

Memorandum

To: Board of Managers
From: Jonny F. Hipp, Administrator
Date: July 19, 2019
Re: July 23rd Board Meeting Agenda Item 3.B

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this agenda item 3.B is to select a professional vendor/consultant to prepare a Comprehensive Mental Health Needs Assessment of Nueces County.

BACKGROUND:

To date, there has not been a comprehensive assessment of the mental health needs of the citizens of Nueces County. Over the last few years, the need for an assessment has become increasingly evident as some mental health services have been established or expanded within the County, but service gaps continue to exist and vulnerable citizens continue to experience difficulties accessing needed mental health services.

DISCUSSION:

Nueces County ("County") has requested the Nueces County Hospital District ("NCHD") underwrite the cost of preparing a Comprehensive Mental Health Needs Assessment of Nueces County to better understand the prevalence of and need for mental health services and to receive recommendations for provision/improvement of those services.

RECOMMENDATION:

The County and NCHD have jointly reviewed and assessed the predominant professional vendors/consultants who have the discipline-specific knowledge, skill, and intelligence to prepare the Assessment and who have also performed and continue to perform the type of work described above; the Administrator is prepared to make a selection recommendation to the Board regarding the vendor/consultant who the parties believe is best-suited to perform the Assessment.

Jonny F. Hipp