

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

**July 23, 2012**

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The Planning Committee of the Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met Monday, July 23, 2012 at 5:30 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, Alsup & Alsup Law Firm  
Catherine Heller, Assistant Nueces County Attorney  
Sara G. Lopez, Administrative Specialist  
Carmen H. Ramos, Administrative Assistant

**OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

Gary Eiland, Attorney, King & Spalding, LLP, Houston, TX  
Linda Wertz, Managing Principal, Healthcare Management Associates, Austin, TX.

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1. **Call to Order** -  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Winship at 5:34 p.m.
  
  2. **Establishment of Quorum** -  
A quorum was present with two members in attendance.  
  
Dan Winship, Member - PRESENT  
Irma Caballero, Member - PRESENT  
  
Rodney J. Hart, Chairman - ABSENT
  
  3. **Review and approve minutes from April 17, 2012 meeting - ACTION**  
Motion by Ms. Caballero, seconded by Mr. Winship, the Planning Committee approved the April 17, 2012 minutes as written. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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4. **Receive update on and discuss status of federal health care legislation and related matters: INFORMATION**

The Planning Committee received an update and a brief discussion was held relating to the major elements relating to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

- a. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148); and
- b. Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152).

Copy of Focus on Health Reform dated July 2012, including both Public Laws are attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

5. **Receive update on Regional Healthcare Partnership, Region 4 Anchor Entity activities under the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver organized by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission - INFORMATION**

Mr. Hipp reported that two public meetings will be held in the near future and letters to stakeholders will be mailed. Mr. Hipp presented the Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) Regions as of May 30, 2012. He further stated that we're anchoring eighteen (18) counties in our Region; six (6) counties do not have a hospital; and all counties are covered by a Mental Health Authority. A Community Needs Assessment helps get hospitals and mental health authority a menu of projects that the state has to be completed and receive state fund match from the state. Mr. Eiland reported the 1115 Waiver Program is still at work and process continues on Health care Reform legislation; the program was approved in concept in 2011 to expand Medicaid Waivers statewide. There were many considerations approved. The Regional Health Partnership gave the District priority and was designated as the Anchor of the Regional Health Partnership plan that will define the various projects. It's HHSC's hope not mandate that warrant each IGT entity might be persuaded not only to support healthcare required within their county, but also support other counties that do not have the resources of an IGT.

Copy of the Regional Healthcare Partnership Regions dated May 30, 2012 is attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

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Mr. Hipp introduced Linda Wertz, Managing Principal, Healthcare Management Associates is working with four other Regions including ours (RHP 4). Ms. Wertz reported work that's been done is to identify potential projects, incentives and activities. Ms. Wertz informed the Committee that October 31, 2012 is the extended deadline to get projects finalized.

6. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.