

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SESSION**

October 13, 2017

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met in **SPECIAL SESSION** in the NCHD Board Room at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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
Catherine Heller, Nueces Assistant County Attorney
Sara G. Lopez, Administrative Specialist
Carmen H. Ramos, Administrative Assistant

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

Adam Robison, Special Counsel, King & Spalding Law Firm, Houston, TX
Eric Hamon, CFO, Driscoll Children's Hospital
Justin Doss, Regional COO, Christus Spohn Health System Corporation

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1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Huseman, Chairman
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Huseman at 3:03 p.m.
 2. **Establishment of Quorum** - Mr. Huseman
A quorum was present with six members in attendance

Van Huseman, Chairman - PRESENT
Rodney J. Hart, Member - PRESENT
Ted Daniel, Member - PRESENT
Irma Caballero, Member - PRESENT
Robert N. Corrigan, Member - PRESENT
John E. Valls, Member - PRESENT

Claude "Cal" Jennings, Member - **ABSENT**

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3. **Public Comment** - Persons wishing to comment 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 Board meeting. Commenters shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes and comments must be appropriate to the agenda item(s). See the “Public Comment” section of the preceding General Information page for additional Public Comment-related requirements and information.

None requested.

Original Request to Speak in public session sign-in sheet and sign-in showing individual(s) in attendance is attached hereto for information and made a part of these minutes.

4. **AGENDA:**

A. **Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program:**

- 1) Receive information on the Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC)-sponsored Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program; UHRIP established for the purpose of increasing Medicaid managed care organization payments to certain classes of hospitals for services provided within HHSC’s Medicaid managed-care service delivery areas beginning March 1, 2018 - **INFORMATION**
- 2) Receive information on participation in the submission of a UHRIP participation application for the Nueces Service Delivery Area (Nueces SDA); Nueces SPA comprised of Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Calhoun, Goliad, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, Jim Wells, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, and Victoria counties with expected UHRIP-participating hospitals located in Bee, Calhoun, Karnes, Kleberg, Jim Wells, Nueces, Refugio, and Victoria counties - **INFORMATION**

After a lengthy discussion the Board of Managers agreed to further discuss this matter in closed session.

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EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Managers entered into executively closed session at approximately 3:41 p.m., to discuss and or deliberate on the following agenda item(s): **4. A. 1 & 2.**

Consult with Hospital District's attorneys pursuant to Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, §551.071:

1. Matters relating to Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC)-sponsored Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program (UHRIP)

Members of the Board of Managers, Administrator Jonny F. Hipp, Attorneys Wm. DeWitt Alsup, Adam Robison and Assistant County Attorney Catherine Heller, Assistant Administrator Dena B. Bruni, Director of Accounting and Finance Donna Littlefield remained for the executive closed session.

The Board of Managers ended its executively closed session at approximately 4:04 p.m. and reopened to public session.

OPEN MEETING:

Discuss final action, decision, or vote on matters deliberated in Executive Closed Session: The following action was taken in open session:

On motion by Mr. Valls, seconded by Mr. Daniel, the Board of Managers adopted a resolution authorizing the administrator to enter and participate in the funding of HHSC Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program and submit participation application and commit to intergovernmental transfers for the benefit of hospitals located within Nueces County. **MOTION CARRIED.** **Original executed resolution is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.**

CONTINGENT: Upon receiving indemnification from all parties, i.e. HCA, DeTar, South Texas Surgical Hospital, and Care Regional Medical Center; requesting Christus Spohn Health System Corporation be the facilitator of accomplishing for the benefit of NCHD all entities named herewith indemnify NCHD and move forward with submission of application to HHSC.

- 3) Adopt Board of Managers Resolution relating to participation in the

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funding of the UHRIP: **ACTION**

- a) Authorize the Hospital District to be the Nueces SDA liaison with HHSC; and
 - 1) Submit a participation application; and
 - 2) Commit to intergovernmental transfers for the benefit of hospitals located within Nueces County.

5. **ADJOURN**

On motion by Mr. Daniel, seconded by Mr. Valls, the Board of Managers adjourned its board meeting at 4:09 p.m.

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PRESIDING OFFICER:

Van Huseman, Chairman
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ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
Board of Managers
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Wm. DeWitt Alsup, General Counsel
Nueces County Hospital District