

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in the Education Center, Room 157 of the CHRISTUS Spohn Family Health Center – Westside located at 4617 Greenwood Drive situated at the Northwest corner of the intersection of Greenwood Drive and West Point Road, Corpus Christi, Texas.

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:**

Jonny F. Hipp	Administrator/CEO
Belinda E. Chism	Assistant Administrator, Administrative Services
Donna Littlefield	Director, Accounting & Finance
Wm DeWitt Alsup	Attorney, Alsup Law Firm
Melissa Vela	Assistant County Attorney
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Victoria Rodriguez	NCMHID
Mark Hendrix	NCMHID
Mike Davis	NCMHID
Humberto Ramos	Christus Spohn
John Colburn, PhD	Cloud 9
JC Adams	Cloud 9
Tyner Little	Nueces County
Alyssa Costenbadder	Commissioner Chesney
Yasmene McDaniel	CCMC
Michelle Romel	CCMC
Comm. JAG	NCCC
Carolyn Vaughn	NCCC
Dr. Osbert Blow	Christus Spohn

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Martinez, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Martinez at 12:07 p.m.
- 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM** – Mr. Martinez  
A quorum was present with six members in attendance.  
**John B. Martinez - Chairman -PRESENT**

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**Sylvia Tryon Oliver – Vice Chair – PRESENT  
Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D. – PRESENT  
Pamela L. Brower – PRESENT  
Daniel W. Dain – PRESENT  
John E. Valls – PRESENT  
Belinda Flores – ABSENT**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Persons 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. 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. See the "Public Comment" section of the preceding General Information page for additional information.

**No one to speak for public comment.**

4. **CONSENT AGENDA** - See the "Consent Agenda" section of the preceding General Information page for an explanation of the Consent Agenda and for additional information.
- A. Confirm posting of meeting's public notice.
  - B. Approve minutes of January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting.
  - C. Receive listing of new vendors as of February 12, 2020; listing provided pursuant to Board of Managers Bylaws, Article 2, §2.1 B and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176.
  - D. Receive hospital providers' quarterly reports relating to certain Indigent Care Affiliation Agreements associated with participation in the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver for the calendar quarter ended December 31, 2019:
    - 1) CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Hospitals: Alice, Beeville, and Kleberg (Consolidated Report);
    - 2) Corpus Christi Medical Center;
    - 3) DeTar Healthcare System; and
    - 4) Driscoll Children's Hospital.
  - E. Receive revenue reports relating to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation

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Membership Agreement for fiscal year-to-date. (*Finance Committee*)

- F. Receive summary payment information on Nueces County health care disbursements for Fiscal Year 2020 year-to-date:
- 1) Salaries, benefits, supplies, and intergovernmental transfers at/for Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health Department;
  - 2) Emergency medical services provided in unincorporated areas of Nueces County;
  - 3) Supplemental and jail diversion program funding for Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities;
  - 4) Medical services provided at County correctional facilities:
    - a) Nueces County Jail; and
    - b) Nueces County Juvenile Detention Center;
  - 5) Funding for alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs:
    - a) Cenikor (Charlie's Place);
    - b) Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and
    - c) Palmer Drug Abuse Program;
  - 6) Funding for diabetes prevention and supporting programs. (*Finance Committee*)
- G. Receive reports relating to Nueces Aid Program enrollment for the months ended December 31, 2019 and January 31, 2020. (*Finance Committee*)
- H. Receive summary imputed claims information on medical and hospital care provided to the Nueces Aid population consistent with the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Membership Agreement for fiscal year-to-date ended December 31, 2019 and January 31, 2020. (*Finance Committee*)

**Items A-E and G-H Motion by Ms. Brower and seconded by Ms. Oliver. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Item F Motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Ms. Brower. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. REGULAR AGENDA:**

**A. Community Mental Health Initiatives:**

- 1) Receive presentation on Cloud 9 Telehealth Platform for Mental Healthcare. (**INFORMATION**)

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- 2) Receive report from Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (NCMHID) on activities performed under Interlocal Agreement between Nueces County, NCMHID, and Hospital District relating to diversion of persons from jails or other detention facilities, provision of crisis intervention teams, expansion of mobile crisis outreach, and development of jail-based competency restoration. (*INFORMATION*)
- 3) Receive report(s) on work performed under Professional Services Agreement between Nueces County, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, and Hospital District relating to preparation of a comprehensive needs assessment for Nueces County that can serve as the basis for a systematic approach to providing services for mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders in the County. (*INFORMATION*)
- 4) Receive report(s) on work performed under the prior Professional Services Agreement between Nueces County, BeHealthle, LLC, and Hospital District relating to the Nueces County Community Collaborative Program/Jail Diversion Program. (*INFORMATION*)

**Item 4, tabled by Ms. Oliver and seconded by Ms. Brower.**

- 5) Authorize the Administrator to prepare and execute a Professional Services Agreement between Nueces County, Nueces County Hospital District, and BeHealthle Consulting, LLC to provide consultation and other services relating to the Nueces County Community Collaborative Program/Jail Diversion Program; Agreement sum not to exceed \$24,000.00 and term not to exceed 90 days. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Dr. Reddy.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Indigent Health Care:**

- 1) Receive and discuss information from CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation relating to:
  - a) Medical aid and hospital care provided to the Nueces Aid Program population consistent with the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Membership Agreement and related matters; and
  - b) Programs, projects, and/or activities at CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial and other Hospital District-owned facilities and related matters. (*INFORMATION*)

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**Dr. Blow presented an updated re: CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation. In context, Nueces County on board regular agenda sections 5 B1 & 2.**

- 2) Receive and discuss update from CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation relating to operation, construction, transition, planning, and/or demolition activities pursuant to Sections 3.5 and 3.9 of Amended and Restated Schedule 1 to Spohn Membership Agreement, as schedule to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement:
- a) Operations of Dr. Hector P. Garcia - Memorial Family Health Center located on Hospital District-owned property at 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas;
  - b) Construction and/or demolition activities at CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Shoreline located at 600 Elizabeth Street, Corpus Christi, Texas;
  - c) Transition of mental health services from Hospital District-owned hospital presently known as CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial (formerly known as Memorial Medical Center) located at 2606 Hospital Boulevard to CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Shoreline located at 600 Elizabeth Street, both facility locations in Corpus Christi, Texas; and
  - d) Planning orderly transition of mental health services from Hospital District-owned hospital presently known as CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial (formerly known as Memorial Medical Center) located at 2606 Hospital Boulevard to CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Shoreline located at 600 Elizabeth Street, both facility locations in Corpus Christi, Texas. (*INFORMATION*)

**Dr. Blow stated, re: Nueces aid, several recurring updates NCHD is scheduled for Spohn to provide these agenda items are misplaced and Spohn has no development or specific plans to change operations at this time. Nueces Aid agenda item 5 B1, Spohn is not making any changes related to Nueces Aid and has nothing to report. Spohn committed in 1996 to take on services for Nueces Aid which continues to do this everyday. Spohn has managed and services under control, nothing but positive. No negative feedback about Nueces operations have been brought to our attention. Spohn has nothing further to add regarding a full array of services Spohn provides to Nueces Aid beneficiaries at this time. Membership agreement operations agenda item B2, Spohn**

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asked respectfully remove most of the recurring agenda items related to Spohn membership agreement updates and save these topics for instances when there is a specific issue or proposal to address. Spohn is always glad to provide information about the Dr. Hector P. Garcia operation agenda items 5 B 2a, 5B 2b, 2c & 2d Spohn has no presentation at this time and there is no deliberate plan to view any orderly transfer at this time. When there is something firm to present, Spohn would be happy to report. After further discussion Board of Managers voted on updates every six months.

- 3) Receive information relating to updates to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Poverty Guidelines:
  - a) Annual update of the DHHS Poverty Guidelines from *Federal Register*, Vol. 85, No. 12, January 17, 2020, pp. 3060-3061; and
  - b) Prior DHHS Poverty Guidelines and *Federal Register* references 1982-2020.
  
- 4) 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):
  - a) Annual increase adjustments of Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines; adjustments pursuant to Amended and Restated CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Membership Agreement, Schedule 2, Section 2.18; adjustments effective March 1, 2020 for:
    - (1) Household Resources as required by Program's Handbook Policy No. NA002, Attachment 2, Sections I-B, I-C-1, I-C-23, and I-F; and
    - (2) Household Income as required by Program's Handbook Policy No. NA002, Attachment 4, Section I-F-3.

**Motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Ms. Oliver.**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. Finance Committee:**

- 1) Receive and approve Annual Financial Report from Collier, Johnson, & Woods, P.C., Certified Public Accountants on Nueces County Hospital District's governmental activities financial statements, major funds, and aggregate remaining funds for fiscal year ended September 30, 2019.  
**(ACTION)**

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**Motion by Ms. Brower and seconded by Mr. Valls.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

- 2) Receive and approve unaudited financial statements for fiscal year-to-date periods ended December 31, 2019 and January 31, 2020. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Ms. Brower and seconded by Mr. Valls.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

- 3) Receive and approve Quarterly Investment Report for fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2019 and ratify related investment transactions. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Ms. Brower and seconded by Mr. Valls.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

- 4) Receive summary report to-date of intergovernmental transfers made in support of local and other healthcare providers participating in Medicaid supplemental payment programs sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Commission year-to-date:
- a) Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program (Medicaid 1115 Waiver):
    - (1) Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) pool; and
    - (2) Hospital Uncompensated Care (UC) pool.
  - b) Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) program;
  - c) Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP);
  - d) Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program (UHRIP); and
  - e) Graduate Medical Education (GME). (*INFORMATION*)
- 5) Receive monthly statement of escrow amounts deposited and/or withdrawn by CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation; deposits pursuant to and consistent with Section 3.9.7 of Amended and Restated Schedule 1 to Spohn Membership Agreement, a schedule to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement; receive statements for months ended December 31, 2019 and January 31, 2020. (*INFORMATION*)
- 6) Receive information relating to final federal rule "Inadmissibility on Public

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Charge Grounds" under section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act as published in *Federal Register*, Vol. 83, No. 196, pp. 51114-51296; rule to be implemented February 24, 2020. **(INFORMATION)**

**6. FACILITY TOUR:**

- A. The Board of Managers will participate in a tour of of the CHRISTUS Spohn Family Health Center-Westside located at 4617 Greenwood Drive situated at the Northwest corner of the intersection of Greenwood Drive and West Point Road, Corpus Christi, Texas. During the tour, Board members may make comments and ask questions regarding the toured facility and services provided therein, but will not take any action on any matters relating to the facility or services.  
**(INFORMATION)**

**7. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:**

- A. Future Board of Managers and Board Committee Meetings:
- 1) Next Scheduled Regular Board Meeting: March 17, 2020, 12 Noon (date, time, and location subject to change); and
  - 2) Next Scheduled Regular Finance Committee Meeting: March 17, 2020, 11:00 AM (date, time, and location subject to change).

**8. ADJOURN**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm by Mr. Martinez. Motion by Mr. Valls and seconded by Dr. Reddy.**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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John B. Martinez, Chairman  
Nueces County Hospital District

**ATTEST:**

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Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary  
Board of Managers  
Nueces County Hospital District

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Wm Dewitt Alsup, General Counsel  
Nueces County Hospital District