

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL SESSION**

**May 25, 2016**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met in ***SPECIAL SESSION*** in the NCHD Board Room at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

**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  
Catherine Heller, Nueces Assistant County Attorney  
Sara G. Lopez, Administrative Specialist  
Carmen H. Ramos, Administrative Assistant

**OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

Adam Robison, Attorney, King & Spalding, LLP, Law Firm-Houston, TX  
Estela Chapa, Chief, Clinical & Transformation Officer, Christus Spohn Health System Corp.  
Pam Brower, CFO, Christus Spohn Health System Corporation  
Michelle Mora-Treviño, PR, Christus Spohn Health System Corporation

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1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Huseman, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Huseman at 2:00 p.m.
  2. **Establishment of Quorum** - Mr. Huseman  
A quorum was present with five members in attendance.

Van Huseman, Chairman - PRESENT  
Claude "Cal" Jennings, Member - PRESENT  
Irma Caballero, Member - PRESENT  
Rodney J. Hart, Member - PRESENT  
Robert N. Corrigan, Member - PRESENT

**John E. Valls, Member - ABSENT**  
**Ted Daniel, Member - ABSENT**

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3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None requested. Copy of "Speak Sign-In Sheet" is attached hereto for information.

4. **AGENDA:**

A. **Receive information on the Medicaid Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP) organized and operated by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the purposes of increasing Medicaid managed care members' access to primary and specialty care and related services from providers affiliated with public hospital; NAIP authorized by 83<sup>rd</sup> Session Texas legislature, General Appropriations Act, Article II, Riders 79 and 80 - INFORMATION**

Mr. Hipp stated in principle the Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP) is an additional supplemental payment program to provide IGTs to help Spohn obtain additional payments for Medicaid enrollees. The federal matching funds are paid to a managed care company via HHSC. Locally there are three managed care companies that have contracts with the state to administer the state's Medicaid program. The three HMO's that contract with Spohn are Superior, United and Christus Health Plan. However, Spohn must meet the state's performance and objectives otherwise they'll lose funding if they fail to fulfill the performance and objectives as contracted with the managed care company. He further stated Christus Spohn is the only public hospital in Corpus Christi that qualifies for NAIP funding.

It is important to note that if NCHD enters into an agreement with HHSC, our IGT funds become mandatory and not voluntary.

- 1) HHSC Concept Paper; and
- 2) HHSC NAIP Initiatives (March 1, 2015 - August 31, 2015).

Additional detailed information is available through the abovementioned documents which will be made a part of these minutes.

B. **Receive information on NAIP projects proposed to HHSC by CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi for the term September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017 - INFORMATION**

Ms. Chapa reported that Spohn currently has contracts with the following managed care companies: Superior, United and Christus Health Plan. A brief discussion followed relating to the overall impact of providing additional

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programs that will improve access to preventive care, continuity of care and assist patients in seeking care in an appropriate settings. Spohn will implement a patient navigator program that will focus primarily on the high emergency department utilizer patient population. Overall it's important to know the impact this funding will bring into the our patient population assures that no one is denied admission and assistance in navigating through the program for all enrollees.

C. **Adopt Board of Managers Resolution authorizing the Administrator to execute a NAIP IGT Responsibility Agreement with HHSC to facilitate CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi's participation in NAIP for the term September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017 - ACTION**

On motion by Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Corrigan, the Board of Managers adopted a resolution authorizing the Administrator to execute a Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP) Intergovernmental Transfers (IGT) Responsibility Agreement with HHSC to facilitate CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi's participation in NAIP for the term September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED.** Original executed Resolution is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

On the same motion and second, the Board of Managers agreed to approve The Responsibility Agreement in principle and before its execution at Mr. Jennings request the updated Agreement shall be reviewed. **Copy of unsigned (Draft) IGT Responsibility Agreement is attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.**

5. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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Van Huseman, Chairman  
Board of Managers  
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**ATTEST:**

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

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Wm. DeWitt Alsup, General Counsel  
Nueces County Hospital District