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**BOARD OF MANAGERS
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2025**

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12.:00 p.m., August 5, 2025 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:

Jenny Dorsey	Nueces County Courthouse Attorney
Mark Hendrix	NC Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities
Shani Italiya	CC Emergency Physician
John Cambron	CC Emergency Physician
Dominic Dominguez	Corpus Christi Spohn Hospital
Eric Hamon	CEO – Driscoll Children’s Hospital
Steve King	CFO – Driscoll Children's Hospital
Terry Mills	Their Day Foundation
Nick Vaccari	Meeder – via Zoom
Jared Konczal	Gjerset and Lorenz – via Zoom
Garret W.	- via Zoom
pjones	- via Zoom
read.ai meeting notes	- via Zoom

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1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

☐ Y__ Belinda Flores, Chairman
☐ X__ Vishnu V. Reddy, Vice Chair
☐ Y__ Sylvia Tryon Oliver
☐ Y__ Mariana Garza
☐ X__ Efrain Guerrero, Jr.
☐ Y__ Georgia Neblett
☐ X__ Karen O'Connor Urban

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

A. Call to order – Belinda Flores, Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

B. Establish quorum – Belinda Flores, Chair.

A quorum was present with five members in attendance.

Belinda Flores, Chair - PRESENT

Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Member – PRESENT

Mariana Garza, Member – PRESENT

Georgia Neblett, Member – PRESENT

Vishnu V. Reddy, Vice Chair – ABSENT

Efrain Guerrero, Jr., Member – ABSENT

Karen O'Conner Urban, Member – ABSENT

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.

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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.

No Conflict of Interest.

5. REGULAR SESSION

A. PUBLIC COMMENT - This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Board on any issues within its authority. 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. The presiding officer may, if he/she deems it necessary, limit both the number of commenters and the time allotted to each commenter. Under the law, the Board may only take action on items specifically listed on the agenda. Subject matter presented which is not part of the agenda will be referred to District staff for review if appropriate. Materials submitted to the Board during public comment will not be returned. At least ten (10) copies of any document to be used by any commenter should be available for distribution to the Board. The commenter is responsible for preparation of the copies. The commenter's name and, if applicable, meeting agenda item number should be clearly marked on such documents.

**Terry Mills
Dom Dominguez
Eric Hamon**

B. 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

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upon in a single vote:

1. Approve Board of Managers Regular Meeting minutes of July 1, 2025.
2. Receive listing of new vendors as of July 31, 2025; listing provided pursuant to Board of Managers Bylaws, §2.1.B and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176.
3. Receive summary payment information on Nueces County health care disbursements for Fiscal Year 2025 year-to-date:
 - a. Salaries, benefits, and supplies at/for the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health District;
 - b. Emergency medical services provided in unincorporated areas of Nueces County;
 - c. Supplemental and jail diversion program funding for Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities;
 - d. Medical services provided at County correctional facilities:
 1. Nueces County Jail; and
 2. Nueces County Juvenile Detention Center;
 - e. Funding for alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs:
 1. Cenikor (Charlie's Place); and
 2. Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse;
 - f. Funding for diabetes prevention and supporting programs; and
 - g. Public health grants. (*Finance Committee*)
4. 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 June 30, 2025. (*Finance Committee*)
5. Receive fiscal year-to-date Specified Annual Percentage-related revenue reports; revenue receipts pursuant to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation

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Amended and Restated Membership Agreement, Section 5.03. (*Finance Committee*)

6. 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. (*Finance Committee*)

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

a. Directed Payment Programs - IGTs for HHSC's Medicaid managed care organization payments to healthcare providers that support overall Medicaid program goals and objectives:

1. Aligning Technology by Linking Interoperable Systems for Client Health Outcomes Program (ATLIS);
2. Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP);
3. Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP); and
4. Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS); and

b. Supplemental Payment Programs - IGTs for HHSC Medicaid payments made to hospitals, separate from and in addition to base payments, for achieving certain goals or to support health care providers that see significant numbers of uninsured or persons without much money:

1. Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH);
2. Graduate Medical Education (GME);
3. Hospital Augmented Reimbursement Program (HARP); and
4. Hospital Uncompensated Care (UC). (*Finance Committee*)

**Consent Agenda, motion to table by Georgia Neblett
and seconded by Mariana Garza. MOTION CARRIED.**

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C. 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:

1. Finance Committee:

a. Financial Statements:

1. Receive and approve unaudited financial statements for the month and fiscal year-to-date period ended June 30, 2025. **(ACTION)**

**Motion by Georgia Neblett and seconded by
Mariana Garza. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Investment Report:

1. Receive and approve Quarterly Investment Report for fiscal quarter-ended June 30, 2025 and ratify related investment transactions. **(ACTION)**

**Motion by Sylvia Tryon Oliver and seconded by
Georgia Neblett. MOTION CARRIED.**

c. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget:

1. Receive and discuss Nueces County FY 2026 Budget Planning Schedule. **(INFORMATION)**
2. Receive information on and discuss Nueces County RFP No. 3315-25 relating to the acquisition of Jail Medical Services. **(INFORMATION)**

2. Community Mental Health Initiatives:

- a. Receive and discuss report and information from Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities ("MHID") relating to work performed under agreements between Nueces County, MHID, and Hospital District for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2025. **(INFORMATION)**

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3. Administrator's Actions:

a. Ratify Administrator's action(s) performed as part of his duties directing the affairs of the Hospital District and/or as required by the Board of Managers; duties established pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §281.026(e):

1. Execution of the Medicaid-Related Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP) Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Responsibility Contract (HHSC Contract No. HHS001580600008) with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission benefiting participating public hospitals in Nueces County. Contract period is from August 10, 2025, through July 10, 2026. NAIP is a pass-through payment program established under Texas's Section 1115 Medicaid waiver. (***ACTION***)

**Motion by Sylvia Tryon Oliver and seconded by
Mariana Garza. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Administrator's Briefing:

a. Receive an update on recent changes to the Texas Open Meetings Act to extend the required public notice period for meetings and add transparency requirements when discussing or adopting budgets. (***INFORMATION***)

b. Execution of Personal Services Contract with Joel J. Romo for personal consulting services to identify state graduate medical education and other funding, and represent the Hospital District's interests when the Legislature is not in Session; Contract term July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. (***INFORMATION***)

c. Execution of Personal Services Contract with Patricia A. Shipton for personal consulting services to identify state graduate medical education and other funding, and represent the Hospital District's interests when the Legislature is not in Session; Contract term July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. (***INFORMATION***)

d. Next scheduled Board of Managers and Board Committee regular meetings (all meetings' dates, times, and locations are subject to change):

1. Finance Committee Workshop: Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 10:00 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street,

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Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401;

2. Finance Committee: Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 11:00 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401;

3. Board of Managers: Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 12:00 PM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. **(INFORMATION)**

6. 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 regarding the use of intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) related to Medicaid payment programs administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and related matters.

B. Consult with attorneys on matters related to the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement and related matters.

C. Consult with attorneys on matters related to the Corpus Christi Housing Authority and related matters.

D. Consult with attorneys on matters related to CPS Energy and related matters.

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E. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to promotional agreement and related matters.

**Belinda Flores, Chair called for Closed Meeting
at 1:16 p.m.**

7. 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.

**Belinda Flores, Chair called for Open Meeting
at 1:52 p.m.**

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

No Action taken.

8. ADJOURN

**Motion to adjourn by Belinda Flores, Chair
at 1:53 p.m.**

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PRESIDING OFFICER:

Belinda Flores, Chair.

ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
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Nueces County Hospital District