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NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT Agenda for 89th Texas Legislative Session

December 10, 2024

- 1) **Additional investment in Graduate Medical Education (GME) residency programs training:**
 - a) Texas Legislature:
 - i) Increase Medicaid GME supplemental payments:
 - (a) Work with local legislative delegation, in conjunction with CHRISTUS Spohn, to appropriate additional funds or direct additional funds via state budget riders for benefit of Spohn’s emergency medicine graduate medical education programs including, without limitation, Spohn’s emergency medicine graduate medical program.
 - b) Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:
 - i) Achieve State’s goal of 1.1-to-1 ratio of Texas residency positions to medical school graduates.
 - (a) Establish funding for existing training slots.
 - (b) Increase funding for new training slots.
 - (c) Incentivize opening of new training slots.
 - c) Health and Human Services Commission:
 - i) Increase Medicaid GME supplemental payments:
 - (a) For non-government-owned teaching hospitals.
 - (b) Per slot increase.
 - (c) Recover additional costs of existing slots.
 - 2) **Reduce deficit of essential medical specialties in Nueces County.**
 - a) Create categories of “essential medical specialties” for Texas counties.
 - a. Create “startup” benefits for physicians and mid-level providers to practice in each category.
 - (a) Reduce loan obligations.
 - (b) Discount malpractice premiums.
 - (c) Create malpractice limitations.
 - (d) Provide malpractice immunities.
 - (e) Guarantee or subsidize incomes.
 - (f) Subsidize housing.
 - 3) **Increase number of law enforcement officers providing crisis intervention services:**
 - a) Commissioned Peace Officers:
 - i) Work with local legislative delegation to establish strategies aimed at increasing the number of commissioned peace officers providing crisis intervention services.
 - 4) **Establish regional state-supported facilities for mental health issues in Nueces County for the following:**
 - a) Adults
 - b) Children
 - c) Persons involved with the justice system.

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