

PROPOSED DRAFT OF LETTER TO CSHS ON PUBLIC MEETINGS
6/12/14

Dear Ms. Robertson:

The Nueces County Hospital District (Hospital District) Board of Managers has requested that I contact you concerning the pending project proposal that may result in repurposing and material alteration of the existing CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi - Memorial (MMC) facility located on properties owned by the Hospital District and presently being used by Christus Spohn Health Systems Corporation (CSHS) in accordance with the Membership Agreement, for the rendition of indigent health care services and other associated health care services for the citizens of Nueces County.

Because of the size and scope of this proposed project, the Board of Managers believes that it is crucial that the citizens of Nueces County be fully informed about the material aspects and consequences of carrying out this proposed project and its impact on the citizens of the County. The Board of Managers believes that listening to the public on this proposed repurposing project will be an important part of a successful outcome.

To insure transparency, the Board of Managers therefore requests that CSHS schedule, publicize, and conduct several public meetings at reasonable times, and at well-known locations in Nueces County to inform and discuss with the public in attendance the details and scope of the proposed repurposing project, including the proposed demolition of the existing MMC hospital facility and subsequent construction of the new family health center. These discussions should also inform the public regarding, among other things, the transfer and relocation of the inpatient and outpatient services, the trauma unit, psychiatric unit, and residency programs to CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi – Shoreline and CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi – South, as applicable. These meetings should also apprise the public of CSHS's commitment and plans to ensure that Nueces Aid beneficiaries continue to have full access to inpatient and outpatient hospital services at the same levels as they received such services at the existing MMC facility, after these proposed changes are made.

In addition, the agenda for these meetings must provide ample time for receipt of public questions and comments.

Please contact me with the proposed schedule of times and places for these meetings. We would be glad to give you and your staff reasonable assistance in complying with this request. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.