

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

**June 17, 2014**

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The Planning Committee of the Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6:15 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  
Laura Jimenez, Nueces County Attorney  
Cathy Heller, Nueces County Assistant Attorney  
Sara G. Lopez, Administrative Specialist  
Carmen H. Ramos, Administrative Assistant

**OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

Richard Bowers, Member, CSHS Board of Directors  
Steve Waterman, Administrative Director, Nueces County Commissioners Court  
Van Huseman, Board Chairman, Nueces County Hospital District  
Rhiannon Meyers, Reporter, Caller Times

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1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Hart, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hart at 6:32 p.m.
  
  2. **Establishment of Quorum** - Mr. Hart  
A quorum was present with all members in attendance.  
  
Rodney J. Hart, Chair - PRESENT  
Irma Caballero, Member - PRESENT  
Dan Winship, Member - PRESENT (arrived @ 6:58 PM)
  
  3. **Public Comment**  
None requested.

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4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Planning Committee voted to accept, adopt, authorize(s) and/or ratify/ratifies the following consent agenda items: A.1; B.1 & 2; C, D & E. 1 - 4 as presented below: MOTION CARRIED.

A. Approve minutes of Planning Committee meeting: **ACTION**

1) Regular Meeting of February 18, 2014

B. Receive information relating to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Poverty Guidelines:

1) Annual update of the DHHS Poverty Guidelines from *Federal Register*, Vol. 79, No. 14, January 22, 2014, pp 3593 - 3594; and

2) Historical DHHS Poverty Guidelines, 1965 - 2013 Table 3.E8, *Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin*, 2013 - **INFORMATION**

Copies of Annual update of DHHS Poverty Guidelines from Federal Register and Historical DHHS Poverty Guidelines 1965-2013 are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

C. Received and accepted notice of annual adjustment of Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines for Household Resources as required by Program's handbook Policy No. NA002, attachment 2. Sections I-B, I-C-I, I-C-22, and I-F; resources guidelines increase adjustment effective March 1, 2014 - **INFORMATION**

Copy of annual adjustment of Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines for Household Resources as required by handbook Policy No. NA002, attachment 2, Sections I-B, I-C-I, I-C-22, and I-F are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

D. Received and accepted notice of annual adjustment of Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines for Household Income as required by Program's Handbook Policy No. NA002, Attachment 4, Section I-F-3; income guideline increase adjustment effective March 1, 2014 - **INFORMATION**

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Copy of notice of annual adjustment of Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines for Household Income as required by Program's Handbook Policy No. NA002, Attachment 4, Section I-F-3 are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

- E. Received and accepted 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; receive provider's reports for the calendar quarter ended March 31, 2014: **INFORMATION**

- 1) Christus Spohn Hospitals: Alice, Beeville, and Kleberg (Joint Report);
- 2) Corpus Christi Medical Center;
- 3) DeTar Healthcare System; and
- 4) Driscoll Children's Hospital

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

5. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

- A. Receive update on implementation of amendments relating to adjustment of Nueces Aid Program Eligibility Guidelines Policy No. NA002, attachment 4, Section F concerning Program Household Income Guidelines due to federal Health Insurance Marketplace Exchange income requirements; amendments adopted February 2014 for effect April 1, 2014; receive information relating to Administrator's postponed implementation of certain amendment provisions due to disparate income, hardship exemption, and other related definitions - **INFORMATION**

Mr. Hipp reported that in February the Board amended the Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines Policy No. NA002, Attachment 4, Section F relating the Program Household Income Guidelines due to new federal Health Insurance Marketplace Exchange income limits and hardship exemptions relating to implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

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amendments were effective April 1, 2014. The amendments also reduced the upper limit of the Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Income Guidelines for financial assistance due to the new federal Health Insurance Marketplace Exchange income limits and required use of a hardship exemption produced by the Health Insurance Marketplace Exchange. In addition, the Administrator is authorized to temporarily modify and/or postpone any or all portions of the Policy No. NA002 amendments approved for reasonable cause taking into account the ongoing interpretation, implementation, and/or application of related portions of the Act and state law. A brief discussion followed.

Copy of detailed memorandum dated June 11, 2014 is attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

- B. Recommend ratification of Amendments No. 4 to June 12, 2012 Letter Agreement with Health Management Associates relating to support of Hospital District's Anchor Entity duties under the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver Program; Amendment to extend Letter Agreement to September 30, 2015 and revise charge and expense categorization procedures - ACTION Motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Planning Committee recommends Board of Managers' ratification of Amendment No. 4 and its Attachment K to the June 12, 2012 Letter Agreement with Health Management Associates relating to support of Hospital District's Anchor Entity duties under the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver Program; Amendment extends Letter Agreement to September 30, 2015; and further revise charge and expense categorization procedures as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Copy of executed Amendment No. 4 and its Attachment K to June 12, 2012 Letter Agreement by and between Health Management Associates, Inc., and Nueces County Hospital District are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

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- C. Review preliminary listing of circumstances and/or factors relating to the potential re-purposing and material alteration of Hospital District-owned real property formerly known as Memorial Medical Center located at 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas; preliminary listing to provide basis for future Findings of Fact and Conclusions concerning the potential re-purposing and material alteration of Memorial Medical Center - INFORMATION

Mr. Hipp presented a preliminary drafted document related to Management Proposed Findings of Fact Related to Christus Spohn's Proposed Material Alterations. He further stated extensive work has been done by Spohn's consultants regarding this matter. Mr. Eiland added that the drafted document is the due diligence analyzed and re-analyzed. Work continues on this issue.

Copy of drafted document dated June 12, 2014 is attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

- D. Recommend adoption of letter to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation requesting that Spohn publicize and conduct public meetings concerning the potential re-purposing and material alteration of Hospital District-owned real property formerly known as Memorial Medical Center located at 2606 Hospital Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas and to provide opportunities for public comment at such meetings - ACTION

Motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Winship, the Planning Committee recommends adoption of letter to Christus Spohn Health System Corporation requesting that Spohn publicize and conduct public meetings concerning the potential re-purposing and material alteration of Hospital District-owned real property formerly known as Memorial Medical Center located at 2606 Hospital Boulevard, and to provide opportunities for public comment at the meetings.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

In addition to the above, and on the same motion and second, the Planning Committee recommends the following:

- Include an operational plan;
- Side-by-side comparison of existing services; and planned future services at the new facility;
- Presentation to NCHD board committees and meeting with up-to-date briefings; and

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- Inclusion of medical staff community.

Copy of Proposed Draft of Letter to CSHS Public Meetings dated June 12, 2014 is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

- E. **Recommend authorizing the Board Chairman to negotiate and execute an Employment Agreement with the Administrator for the four-year term October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2018 and submit Agreement for ratification; Administrator's employment pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §281.026 - ACTION**

Motion by Mr. Winship, seconded by Ms. Caballero, the Planning Committee recommends Board Chairman authorization to negotiate and execute an Employment Agreement with the Administrator Jonny F. Hipp for a four-year-term October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2018; and further submits Agreement for ratification by the Board of Managers. Copy of memorandum dated June 11, 2014 regarding Administrator's Employment Agreement is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

6. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, and on motion by Mr. Winship, seconded by Ms. Caballero, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.