

BOARD OF MANAGERS POLICY

Policy Title: Contracting with Community Based Organizations		
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☒ Central Health	☐ Sendero	☐ CommUnityCare

I. PURPOSE

To establish a policy framework for the Board of Managers' consideration of contracts with community-based organizations to perform services on behalf of the District that the District could otherwise provide, in furtherance of the District's statutory mission. This policy does not include services that are contracted for pursuant to The Community Healthcare Investment Fund (CHIF) program.

II. DEFINITIONS

Community Based Organizations: For the purposes of this policy, a Community Based Organization ("CBO") is an organization that provides social or related support services that may benefit the health of eligible Central Health patients or enrollees and whose primary purpose is not the provision of clinical, medical or behavioral health care services.

The Community Healthcare Investment Fund (CHIF): This program was established in 2023 as Central Health's primary mechanism for piloting community-based programs that address clinically defined social needs among MAP and MAP-eligible populations that improve specific health-care related outcomes.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Central Health Board of Managers to consider entering into contracts with community-based organizations when such contracts:

1. Are authorized under the Texas Constitution and Chapters 61 and 281 of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
2. Advance the Board of Managers' adopted goals in the Strategic Plan, Annual Objectives Key Results, and Key Performance Metrics to improve access to health care services and health outcomes for eligible Travis County residents;
3. Support the District's statutory obligation to provide basic and expanded hospital, medical, and health care services;

4. Are financially feasible and consistent with the District's approved budget, fiscal policies, and long-term financial sustainability;
5. Do not exceed a total amount of \$5 million in any fiscal year for cumulative CBO funding allocations
6. Do not exceed a term of more than one year unless specified in the procurement and agreement that the term is for two years and subject to a funding out clause if the Board does not choose to approve the funding for the following year;
7. Include specified performance criteria based upon Central Health Board-adopted priority objectives which must be measured to be considered eligible to apply for ongoing or future Central Health contracts; and report on outcomes.
5. Are procured in accordance with applicable law and the District's adopted procurement and contracting policies.

The Board shall exercise its discretion in approving such contracts in accordance with applicable law, sound governance practices, and the best interests of the District and the community it serves.

IV. AUTHORITY

The Central Health Board of Managers may approve contracts with community-based organizations to provide services on behalf of the District in furtherance of its statutory mission when such contracts are authorized by the Texas Constitution and Chapters 61 and 281 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; advance the Board of Managers' adopted goals to improve access to health care services and health outcomes for eligible Travis County residents; support the District's statutory obligation to provide basic and expanded hospital, medical, and health care services; are financially feasible and consistent with the District's budget, fiscal policies, and long-term financial sustainability; and are procured in accordance with applicable law and the District's procurement and contracting policies.

V. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Consistent with law and the direction of the Board of Managers, the Board of Managers delegates to the President and Chief Executive Officer, or designee, the authority to carry out this policy.

VI. REVIEW CYCLE

This policy shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years, or more frequently if required by law, regulation, or governance need.

VI. RELEVANT STATUTES, REGULATIONS OR GUIDANCE

VII. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURE