

NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Briefing Paper

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2027 Funding for the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities

Purpose

To brief the Board of Managers regarding proposed Fiscal Year 2027 funding for the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (NCMHID) and the associated resolution providing for the funding.

Background

NCMHID is a state-authorized provider of mental health and intellectual disability services and is recognized as a governmental unit and local government entity under Texas law. Since Fiscal Year 2000, at the request of the Nueces County Commissioners Court, the District has allocated funding for NCMHID services through its annual budgets.

For Fiscal Year 2027, Commissioners Court has again requested that the District provide funding to support NCMHID services. The proposed resolution provides for the funding to be appropriated from District Non-Tax Funds and incorporated into the District's Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget.

Fiscal Year 2027 Funding

The proposed resolution provides \$2,964,883 in Fiscal Year 2027 funding for NCMHID services. The resolution identifies the expenditure as a statutorily authorized use of District Non-Tax Funds and as qualifying for tobacco settlement distribution claims.

Attachment A divides the funding into two general components. The first provides \$969,129 for mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services. The second provides \$1,995,754 for a group of mental health, crisis response, jail diversion, competency restoration, and related community-based programs. Together, these components total \$2,964,883.

Services Supported

The funding schedule includes mental health youth and crime-victim services and a range of intellectual and developmental disability services, including administration, respite, home and community-based services, supported living, habilitation, intake and assessment, and related service coordination.

The schedule also provides funding for programs serving justice-involved individuals and persons experiencing behavioral health crises, including crisis intervention, jail diversion, jail-based competency restoration, walk-in crisis services, mobile crisis outreach, and forensic assertive community treatment.

Funding Administration

The Administrator would be directed to incorporate the \$2,964,883 NCMHID Services Funding Amount into the District's Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget. The Administrator would also be authorized to disburse the funding in equal quarterly payments or according to another schedule determined to be reasonable and appropriate.

The resolution permits the Administrator to establish additional procedures or requirements necessary for disbursement, including financial reporting and accountability measures, and authorizes the Administrator to take the actions and execute the documents necessary to implement the resolution.

Fiscal Impact

FY 2027 Funding: \$2,964,883

Funding Source: District Non-Tax Funds

Mental Health and IDD Services: \$969,129

Additional Mental Health, Crisis and Related Programs: \$1,995,754

The total funding amount would be incorporated into the District's Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget and disbursed for the services identified in Attachment A.

Board Consideration

The Board is being asked to consider adoption of the resolution providing Fiscal Year 2027 funding for NCMHID. Adoption would establish the funding amount and source, provide for its inclusion in the FY 2027 Annual Budget, and authorize the Administrator to administer and disburse the funds and establish appropriate reporting and accountability requirements.

Summary

The proposed resolution continues the District's longstanding financial support of NCMHID and provides \$2,964,883 in Non-Tax Funds for Fiscal Year 2027. The funding supports mental health, intellectual and developmental disability, crisis response, justice-related, and other behavioral health services identified in Attachment A, with administrative authority provided for implementation, disbursement, and accountability.