CENTRAL HEALTH

Board of Managers Meeting and Public Hearing
Wednesday, September 1, 2010
UPDATED MEETING PROCESS AND GUIDELINES

Upon opening the meeting, the Board of Managers will receive a presentation from Central Health staff regarding the proposed fiscal year 2011 budget. At the end of this presentation, the public hearing will begin, at which time the Board will receive public comments regarding the budget.

The public hearing will be time-limited to one (1) hour ensure that the Board has adequate time to deliberate. Thus, it is possible that not everyone who signs in will have the opportunity to speak. If less than one hour, the public hearing will close once the last person who has signed in has spoken.

For the purposes of the public hearing, the Board will follow the guidelines set out below:

1. Any person may speak during the Public Hearing portion of any Travis County Healthcare District Board of Managers meeting at which Public Hearing appears on the agenda.

2. In advance of speaking, an individual must complete a sign-in sheet that includes the person's name, address and any organization represented by that individual. At the person's option, he or she may provide his or her telephone number or other contact information. Sign in will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing and will close once the last individual who has signed in has spoken.

3. The Chairperson or presiding officer will call speakers in the order in which they are listed on the sign-in sheet. The Chairperson or presiding officer may choose to recognize appointed or elected officials out of turn as a matter of courtesy.

4. Each speaker has a limit of three (3) minutes.

5. Each speaker may address the Board only one time during any particular Public Hearing.

6. A speaker may not "donate" his or her three minutes or any part thereof to another speaker.

7. A speaker does not have the right to speak if he or she signs in after the Public Hearing is closed. The public hearing will close after one (1) hour of public commentary or after the last individual wishing to address the board has spoken.

8. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, the Chairperson or presiding officer may, in his or her discretion, impose additional procedural guidelines on the time and/or manner of speaker's presentations to ensure the efficient and effective conduct of the meeting.