



Harris County Hospital District

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MEDIA RELEASE

Ferdinand Gaenzel of San Antonio Named CFO for HCHD

HOUSTON (July 25, 2007) – Ferdinand Gaenzel of San Antonio has been named chief financial officer for the Harris County Hospital District. He begins his position on Aug. 6.

Gaenzel is being introduced at the Thursday, July 26 Board of Managers meeting for the Harris County Hospital District.

“During our interview process, our staff was impressed with Mr. Gaenzel’s qualifications, experience, commitment to excellence and team-oriented managerial philosophy,” said David S. Lopez, president and CEO of the Harris County Hospital District. “We have no doubt that he will contribute greatly in assisting the Harris County Hospital District achieve its mission to maximize the services we provide residents of our community.”

The senior level executive brings to HCHD more than 34 years of accounting and health care financial management experience. Gaenzel most recently served as executive vice president and chief financial officer/treasurer of the Christus Spohn Health System in Corpus Christi. The system operates more than 1,300 beds at six hospitals, including the regional trauma center for Nueces and surrounding counties. Gaenzel also worked closely with the Nueces County Commissioners Court and the Board of the Nueces County Hospital District addressing the health needs of the community and funding for those needs.

Gaenzel also has worked for two San Antonio health care organizations – Baptist Health System from 1985-1997 and Bexar County Hospital District (University Health System) from 1978-1984.

He received his bachelor’s degree in accounting from Texas A&I University (later renamed Texas A&M University Kingsville) and a master’s degree of business administration in accounting from the University of Phoenix. Gaenzel has a number of professional affiliations including the American Cancer Society, the American College of Health Care Executives, the Texas Association of Hospital Financial Administration (past-president) and the South Texas Chapter of Healthcare Financial Management Association (past-president).

The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation’s third most populous county. It employs more than 6,700 employees and currently has an operating budget of \$924.4 million. Annually, the district provides more than 1 million health care visits each year to uninsured, underinsured and medically needy residents of Harris County. It operates three major hospitals, 12 community health centers, 13 homeless shelter clinics, eight school-based clinics, a dental center and four mobile health units.

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