

**MINUTES  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

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**March 30, 2015**

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The Planning Committee of the Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met Monday, March 30, 2015 at 11:30 a.m., in the NCHD Board Room at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950-A, Corpus Christi, TX.

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:**

Jonny F. Hipp, Administrator/CEO  
Dena B. Bruni, Assistant Administrator, Administrative Services  
Donna Littlefield, Director, Accounting & Finance  
Wm. DeWitt Alsup, Attorney, Alsup Law Firm  
Cathy Heller, Nueces County Assistant Attorney  
Sara G. Lopez, Administrative Specialist  
Carmen H. Ramos, Administrative Assistant

**OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

Servando Caballero, Local Citizen  
Julie Garcia, Reporter, Corpus Christi Caller Times  
Estela Chapa, Transformation & Clinical Officer, Christus Spohn Health System Corporation  
Kelly Elkins, Chief Administrative Officer, Christus Spohn Health System Corporation

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1. **Caller to Order** - Mr. Hart, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Ms. Caballero at 11:35 a.m.

2. **Establishment of Quorum** - Mr. Hart  
A quorum was present with two members in attendance.

Irma Caballero, Member - PRESENT  
John E. Valls, Member - PRESENT

Rodney J. Hart, Chairman - ABSENT

3. **Public Comment**  
None requested.

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4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Valls, the Planning Committee voted to accept, adopt, authorize(s) and/or ratify/ratifies the following consent agenda items: A., B. 1 - 4 as presented below: **MOTION CARRIED.**

- A. Approved minutes of January 27, 2015 Planning Committee as written.
- B. Recommend receipt of hospital providers' reports relating to certain Indigent Care Affiliation Agreements associated with the Hospital District's participation in the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver; receive providers' reports for the calendar quarter ended December 31, 2014:
  - 1) CHRISTUS Spohn Hospitals: Alice, Beeville, and Kleberg (Joint Reports);
  - 2) Corpus Christi Medical Center;
  - 3) DeTar Healthcare System; and
  - 4) Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Copies of the abovementioned reports are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

5. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

- A. **Recommend approval and confirmation of Nueces County Commissioners Court's nomination of Mr. Govind Nadkarni to the Christus Spohn Health System Corporation Board of Trustees to fill vacant position with unexpired term ending December 2016; vacant position previously occupied by Mr. Richard L. Bowers - ACTION**

Motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Valls, the Planning Committee recommends approval and confirmation by the Board of Managers of Mr. Govind Nadkarni's appointment to the Christus Spohn Health System Corporation Board of Directors to the unexpired term of Mr. Richard L. Bowers which expires December 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.** Copy of County Judge's letter to Mr. Hipp dated March 18, 2015 regarding Mr. Nadkarni's nomination, appointment, and application are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

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B. Recommend receipt of update on Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver (Waiver) and related activities by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) with the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):  
INFORMATION

Mr. Hipp referenced the excerpt from the Texas Hospital Association's March 19, 2015 newsletter the *Health Care Advocate*; a weekly update on state and federal legislative and regulatory issues relating to the 1115 Waiver. The update refers to the 1115 Waiver and Uncompensated Care Deferral.

- 1) HHSC's actions with CMS to extend or renew Waiver; and
- 2) CMS actions with HHSC relating to deferral of Waiver-related payments for hospital uncompensated care expenditures.

Copy of update and detailed information is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

C. Recommend receipt of information on legislation filed during the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session relating to intergovernmental transfers to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the non-federal share of Medicaid supplemental, waiver-related, and other similar payments programs in Texas - INFORMATION

A brief discussion was held relating to information filed during the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session relating to intergovernmental transfers to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the non-federal share of Medicaid supplemental, waiver-related, and other payment programs in Texas. It was also noted if the mechanism does not satisfy federal rules and four counties fail to participate the entire program fails. Another mechanism would be to levy a fee and all hospital participate. If not, the program would revert to original Lease and Master agreements with its safeguards built into it.

6. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Ms. Caballero, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.