

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

February 28, 2017

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 Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 11:30 a.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:

Gary Eiland, Attorney, King & Spalding, LLP, Law Firm-Houston, TX
Steve Woerner, President/CEO, Driscoll Childrens Hospital
Eric Hamon, CFO, Driscoll Childrens Hospital
Steve King, CFO, Christus Spohn Health System Corporation
Jay Woodall, President/CEO, Corpus Christi Medical Center
Chris Nicosia, CFO, Corpus Christi Medical Center
Julie Garcia, Caller Times Reporter

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1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Huseman, Chairman
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Huseman at 11:38 a.m.

 2. **Establishment of Quorum** - Mr. Huseman
A quorum was present with four member in attendance.

Van Huseman, Chairman - PRESENT
Irma Caballero, Member - PRESENT
John E. Valls, Member - PRESENT
Ted Daniel, Member - PRESENT

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Claude “Cal” Jennings, Vice Chair - ABSENT

Rodney J. Hart, Member - ABSENT

Robert N. Corrigan, Member - ABSENT

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Persons wishing to comment 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 Board meeting. Commenters shall limit their comments to three(3) minutes and comments must be appropriate to the agenda item(s). See the “Public Comment” section of the preceding General Information page for additional Public Comment-related requirements and information.

Original Request to Speak in public session sign-in sheet and sign-in showing individual(s) in attendance is attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Woerner, President/CEO, Driscoll Childrens Hospital opposes the implementation of the state’s Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program. Copy of detailed letter dated February 28, 2017 from Mr. Woerner to NCHD Administrator Jonny F. Hipp is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

4. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

A. **Texas Health and Human Service Commission’s (HHSC) proposed Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program (UHRIP):**

- 1) **Receive information on the proposed UHRIP recently announced by HHSC; UHRIP would be established for the purpose of increasing Medicaid managed care organization payments to certain classes of hospital for services provided within HHSC’s Medicaid managed-care service delivery areas beginning September 1, 2017 - INFORMATION**
A brief discussion was held relating to the proposed Uniform Hospital Rate Increases Program (UHRIP) that would be established for the purpose of increasing Medicaid managed care payments to certain hospitals for services provided within the Medicaid managed care delivery areas beginning September 1, 2017.

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- 2) Receive information on participation in and submission of a UHRIP participation application for the Nueces Service Delivery Area (Nueces SDA) - INFORMATION

Mr. Hipp stated deadline for application submission is Wednesday, March 3, 2017. He further stated as part of the Nueces Services Delivery Area seventeen (17) facilities are included in the application; should the Nueces County Hospital District (NCHD) decide to pull out of the program before May 1, 2017 there will be no transfers for the program.

- 3) Adopt Board of Managers Resolution authorizing the Administrator to submit or participate in the joint submission of a UHRIP participation application relating to the Nueces SDA for the benefit of hospitals located within Nueces County - ACTION

On motion by Mr. Valls, seconded by Ms. Caballero, the Board of Managers adopted a resolution authorizing the Administrator to submit or participate in the joint submission of UHRIP participation application relating to the Nueces SDA for the benefit of hospitals located within Nueces County. **MOTION CARRIED. Original executed resolution is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.**

- B. Ratify Hearing Officer Services Agreement with the Wood, Boykin & Wolter, P.C. law firm for performance of due process administrative hearings relating to the Nueces Aid Program; Agreement effective February 1, 2017 - ACTION

On motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Valls, the Board of Managers ratified the Hearing Officer Services Agreement with Wood, Boykin & Wolter, P.C. law firm for performance of due process administrative hearings relating to the Nueces Aid Program, Agreement effective February 1, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED. Copy of executed Hearing Officer Services Agreement and its Exhibit "A" Hospital District Policy No. ED004: Administrative Disqualification Hearings and Appeals.**

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- C. **Ratify Amendment of the Interlocal Cooperation Act Contract to Provide Health Care Services between The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and the Nueces County Hospital District; Amendment extends the term of the original September 1, 2014 Contract, as last renewed September 1, 2015, to August 31, 2017 and adds a renewal provision for two additional one-year terms through August 31, 2019 - ACTION**

On motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Caballero, the Board of Managers ratified Amendment of the Interlocal Cooperation Act Contract to Provide Health Care Services between The University of Texas Medical Branch of Galveston and the Nueces County Hospital District; Amendment extends the term of the original September 1, 2014 Contract, at last renewed September 1, 2015, to August 31, 2017 and adds a renewal provision for two additional one-year terms through August 31, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED.** Copy of amended and executed Interlocal Cooperation Act Contract to Provide Health Care Services by and between The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and the Nueces County Hospital District is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

- D. **Ratify Amendment One to the Agreement between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and Nueces County Hospital District for Texas Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver Program Administrative Services; Amendment extends original October 1, 2012 Agreement to September 30, 2018 - ACTION**

On motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Valls, the Board of Managers ratified Amendment One to the Agreement between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and Nueces County Hospital District for Texas Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver Program Administrative Services; Amendment extends original October 1, 2012 Agreement to September 30, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED.** Copy of Amendment One to Agreement between the Health and Human Services Commission and Nueces County Hospital District for the Texas Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver Program Administrative Services is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

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5. **CLOSED MEETING** - See the “Closed Meeting” section of the preceding page titled “General Information About the Board of Managers Agenda” for Closed Meeting disclosure and related information.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Managers entered into executively closed session at approximately 12:57 p.m., to discuss and/or deliberate on the following agenda item(s): A.1

- A. Consult with Hospital District’s attorneys to seek advice on legal matters pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, §551.071:
- 1) Matters related to the Amended and Restated Restrictive Covenant Relating to Permitted Uses between the Baptist Foundation of Texas and Nueces County Hospital District of 18.45 acres (Recorded at Volume 291, pages 193-195 of the Deed Records of Nueces County, Texas on August 2, 1942), site of 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas 78405.

Members of the Board of Managers, Administrator Jonny F. Hipp, Attorneys Wm. DeWitt Alsup, Cathie Heller, Gary Eiland, Assistant Administrator Dena B. Bruni, Director of Accounting and Finance Donna Littlefield remained for the executive closed session.

The Board of Managers ended its executively closed session at approximately 1:05 p.m., and reopened to public session at approximately 1:05 p.m.

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6. OPEN MEETING:

- A. Final action, decision, or vote on matters deliberated in Closed Meeting.
(ACTION AS NEEDED)

On motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Ms. Caballero, the Board of Managers approved the Amended and Restated Restrictive Covenant Relating to Permitted Uses between the Baptist Foundation of Texas and Nueces County Hospital District of 18.45 acres (Recorded at Volume 291, pages 193-195 of the Deed Records of Nueces County, Texas on August 2, 1042), site of 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas 78405. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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PRESIDING OFFICER:

Van Huseman, Chairman
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ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
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Wm. DeWitt Alsup, General Counsel
Nueces County Hospital District