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## NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT Agenda for 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session

August 21, 2024

- 1) Investment in Graduate Medical Education (GME) residency programs training:
  - a) Additional state funding for GME Expansion Program enough to reach/maintain the State's goal of 1.1-to-1 ratio of Texas residency positions to medical school graduates.
  - b) Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:
    - i) Establish funding for existing training slots.
    - ii) Increase funding for new training slots.
    - iii) Incentivize opening of new training slots.
  - c) Increase Medicaid GME supplemental payments:
    - (1) For non-government-owned teaching hospitals.
    - (2) Per slot increase.
    - (3) Recover additional costs of existing slots.
- 2) Increase number of law enforcement officers with specialized crisis intervention training:
  - a) Mental Health Deputy:
    - i) Acquire NCHD authority to operate mental health deputy program through hiring/contracting of already-commissioned peace officers.
  - b) Commissioned Peace Officers:
    - i) Amend Health & Safety 281.057 and 2.12 Code of Criminal Procedure:
      - (1) Add NCHD as additional hospital district with authority to hire peace officers.
      - (2) Add NCHD-specific language permitting NCHD-commissioned peace officers' authority to additionally:
        - (a) Perform mental health deputy duties within the District.
        - (b) Establish and participate in Crisis Intervention Teams within the District.
        - (c) Establish and participate in Crisis Intervention Teams within the District with LMHA in Extended Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams.
- 3) Expansion of state-supported local mental health treatment options.
  - a) Outpatient treatment facilities
  - b) Inpatient treatment facility.

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