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Texas Indigent Health Care Association

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:

- TIHCA background information and FAQ.
- A membership application.

Membership in TIHCA is open to all entities that have responsibilities under Chapter 61 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. To join TIHCA, all a program needs to do is submit an application along with a check for membership dues and have the governing body of the entity submit the name and contact information of an official representative to the Texas Indigent Health Care Association to serve as the primary point of contact.

Visit the website at <https://cuc.org/tihca/> or email tihca@cuc.org for additional information.

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Frequently Asked Questions About TIHCA

What is the Texas Indigent Health Care Association?

The Texas Indigent Health Care Association (TIHCA) was created in 2004 as a program of the Urban Counties, with the cooperation of the Texas Association of Counties, when county indigent health care directors requested organizational assistance in response to the State's discontinuation of the Texas Department of Health Regional Coordinators the prior year. TIHCA was formed to help Chapter 61 entities effectively address many of the issues surrounding indigent health care administration. TIHCA's intent is to meet and exceed the level of service formerly provided by the state.

There are over 254 Chapter 61 entities, including counties, hospital districts and public hospitals, in the State of Texas. Each is required to provide indigent health care within their service area. This unfunded mandate from the state government can create political, financial and operational issues at the local and regional level.

What does TIHCA do?

The primary goal of TIHCA is to provide timely information on upcoming legislative issues, state-level changes, and staff training for program administration. TIHCA can also assist members by:

- Keeping programs up-to-date with the latest news and information;
- Strengthening inter-program dialogue and networking among programs; and
- Providing programs with educational opportunities, technical support, and peer review.

By being a member of TIHCA, members can work together to find solutions to operational issues that, when coupled with cost savings arising from pooled-purchasing opportunities, can save organizations money. This allows members to provide the same level of services while reducing the burden on taxpayers.

Who are the current members?

Angelina County
Bell and Mills CIHCP
Brazoria County
Fort Bend County
Liberty County Hospital District
Montgomery County Hospital District
Williamson County
Aransas County
Atascosa County
Bastrop County
Big Bend Regional Hospital District
Brazos Valley C.O.G.
Brown County
Brownfield Regional Medical Center
Burnet County
Chambers County
Collin County
Comal County
Denton County
Dewitt County
Ellis County
Falls County

Fayette County
Galveston County
Garza County Hospital District
Gillespie County
Grayson County
Guadalupe County
Hardin County
Harrison County
Hays County
Henderson County
Hidalgo County
Hill County
Hockley County
Hood County
Howard County
Jasper County
Jefferson County
Jim Wells County CIHCP
Kaufman County
Kerr County
Lamb County
Lee County
Liberty County
Limestone County

Lynn County
Matagorda County Hospital District
Maverick County Hospital District
McCamey County HD
McLennan County IHC
Parker County Hospital District
Rains County
Randall County
Real County
Red River County
Rockwall County IHC
San Jacinto
San Patricio County
Sterling County
Taylor County
Tom Green County
University Medical Center Hospital District
University of Texas Medical Branch
Van Zandt County
Walker County HD
Webb County
Wood County

Who are the current Board of Directors?

Chairman
Chairman Elect Immediate
Past Chair
Secretary
Board Members

Ebony Jackson, Bell County
Jennifer Gutierrez, Brazoria County
Martha Hernandez, Fort Bend County
Alma Martinez, Maverick County Hospital District

Tracie Simmons, Jasper County
Terri Klein, Ellis County
AJ Harris, Gregg County
Dayna Foreman, Rockwall County
Ida Chapman, Montgomery County Hospital District
Aurora Maldonado, Williamson County

Who is eligible to join?

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

How much are Dues?

A standard membership in the Texas Indigent Health Care Association is \$200. A charter membership is \$500. Charter members will receive a discount on registration for the annual conference, which benefits those entity's that may bring multiple people to the annual conference.

How does an eligible entity join?

A potential member entity joins by submitting an application, with a check for dues, and appointing a representative to TIHCA. Appointment authority rests with the governing body of each individual entity. Please call Texas Conference of Urban Counties, at 512.476.6174, for more information or assistance in joining this organization.

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The Value of Working Together to Manage our IHC Programs

There are over 254 Chapter 61 entities (counties, hospital districts and public hospitals) in the State of Texas. Each is required to provide indigent health care (IHC) within their service area. This unfunded mandate from the state government can create political, financial and operational issues at the local and regional level.

In recent years, the State has reduced administrative and financial support for IHC programs leaving each of them to, in effect, fend for themselves. The Texas Indigent Health Care Association has been formed to help Chapter 61 entities effectively address many of the issues surrounding IHC administration. TIHCA's intent is to meet and exceed the level of service formerly provided by the state.

How TIHCA can help

TIHCA can assist members in a number of ways including:

- Keeping programs up to date with the latest news and information;
- Strengthening inter-program dialogue and networking among programs;
- Providing educational opportunities to programs; and
- Provide programs with technical support and peer review.

The benefit of being a member of TIHCA

By working together, TIHCA members can assist each other with finding solutions to operational issues that, when coupled with cost savings arising from pooled-purchasing opportunities, can save your organization money. This means you may be able to provide the same level of services while reducing the burden on your taxpayers.

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Membership Application

NEW MEMBERSHIP

RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

County Name	Navarro County
Chapter 61 Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital District <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hospital
Contact	Brianna Caldwell
Title	Indigent Health Care Coordinator
Physical Address	618 N Main St. Ste B.
City, State, Zip	Corsicana, TX 75110
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 2222
City, State, Zip	Corsicana, TX 75151
Phone	903 874 6731 ext: 2
Fax	903 872 0126
Email Address	bcaldwell@navarrohealth.com
Website Address	_____
Number of Full-Time Employees	1
Number of Clients/Patients	54
Federal Poverty Income Limit	21%
Membership Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Charter

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State of Texas §

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County of _____ §

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 Resolution 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. Govt. Code.

This Resolution was approved and passed on the _____ day of _____, 20__.

[Governmental Entity]

By: _____
Authorized Representative

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Attest:

Name

Title