

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

February 18, 2014

The Planning Committee of the Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.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
Sara G. Lopez, Administrative Specialist
Carmen H. Ramos, Administrative Assistant

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

Brigid Cook, Partner, Collier, Johnson & Woods, P.C., Certified Public Accountants
Ann Fields, Accountant, Collier, Johnson & Woods, P.C., Certified Public Accountants
Gary Eiland, Attorney, King & Spalding, Houston, TX

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Hart, Chairman
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hart at 5:34 p.m.

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

Rodney J. Hart, Chair - PRESENT
Dan Winship, Member - PRESENT

Irma Caballero, Member - ABSENT

3. **Public Comment**
None.

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4. **Approve minutes of Planning Committee meeting: ACTION**
Motion by Mr. Winship, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Planning Committee approved the July 23, 2013 minutes as written. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Recommend approval and confirmation of Nueces County Commissioners Court's nomination of Mr. Richard L. Bowers to the Christus Spohn Health System Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending December 2016 - ACTION**
Motion by Mr. Winship, seconded by Mr. Hart the Planning Committee recommends Board of Managers approval and confirmation of Nueces County Commissioners Court's nomination of Mr. Richard L. Bowers to the Christus Spohn Health System Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending December 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **Recommend amendment of Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines Policy No. NA002, Attachment 4, Section F relating to Program Household Income Guidelines effective April 1, 2014; amendments relate to federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public law 111-148 (Act): ACTION**
Motion by Mr. Winship, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Planning Committee recommends Board of Managers amendment of the Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines Policy No. NA002, Attachment 4, Section F relating to Program Household Income Guidelines effective April 1, 2014; amendments relate to federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public law 111-148 as presented: **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - A. Amend Paragraph 3 to reduce upper limit of Program's Eligibility Income Guidelines for Financial assistance (Gross Household Income Table) from 150% to 138% (133% plus 5% of individual's income disregarded) of Federal Poverty Guidelines, reduction due to availability of cost-sharing and/or premium subsidies; and

 - B. Add new Paragraph 4 relating to Eligibility Income Guidelines for Financial Assistance and requiring hardship exemption (exemption from personal responsibility requirements) for Program applicant income levels between 101% and 138% of Federal Poverty Guidelines; hardship exemption described under Act, Section 1311 (d)(4)(H) and admissible demonstration of hardship exemption via:

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- 1) Health Insurance Marketplace Exchange website (<http://www.healthcare.gov>) operated by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services;
- 2) Subsidy Calculator for Premium Assistance for Coverage in Exchanges website (<http://kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator/>) operated by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; or
- 3) Other publicly-available website(s) as may be designated from time-to-time by the Administrator.

Copy of Policy No. NA002 Eligibility Guidelines relating to Household Income Guidelines and its Attachment 4 are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

7. **Recommend authorizing the Administrator to temporarily modify and/or postpone any or all portions of the Policy No. NA002 amendments approved under Agenda item 6.B. above for reasonable cause taking into account the ongoing interpretations, implementation, and/or application of related portions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148 and state law - ACTION**

On the same motion by Mr. Winship, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Planning Committee recommends Board of Managers authorization to the Administrator to temporarily modify and/or postpone any or all portions of Policy No. NA002 amendments approved under Agenda item 6.B above for reasonable cause taking into account the ongoing interpretations, implementation, and/or application of related portions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public law 111-148 and state law as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **Recommend ratification of award of RFP No. 2013-02 for Pharmacy Benefit Administrative Services and related Agreement - ACTION**

Motion by Mr. Winship, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Planning Committee recommends Board of Managers' ratification of the award of RFP No. 2013-02 for Pharmacy Benefit Administrative Services and related matters. **MOTION CARRIED.** Copy of letter dated November 18, 2013 to Script Care, Ltd and Pharmacy Benefit Administrative Services Agreement are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

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9. **Recommend amendment of Enrollment Department Policy No. ED004 relating to Administrative Disqualification Hearings and Appeals; Amendment updates general Policy statement, expands Rules & Procedure section, and revises related Policy attachments; and amendment effective February 19, 2014 - ACTION**

Motion by Mr. Winship, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Planning Committee recommends Board of Managers amendment of the Enrollment Department Policy No. ED004 relating to Administrative Disqualification Hearings and Appeals; Amendment updates general Policy statement; and amendment effective date is February 19, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.** Copy of Redline Version of Policy:ED004; Notice of Administrative Disqualification and Right to a Fair Hearing-Attachment 1; and Payment Agreement-Attachment 8 are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

10. **Receive 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: INFORMATION**

Mr. Hipp briefly referenced the providers' reports relating to Indigent Care Affiliation Agreements associated with the Hospital District's participation in the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver.

- A. Christus Spohn Hospitals (Joint Report); Alice, Beeville, and Kleberg: June 30, 2013; September 30, 2013; and December 31, 2013;
- B. Corpus Christi Medical Center: June 30, 2013;
- C. DeTar Healthcare System; June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013; and
- D. Driscoll Children's Hospital: June 30, 2013; September 30, 2013; and December 31, 2013.

Copies of quarterly reports noted above are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

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11. **Adjourn**
There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Winship the Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.