



TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

THOMAS M. SUEHS
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

August 31, 2012

The Honorable Samuel L. Neal, Jr.
Nueces County Judge
901 Leopard Street, Room 303
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Jonny F. Hipp, CEO
2606 Hospital Boulevard
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Pamela S. Robertson, President and CEO
CHRISTUS Spohn Health System
1702 Santa Fe
Corpus Christi, Texas 78404

Dear Judge Neal, Mr. Hipp, and Ms. Robertson:

I want to congratulate you on the development of the Spohn Membership Agreement to support the greater Corpus Christi and Nueces County area's participation in the Texas 1115 Medicaid Transformation Waiver. My staff currently is reviewing the Agreement, but the initial feedback I have received from them confirms the hard work and commitment each of your organizations has made to ensure the successful implementation of the waiver.

I am also pleased that the Agreement represents a truly public-private partnership that ensures not only the continuity of critical care for the community, but also the public funding of payments under the Waiver, and it does so in a transparent and accountable way. I hope that this can become a model for other communities to emulate.

I appreciate your sharing the news of your success with me. Please be assured that the Health and Human Services Commission will continue to support your efforts to innovate and transform the delivery of care to your constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas M. Suehs".

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