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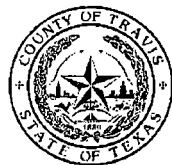
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## **AGENDA ITEM 1**

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## AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM

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Agenda Item Meeting Date August 12, 2025

Who will present the agenda item? (Name, Title) Jeff Knodel, Chief Financial Officer

General Item Description Receive and discuss a presentation on the proposed Calendar Year 2025 tax rate for Central Health and the Fiscal Year 2026 budgets for both Central Health and CommUnityCare Health Centers.

Is this an informational or action item? Informational

Fiscal Impact \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Motion (if needed – action item) \_\_\_\_\_

Key takeaways about agenda item, and/or feedback sought from the Board of Managers:

- 1) Staff will present a brief presentation on the proposed FY26 tax rates and budgets for Central Health and CommUnityCare and answer budget questions submitted by Managers.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

What backup will be provided, or will this be a verbal update? (Backup is due one week before the meeting.) Presentation will be provided next week

Estimated time needed for presentation & questions? 1 hour

Is closed session recommended? (Consult with attorneys.) No

Form Prepared By/Date Submitted: Briana Harris/ August 8, 2025



# Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Tax Rate

Jeff Knodel, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

Jon Morgan, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President

8/12/2025



# FY26 Proposed Tax Rate

## 8% over the No-New-Revenue Rate

Tax Rate	FY26 Proposed	Percent
Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate	11.3569	96%
Debt Service Tax Rate	0.4454	4%
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>11.8023</b>	<b>100%</b>

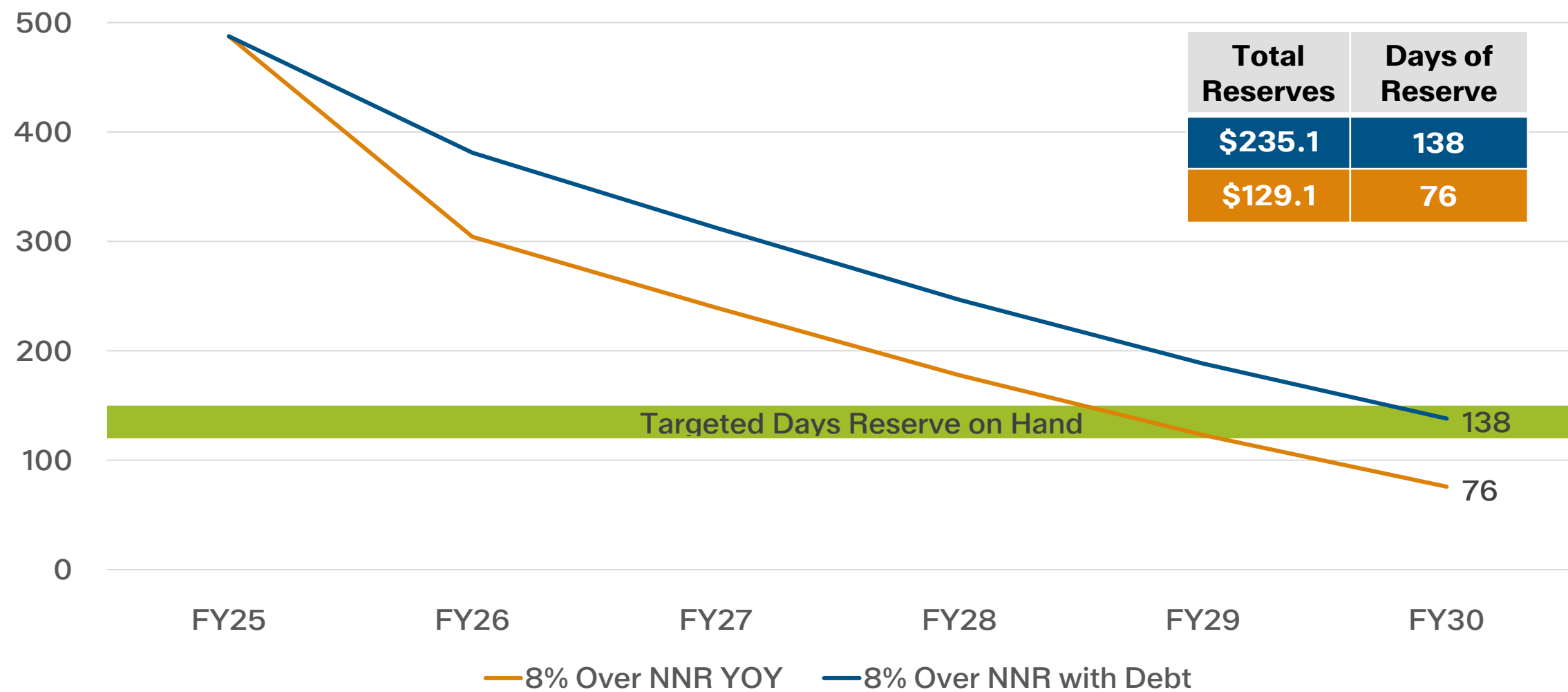
Homestead Exemption	65 & Older	Disability
20% (maximum allowable by state law)	\$185,200	\$185,200

Average Homestead Impact	FY26 Proposed
Average Taxable Homestead Value	\$515,433
Tax Bill	\$608.33

Average Taxable Homestead Property Tax will increase by \$64

# FY26 Five-Year Forecast

Proposed FY26 Budget vs. adding Debt Issuance



# Forecasted Spending & Reserve Impact

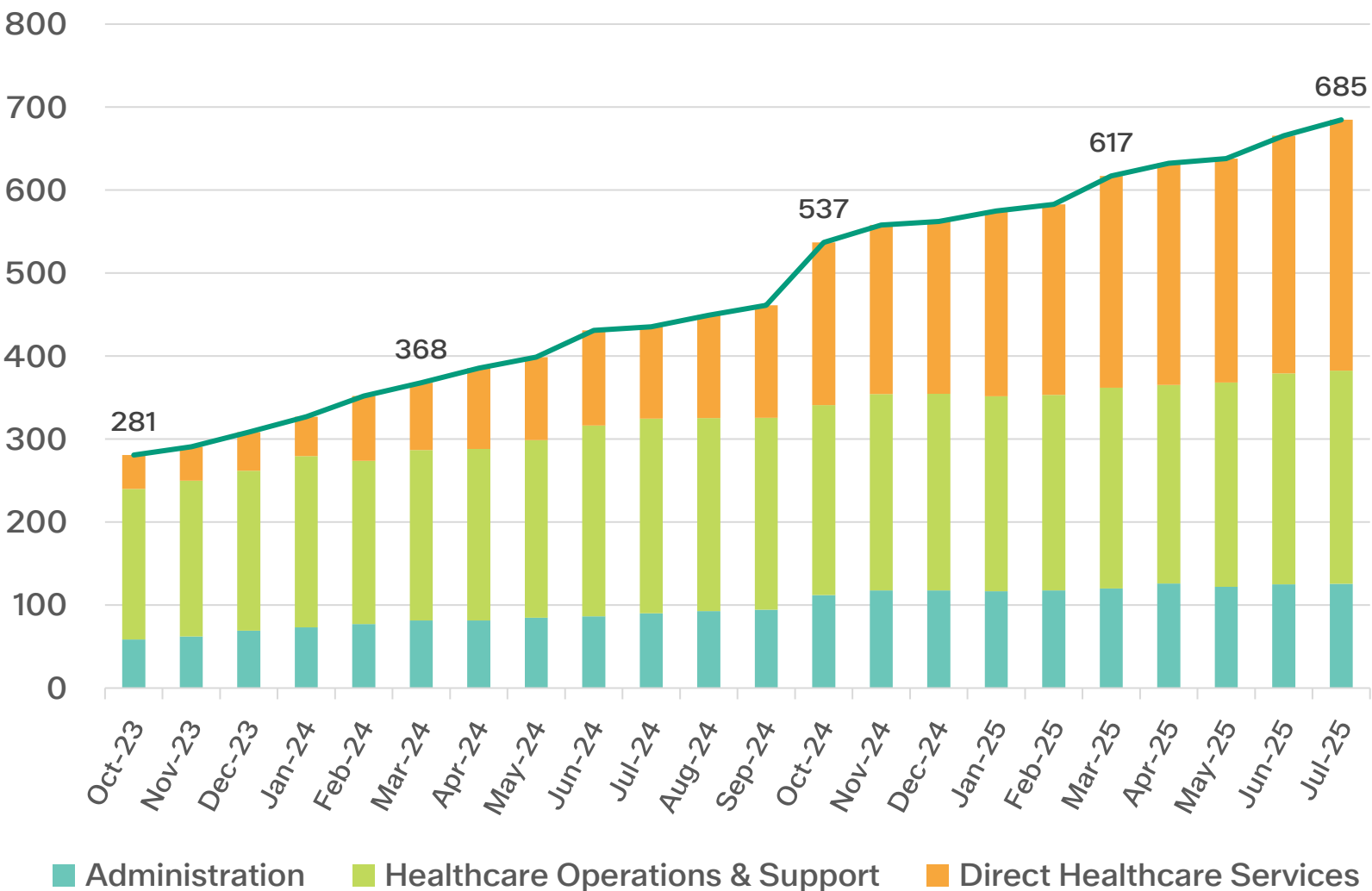
In Millions at 8% YOY over NNR (Excluding Restricted Funds)

	FY24 Actual	FY25 Estimate	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30
Available Beginning Balance	441.2	503.9	451.2	340.0	263.2	184.2	105.9
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>369.1</b>	<b>384.8</b>	<b>422.9</b>	<b>450.1</b>	<b>479.5</b>	<b>509.6</b>	<b>542.7</b>
Healthcare Delivery Uses	230.7	309.6	416.1	438.6	468.2	495.4	522.2
Administration Uses	24.3	31.5	45.9	48.2	50.6	53.1	55.8
UT Affiliation	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
Other Financing Uses	16.2	61.4	37.0	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.4
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Financing Uses</b>	<b>306.3</b>	<b>437.5</b>	<b>534.1</b>	<b>526.9</b>	<b>558.5</b>	<b>587.9</b>	<b>617.4</b>
<b>Contingency Reserve Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>(52.7)</b>	<b>(111.2)</b>	<b>(76.7)</b>	<b>(79.0)</b>	<b>(78.3)</b>	<b>(74.7)</b>
Contingency Reserve	503.9	451.2	340.0	263.2	184.2	105.9	31.3
Emergency Reserve	46.7	58.1	68.1	72.4	77.0	81.5	85.9
Public Health Center Reserve	0.0	0.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>550.7</b>	<b>509.3</b>	<b>420.1</b>	<b>347.6</b>	<b>273.3</b>	<b>199.4</b>	<b>129.1</b>

Totals may differ due to rounding

# Expanding Healthcare Workforce

Actual FTEs to date



FTE Trends by Program			
Program Area	July 2025 Filled	FY 2025 FTE Budget	Percent Filled as of July 2025
Admin	126	149	84%
Direct	302	444	67%
HCD Ops	257	323	81%
TOTAL	685	916	75%

FY 26 FTE Budget			
Program Area	FTE Count	Percent of Total	Change from FY 2025
Admin	164	16%	15
Direct*	515	50%	71
HCD Ops*	361	35%	38
TOTAL	1040	100%	124

\*Includes positions transferred from CUC

# FY26 Budgeted FTEs by Department

Direct Services Departments	FY26 FTEs	FY26 Total Labor Budget	Health Care Operations and Support	FY26 FTEs	FY26 Total Labor Budget	Administration	FY26 FTEs	FY26 Total Labor Budget
Bridge Program	32	4,253,821	Clinical Services Operations	21	4,509,564	People Department	65	10,638,525
Medical Respite	51	6,155,372	Eligibility & Enrollment	116	11,024,339	Office of CEO	8	2,217,237
Acute	14	1,536,078	Operations	3	677,622	Administration	3	334,403
Care at home	9	759,239	Provider Reimbursement and Network Services	9	1,327,860	Communications	13	2,240,769
Case Management	17	1,943,746	Quality Assess & Performance	24	4,698,197	Compliance	13	1,898,938
Post Acute	35	5,611,494	Service Delivery Operations	15	2,831,775	Finance	26	4,776,749
Transitions of Care	8	1,363,354	Community Engagement	9	1,222,805	Government Affairs	4	697,193
Cardiology	11	2,230,833	Health & Wellness Operations	18	2,017,305	Legal Affairs & Governance	12	2,891,526
Endocrinology	6	729,704	Healthcare Planning & LPPF	5	859,253	Procurement	12	1,799,729
Gastroenterology	16	3,918,390	Joint Technology Team	105	17,707,987	Strategy	7	1,574,905
Nephrology	8	1,536,327	Real Estate & Facilities	38	5,055,716			
Neurology	3	321,903						
Palliative Care	7	1,044,478						
Patient Navigation Center	62	6,557,961						
Pharmacy	12	2,112,742						
Podiatry	10	1,619,641						
Pulmonology	12	1,867,499						
Rheumatology	7	1,953,535						
Psychiatry and Mental Health	33	6,288,594						
Direct Services Other	42	7,532,026						
Direct Services Support	120	14,160,077						
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>73,496,813</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>51,932,424</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>29,069,974</b>

# FY26 (CY25) Property Taxes

Scenario of a homestead that is approximately the value of the average homestead of \$515k

Taxing Entity	CY 2025 Proposed Tax Rate	CY 2025 Percentage Increase or (Decrease)	CY 2024 Property Taxes	CY 2025 Proposed Tax Rate Taxes
AUSTIN ISD	.925200	(2.6%)	\$4,587.68	\$4,822.52
CITY OF AUSTIN	.604017	26.5%	\$2,305.18	\$3,148.38
TRAVIS COUNTY	.375845	9.1%	\$1,662.50	\$1,959.06
TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	.118023	9.3%	\$521.12	\$615.18
AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	.103500	2.2%	\$488.93	\$539.48
TOTAL TAX BILL			<b>\$9,565.41</b>	<b>\$11,084.62</b>

# Board Budget Questions: Financial Detail (Slide 1 of 2)

ID #	Manager Requesting	Question
9	Cynthia Valadez	I believe one of the important decisions that the Board of Managers has decided is to approve the CH's staff proposal to increase the tax rate 8% percent over the no-new-revenue rate. Given that our contingency reserve continues to grow as shown below in the chart, I think any tax rate increase deserves much more discussion and detail. Also, I am concerned that our actual direct healthcare delivery expenditures continue to lag behind our budgeted expenditures. I realize that we are still somewhat in a startup mode to implement the Equity Plan, and I appreciate the detail for project timelines and go-lives. I would like to see a detailed cash flow drawing down the contingency balance. The Five-Year Forecast is based on planned expenditures, and I would like to know the assumed spending plan through FY30.
10	Cynthia Valadez	I appreciate that there is a continuing risk where the State Legislature might lower Special Districts' tax increase to a maximum of 3.5% in order to avoid a rollback election similar to other government entities. That is a reason for Central Health should consider a higher tax rate now to avoid a potential 3.5% tax rate increase limitation. But, a more important reason is that we should have a working knowledge of future investments in health care delivery and how this will affect our contingency fund. Also, there may be good reasons at this time to generate additional revenue because of the Federal tax and spending legislation that will reverse many of the health coverage gains of previous administrations. Their policies made it easier for millions of people to access health care and reduced the U.S. uninsured rate to record lows. For example, ACA coverage will become harder to get and keep. Also, Medicaid levels will be reduced and there will be pressure to increase CH support to CommUnityCare. Central Health should program systematic expansions to expand Sendero growth and support their administrative structure that is unsupported through the Premium Assistance Program. Moreover, Central Health should consider increasing our uncovered population by growing MAP. Finally, funding for undocumented immigrants may be necessary given HHS exclusion of services from Community Health Centers.



# Board Budget Questions: Financial Detail (Slide 2 of 2) and Initiatives / Healthcare Equity Plan

ID #	Manager Requesting	Question
11	Cynthia Valadez	Please provide a chart that list Travis County taxing entities planned or contemplated tax rate changes.
21	Cynthia Valadez	Please provide detail on the Contingency Fund reserve level being decreased by \$120 million.
22	Cynthia Valadez	It is difficult to track the changes going out and going into the contingency reserve. Please provide a chart showing these changes.
23	Cynthia Valadez	The proposed budget doesn't provide enough detail on our capital program. Please provide specific project budget information along with financing sources.
13	Cynthia Valadez	Central Health is implementing a 7-year investment program in 17 direct healthcare specialty services that will require a robust workforce to deliver these services. The workforce is budgeted to grow to over 1,000 employees. Also provide FTE work detail and specificity including a breakout of detailed program and services area. Also provide detail on the positions transferred from CUC. How will they integrate and enhance eligibility services.
19	Cynthia Valadez	How come our Community Health Care Initiatives Fund isn't growing?
20	Cynthia Valadez	What is the total estimated cost for the Hancock clinic, also the Hancock administration building? Is all of this funded in the new proposed budget?
25	Cynthia Valadez	Please provide detail on the proposed budget initiatives as noted in the PDF provided by Manager Valadez -- see page 4 of Manager Valadez's separate budget question PDF in appendix.
16	Cynthia Valadez	What is CH's total expenditure currently and proposed budget for mobile bridge teams. Are there any other CH healthcare programs for the homeless?

# Board Budget Questions: Community Requests and Board Member Budget Proposals

ID #	Manager Requesting	Question
4	Shannon Jones	Are we going to fund the additional resources to hire another doctor or nurse practitioners for the Black Men's Health Clinic. Also the necessary support staff, supplies, equipment etc., necessary to have full time operation? How much are we allocating? It's my understanding their clients' numbers are equal too or greater than some of our other health center site? Is this true?
5	Shannon Jones	Have we identified where funding for outreach to those targeted community disproportionately impacted by health disparities. Will continue funding for C2H be continued into next year.
6	Shannon Jones	Can we fund two outreach positions for our population 200% of poverty to increase testing and referral for STI, HIV, hepatitis, measles and other infections diseases that may be limited due to cuts at federal, state and local government (APH) agencies and non-profits?
2	Amit Motwani	Clarity into Integral Care funding and deeper understanding re: Integral Care Workers' Union concerns and how/if staffing risks they raised have been resolved.
3	Amit Motwani	Understanding more details re: the community value proposition foundation communities grant vacuum funding + establish bigger picture/long term view on sustainability vs comparable investments.
18	Cynthia Valadez	Please provide more detail on Specialty care: Behavioral Health.
24	Cynthia Valadez	Please provide budgeted expenses for MAP and MAP Basic. Also other programs' budgets being planned to be spent on outside/governmental agencies. Show how these expenditures align with our legislative directive and mission.

# Board Budget Questions: CommUnityCare

ID #	Manager Requesting	Question
12	Cynthia Valadez	Please provide detail on the \$171 million patient revenue. I assume this is CUC?
8	Cynthia Valadez	I would like to see the CUC budget shown apart from the CH budget. It is difficult to assess each entity's requirements and planned expenditures. The presentation can be similar to our audit where each entity's financial status is broken down across the enterprise as shown on page 1 of Manager Valadez's separate budget question PDF in appendix.
15	Cynthia Valadez	What is the total amount proposed to fund CommUnityCare? Please provide detail.

## Hancock Clinical Services and Admin Consolidation

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>FY21 Debt Issuance</u>	<u>Total Project Spend</u>	<u>Remaining Spend/Funding</u>
Due Diligence, Land Acquisition & Regulatory	18,700,000	-	(18,700,000)	-
Professional Services	11,250,000	-	(13,264,994)	(2,014,994)
Construction	106,700,000	-	(27,921,531)	78,778,469
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	7,840,000	-	-	7,840,000
Other	6,210,000	-	-	6,210,000
<b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>150,700,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(59,886,525)</b>	<b>90,813,475</b>
<b>Debt Proceeds Activity</b>		<b>62,587,145</b>	<b>(59,886,525)</b>	<b>2,700,620</b>

# FY26 Board Member Budget Proposals

Board Member	Recommended Emerging Priority Proposal Summaries	Proposed Staff	Estimated Costs
<b>Shannon Jones</b>	Requests \$100,000 to fund (1) FTE to support MAP enrollment and health education services at the Austin Area Urban League (AAUL). This will be a CH employee but assigned to AAUL.	1.0	\$100,000 (Estimated salary and associated personnel costs)
<b>Shannon Jones</b>	Requests \$150,000 to fund (2) FTE health educators to support Austin Public Health (APH), focused on educating underserved communities—particularly those in the eastern crescent—about chronic and infectious diseases, including childhood immunizations and HIV. They will also provide MAP education, enrollment assistance, and referrals to additional services.	2.0	\$150,000 (Estimated salary and associated personnel costs)
<b>Shannon Jones</b>	Requests \$100,000 to bring current staff compensation at the Black Men’s Health Clinic (BMHC) in line with market-informed wage standards. Funding will support existing full-time staff that support MAP enrollment, education, and community engagement services through outreach, navigation, communications, and IT. This adjustment aims to reduce turnover risk and ensure continued service to high-priority populations, particularly men of color in the eastern crescent of Travis County.		\$100,000 (Estimated salary and associated personnel costs)
<b>Shannon Jones</b>	Proposal requests a total of \$479,000 to convert seven (7) existing part-time, intern, and volunteer roles at the Black Men’s Health Clinic (BMHC) into full-time positions. Positions include: (1) Nurse Practitioner, (1) Program Manager (Outreach & Navigation), (1) Social Media & Community Engagement Lead, (4) Community Health Workers. Funding will stabilize BMHC’s outreach, navigation, and clinical support services by retaining trained staff who have been instrumental in delivering MAP enrollment, health screenings, and social service navigation—particularly for Black and Hispanic men across 40+ ZIP codes in Travis County.	7.0 (CUC)	\$479,000 (Estimated salary and associated personnel costs)
<b>Cynthia Valadez</b>	Requests \$880,000 to support expanded service delivery and operational capacity for HAAM (Health Alliance for Austin Musicians). The proposal includes request for (3) FTEs and associated non-staff operational costs, funding to be distributed across three core program areas: two (2) FTEs for Integrated Healthcare Access & Navigation, and (1) FTE focused on ACA Enrollment and PAP Administration, and the Dental Program. The non-staff operational support is outlined in the budget summary. Note: HAAM was a recipient of FY25 CHIF funding.	3.0	\$880,000 (Including estimated salary, associated personnel costs, and non-staff operational costs)

# FY 2026 Strategic Priorities and Budget Development Timeline

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>February 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board of Managers Retreat</b></li> </ul> <p>February 26</p> <p>Board of Managers</p>	<p>March 11</p> <p>Travis County Commissioners Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q2 Update</li> </ul> <p>March 12</p> <p>Strategic Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socialize and Present Budget Timeline</li> <li>• Demographic Report</li> </ul> <p>March 12</p> <p>Board of Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Risks</li> </ul> <p>March 26</p> <p>Board of Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Risks Continued</li> </ul>	<p>April 9</p> <p>Strategic Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proposed Forces Driving FY26 Strategic Priorities</b></li> </ul> <p>April 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Board Mtg with CUC on Visioning</li> </ul> <p>April 23</p> <p>Board of Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital Improvement Plan</b></li> <li>• <b>Review Forces Driving FY26 Strategic Priorities</b></li> <li>• Review Submission Process for FY26 Board Member Budget Proposals</li> </ul>	<p>May 14</p> <p>Strategic Planning</p> <p>May 23</p> <p>FY26 Board Member Budget Proposal Submission Deadline</p> <p>May 28</p> <p>Budget and Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Projects</li> </ul> <p>May 22</p> <p>Staff Retreat – Vision Session and Tour San Antonio University Health System</p> <p>May 28</p> <p>Board of Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HEP Progress Update, Including FY26 Planning</li> <li>• Validate FY26 Driving Forces</li> </ul>	<p>June 11</p> <p>Strategic Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HEP Progress Update Cont.</li> </ul> <p>June 12</p> <p>Travis County Commissioners Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q3 Update</li> </ul> <p>June 25</p> <p>Budget and Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present Financial Forecast</li> </ul> <p>June 25</p> <p>Board of Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY26 Proposed Strategic Budget Initiatives (CAP/OP) (Closed), Including Preview of Board Member Budget Proposals</li> </ul>	<p>July 15</p> <p>Budget and Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progress Update on FY25 Board Member Budget Proposals</b></li> </ul> <p>July 23</p> <p>Budget and Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Budget Presentation with CUC, including CH Board Member Budget Proposals with Staff Recommendations</li> </ul> <p>July 23</p> <p>Board of Managers</p> <p>July 24 – Rescheduled Travis County Commissioners Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q4 Update</li> </ul>	<p>August 5</p> <p>Travis County Commissioners Court</p> <p>August 12</p> <p>Travis County Commissioners Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q4 and Budget Update</li> </ul> <p>August 27</p> <p>Board of Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve Tax Rate</li> </ul>	<p>September 3</p> <p>Board of Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing</b></li> </ul> <p>September 10</p> <p>Board of Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Budget Adoption</b></li> </ul> <p>September 16</p> <p>Travis County Commissioners Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vote and Adopt FY26 Budget &amp; Tax Rate</b></li> </ul>
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*Public Involvement: Development of FY 2026 Strategic Priorities*

*Budget Alignment with Strategic Priorities*

*Public Involvement: FY 2026 Proposed Budget. August 20 Public Hearing*

## Central Health Community Conversations

- 3/5 City of Austin Permitting and Development Ctr. (PCT. 2)
- 4/3 Del Valle Independent School District – Administration Bldg. (PCT. 4)
- 5/7 Danny G McBeth Recreation Center (PCT. 3)
- 6/5 Manor Lion's Club (PCT. 1)
- 7/31 KMFA Classical 89.5 Studios (FY26 CH Budget Townhall with Judge Brown)

The public is encouraged to provide input on the FY 2026 budget via the website at [CentralHealth.net](https://CentralHealth.net), at Board of Managers and committee meetings, during Community Conversations, and at public hearings.



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## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 12, 2025**

## **AGENDA ITEM 2**

Accept an in-kind contribution from Univision and Fiesta Tortilla for the upcoming Vivir con Ganas Health Expo on September 27, 2025. (*Action Item*)



### AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM

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Agenda Item Meeting Date Aug. 12, 2025

Who will present the agenda item? (Name, Title) No presentation

General Item Description Accept an in-kind contribution from Univision and Fiesta Tortilla for the upcoming Vivir con Ganas Health Expo Sept. 27

Is this an informational or action item? Action

Fiscal Impact Central Health staff estimate spending at least \$150,000 to produce the Vivir Con Ganas Health Expo. In-kind support from Univision increases our total marketing budget by \$30,000, expanding our reach and helping us connect with more community members. Additionally, Fiesta Tortilla's in-kind contributions—both food and brand—will help build trust and credibility with our audience, encouraging stronger attendance.

Recommended Motion (if needed – action item) Accept an in-kind contribution from Univision and Fiesta Tortilla to support Central Health's Vivir Con Ganas Health Expo.

Key takeaways about agenda item, and/or feedback sought from the Board of Managers:

1) Memo provided in the backup.

What backup will be provided, or will this be a verbal update? (Backup is due one week before the meeting.) Memo

Estimated time needed for presentation & questions? No presentation

Is closed session recommended? (Consult with attorneys.) No

Form Prepared By/Date Submitted: Ted Burton, Aug. 6 2025





## MEMORANDUM

To: Central Health Board of Managers  
From: Ted Burton  
CC: Patrick Lee, President & CEO  
Date: August 8, 2025  
Re: Accepting Sponsorships for the Vivir Con Ganas Community Health Expo – ACTION ITEM

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### Overview:

Central Health staff is requesting the Board of Managers accept the following in-kind contributions from sponsors in support of the inaugural Vivir Con Ganas Community Health Expo:

1. **Integral Care** – In-kind contribution valued at \$5,000 to design the Serenity Room located in the outdoor balcony area of the Hyatt Regency. Integral Care will provide licensed counselors onsite during the event and share helpful mental health materials with attendees.
2. **Univision** – In-kind marketing sponsorship valued at \$30,000 to promote the Expo through Univision's media channels. This support will expand Central Health's marketing budget and allow staff to connect with more community members across Travis County.
3. **Fiesta Tortillas** – In-kind contribution of branded food and product sampling to be incorporated into the event experience. Fiesta Tortillas' participation will help build trust and credibility with attendees, encouraging stronger turnout and engagement.

### Synopsis:

The Vivir Con Ganas Community Health Expo will take place on **Saturday, September 27, 2025**, at the Hyatt Regency in Austin, Texas. This free, Spanish-first event will focus on improving health outcomes for Travis County's Latino community by offering health screenings, educational workshops, cultural activities, and opportunities to connect with local health and wellness resources.

Central Health staff estimate spending approximately \$150,000 to produce the Expo for an expected 400 attendees. Strategic partnerships with trusted community organizations and media outlets are critical to maximizing impact while managing costs. These partnerships provide critical value beyond their monetary worth, strengthening the Expo's credibility, reach, and ability to engage attendees meaningfully.

### Fiscal Impact:

The combined in-kind contributions from Integral Care, Univision, and Fiesta Tortillas total approximately **\$40,000** in value. This support allows Central Health to allocate more of its budget toward programming, health services, and logistics, while increasing the event's overall reach and quality.

### Action Requested:

Asking the Board of Managers accept the following in-kind contributions in support of the Vivir Con Ganas Community Health Expo:

1. **Integral Care** – \$5,000 in-kind design and staffing of the *Serenity Room*.
2. **Univision** – \$30,000 in-kind marketing sponsorship.
3. **Fiesta Tortillas** – In-kind branded food and product sampling to support event engagement.



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## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 12, 2025**

### **AGENDA ITEM 3**

Receive and discuss an overview of legislative and regulatory issues impacting the Central Health System.<sup>3</sup> (*Informational Item*)



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Agenda Item Meeting Date August 12, 2025

Who will present the agenda item? (Name, Title) Perla Cavazos, Chief Governance and Government Affairs Officer

General Item Description Receive and discuss a presentation on an overview of legislative and regulatory issues impacting Central Health.

Is this an informational or action item? Informational

Fiscal Impact \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Motion (if needed – action item) N/A

Key takeaways about agenda item, and/or feedback sought from the Board of Managers:

- 1) This item will be discussed in closed session.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

What backup will be provided, or will this be a verbal update? (Backup is due one week before the meeting.) Presentation will be shared in closed session.

Estimated time needed for presentation & questions? \_\_\_\_\_

Is closed session recommended? (Consult with attorneys.) Yes

Form Prepared By/Date Submitted: Briana Harris/ August 8, 2025

## **First Called Special Session Update #2**

### **August 11, 2025**

The current special session is in a state of limbo with 57 of 62 Democratic members of the Texas House having left the state on Sunday, August 3 to break quorum to prevent a Congressional redistricting bill from passing. With the Texas House no longer able to reach a quorum, no legislation will pass this special session unless Democratic members return to Texas. The first called Special Session is scheduled to officially end August 19. It is likely there will be a second special session.

Of particular interest to Central Health are the following agenda items:

1. **CUT PROPERTY TAXES:** SB 9 and HB 9 are the two priority bills that have been filed on this agenda item. HB 9 is identical to the committee substitute of SB 9, which would lower the tax rate election threshold from 3.5% to 2.5% for cities and counties over 75,000 people. Assuming the Democratic House members continue to break quorum, neither HB 9 nor SB 9 will pass in this special session. Since the two bills are identical, it is likely the bills will be refiled in future special sessions. SB 9 passed the Senate Local Government Committee on August 1 on a 4-1 vote. Special taxing districts (hospital districts) are not included.
2. **BAN TAXPAYER FUNDED LOBBYING:** Nine bills in the House and Senate have been filed on this agenda item. SB 12 by Sen. Mayes Middleton passed the Senate on August 1. Without the return of the Democratic House Members, it will not pass in this special session.

### **OTHER SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA ITEMS OF NOTE**

1. **CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING:** HB 4 and SB 4 provide a revised congressional redistricting plan aimed at creating five new Republican districts. Democratic House members broke quorum to prevent HB 4 from moving.
2. **FLOOD RELIEF AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** The Joint Select Committee on Disaster Preparedness & Flooding met on July 23 and August 5. They discussed the July 4 flood, state disaster preparations and response, state flood planning and infrastructure, river authority operations in Flash Flood Alley and first responder communications during a disaster. SB 1, SB 2, HB 1, HB 2, HB 18, HB 19, HB 20 were all filed regarding disaster relief and preparation.

3. **THC REGULATION:** The Senate State Affairs Committee held a hearing on SB 5 on July 22. SB 5 is a THC ban very similar to SB 3, which passed the Legislature but was vetoed by Governor Abbott. On July 22, Governor Abbott said that he supports a ban on intoxicating THC products. SB 5 passed the Senate and HB 5, a House bill concerning THC regulation, was referred to the Public Health Committee with no movement since July 30.
4. **ABORTION PILL BAN:** SB 6 would allow lawsuits to target anyone who manufactures, mails, delivers, prescribes, or distributes abortion pills. The bill would also permit people to file a wrongful death lawsuit if the medication results in harm or the death of a fetus or the mother, within a statute of limitations up to six years. The bill was heard and passed Senate State Affairs on August 11.



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## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 12, 2025**

## **AGENDA ITEM 4**

Confirm the next Budget and Finance Committee meeting date, time, and location. (*Informational Item*)