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TIHCA MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a member of the Texas Indigent Health Care Association (TIHCA), and receive the full benefits that TIHCA has to offer.

Enclosed you will find:

1. Background information about TIHCA,
2. A membership application, and
3. A copy of a proposed minute order resolution.

Membership in TIHCA is open to all entities that have responsibilities under Chapter 61 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. To join TIHCA, a program must adopt a minute order that states the following:

1. Approval of the Charter of the Texas Indigent Health Care Association; and
2. Designation of an official representative to the Texas Indigent Health Care Association to serve as the primary point of contact.

TIHCA's goals and commitment to members include:

- Keeping programs up to date with the latest news and information,
- Strengthening inter-program dialogue and networking,
- Providing educational opportunities,
- Providing to programs technical support and peer review, and
- Sharing information about best practices to assist all of our members to function more efficiently and more cost effectively.

You may visit the website at www.tihca.org or email us at tihca@cuc.org for additional information.

What is the Texas Indigent Health Care Association (TIHCA)?

The Texas Indigent Health Care Association (TIHCA) was created in 2004 as a program of the Urban Counties, with the co-operation of the Texas Association of Counties when county indigent health care directors asked for organizational assistance in response to the State's discontinuation of the Texas Department of Health Regional Coordinators the prior year.

What does TIHCA do?

The basic goal of TIHCA is to provide timely information on upcoming legislative issues and state level changes as well as staff training on program administration.

Who are the current members?

Angelina County	Grayson County	Montgomery County Hospital District
Aransas County	Guadalupe County	Navarro County
Bastrop County	Hardin County	Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Bell County	Harrison County	Parmer County Community Hospital
Big Bend Regional Hospital District	Hays County	Randall County
Bosque County	Henderson County	Real County
Brazoria County IHCP	Hidalgo County	Rockwall County IHC
Brown County	Hockley County	San Jacinto County
Brownfield Regional Medical Center	Hood County	San Patricio County
Burnet County	Jasper County	Sterling County
Chambers County	Jefferson County	Tom Green County
Collin County	Jim Wells County	University Medical Center Hosp Dist
Ellis County	Lee County	University of Texas Medical Branch
Falls County	Liberty County	Van Zandt County
Fayette County	Liberty County Hospital District	Walker County Hospital District
Fort Bend County	Limestone County	Webb County
Freestone County	Maverick County Hospital District	Williamson County
Garza County Health Care District	McLennan County	Wood County

Who are the current Board of Directors?

Chairman	Williamson County, Bride Roberts
Chairman Elect	Tom Green County, Dianna Spieker
Secretary	Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Lesa Gilbert
Board Member	Garza County Hospital District, Brandy Fannon
Board Member	Guadalupe County, Lena Saenz Morgan
Board Member	Hood County, Commissioner Richard Roan, Ph.D.
Board Member	Jasper County, Linda Dickerson
Board Member	McLennan County, Eva Cruz
Board Member	Montgomery County, Penny Wilson
Board Member	San Patricio County, Josie Michael

Who is eligible to join?

Membership is open to all programs with responsibilities under Chapter 61. Has responsibilities under Chapter 61, Health And Safety Code, which defines the responsibilities of counties, hospital districts, and public hospitals in providing health care to eligible residents who are considered indigent.

How does an eligible entity join?

Interested counties, hospital districts and public hospitals may contact Windy Johnson at the Urban Counties offices for assistance in joining TIHCA. A potential member joins (or makes application) by adopting a minute order authorizing the county, HD, or PH to become a member of the association, authorizing the necessary expenditures for membership dues and appointing a representative to speak on behalf of the entity.

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Membership Application

____ NEW MEMBERSHIP

____ RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

County Name	
Chapter 61 Program Type	
Contact	
Title	
Physical Address	
City, State, Zip	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Fax	
Email Address	
Website Address	
Number of Full-Time Employees	
Number of Clients/Patients	
Federal Poverty Income Limit	

Upon completion, please submit to TIHCA at tihca@cuc.org, or fax to 512.476.5122

State of Texas §
County of _____ §
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BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the governing board of the _____ believes it to be in the best interest of the _____ to join the Texas Indigent Health Care Association (“TIHCA”) ; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that participation in TIHCA will be highly beneficial to the taxpayers of the _____ through the efficiencies and potential savings to be realized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT _____ agrees to join Texas Indigent Health Care Association, and:

1. Approves the attached TIHCA Charter and agrees to be bound thereby in connection with its membership in TIHCA;
2. Appoints _____ as its Representative to TIHCA, whose contact information is:

Phone number: _____

Fax number: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

3. Approves and authorizes the payment of initial dues to TIHCA in an amount of \$_____ ; such dues being the initial membership dues charged by TIHCA for the time period extending through _____.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the execution of this Resolution shall evidence the election of _____ to become a member of the TIHCA upon the terms and conditions stated in the attached Charter. The governing board of _____ has, and at the time of adoption of this Resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the foregoing Reolution and to

confer the obligations, powers, and authority to the person named, who is hereby granted power to exercise the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the meeting at which this Resolution was approved was duly noticed and held in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, ch. 551 Tex. Gov't. Code.

This Resolution was approved and passed on the ____ day of _____, 2005.

[Governmental Entity]

By: _____
Authorized Representative

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Attest:

Name

Title