope, timeline, and operational vision; and
 - b. Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Mental Health Grant for Justice Involved Needs and Capacity Assessment funding awards for existing MHID community collaborative mental health programming. *(INFORMATION)*

C. Administrator's Actions:

1. Execution of Bank Depository Agreement with Frost Bank for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. *(INFORMATION)*
2. Execution of Fedwire Securities Joint Custody Service Form with Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. *(INFORMATION)*
3. Execution of Security Agreement with Frost Bank for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. *(INFORMATION)*

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8. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:

A. Next scheduled Board of Managers regular meeting (date, time, and/or location are subject to change):

1. Board of Managers: Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 12:00 PM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. **(INFORMATION)**

9. **CLOSED MEETING** - Public Notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers may 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. *To the extent there has been a past practice of distinguishing items for public deliberation and those for executive session, the public is advised that the Board is departing from that practice and reserves the right to discuss any listed agenda items in a closed meeting when authorized by law to do so.* When the Board goes 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. The Board specifically expects to go into a closed session(s) on the matters listed below pursuant to the Act, §551.071.

A. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to provisions of the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Membership Agreement, Escrow Agreement, and Memorandum of Understanding Related to Termination of the Membership Agreement, and related matters.

B. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to the Letter Agreement with CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation relating to Hospital District's support of CHRISTUS Spohn's Emergency Medicine Residency Program, and related matters.

Mr. Valls, Chairman called for Closed Session at 1:07 p.m.

10. **OPEN MEETING** - Following the Closed Meeting, the Board of Managers will reconvene the Open Meeting prior to taking any action(s) on matters considered in the Closed Meeting or adjourning the meeting.

Mr. Valls, Chairman called for Open Session at 1:53 p.m.

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A. Discuss and consider final action, decision, or vote on matters considered in Closed Meeting. (***ACTION AS NEEDED***)

No action taken.

11. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Valls, Chairman at 1:53 p.m.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
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