

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF
REGIONAL HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP, REGION 4
LEARNING COLLABORATIVE**

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved a new Medicaid demonstration waiver entitled “Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program” in 2011 (1115 Waiver). The goals of the 1115 Waiver are to increase access to health care, improve the quality of care, and enhance the health of patients and families they serve. The 1115 Waiver is approved through September 30, 2016; additional details about the Waiver can be found on the Internet at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-waiver.shtml>.

The 1115 Waiver was organized by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and based on Regional Healthcare Partnerships (RHP). RHP 4 includes the following coastal bend area counties: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, DeWitt, Duval, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, and Victoria. Certain initiatives under the 1115 Waiver are designed to provide incentive payments to hospitals, local mental health authorities, public health departments, and certain academic physician group providers for investments in delivery system reform incentive payment (DSRIP) pool projects that achieve the goals above.

The Nueces County Hospital District (NCHD) is the HHSC-designated Anchor Entity for RHP 4; NCHD is required to organize periodic Learning Collaboratives to promote group DSRIP project learning. This group learning is also known as: cooperative learning, collaborative learning, collective learning, learning communities, peer teaching, peer learning, or team learning.

This notice is to inform the public, consumers, and stakeholders that NCHD will conduct a Learning Collaborative for RHP 4 providers at the date, time, and location shown below.

**Thursday, February 20, 2014
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Education Service Center, Region 2
Room 3-15
209 North Water Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401**

The RHP4 Learning Collaborative agenda will be available beginning **Thursday, February 13, 2014** at <http://www.nchdcc.org/learning-collaborative.cfm>. Questions regarding this notice shall be directed to Ms. Sara Lopez at (361) 808-3300 or sara.lopez@nchdcc.org.