

**APPENDIX A  
REGIONAL HEALTH AWARENESS BOARD**

1. Mission of the Regional Health Awareness Board.

To ensure that opportunities exist for quality dialogue by citizens of the coastal bend on the issues impacting health, safety, environment, and life quality.

2. How the Regional Health Awareness Board will function?

The Regional Health Awareness Board will function as an independent oversight committee with advisory capacity to the various existing forums for community dialogue. The Board's charge is to ensure that opportunities exist for quality dialogue by citizens of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, and San Patricio County on the issues impacting health, safety, the environment, and life quality. The Board will serve as both (1) a clearinghouse for ensuring that inquiries are addressed in the appropriate forum, and (2) an overarching quality control mechanism to ensure that performance based dialogue is available in all topical areas.

The Regional Health Awareness Board will establish standards for effective dialogue and work with the various forums to ensure adoption of these standards. Additionally, information from the Regional Health Awareness Board will be shared with the various forums on a regular basis. The forums will be encouraged to return report key issues and progress back to the Regional Health Awareness Board.

The City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, and San Patricio County will encourage their various boards, commissions, and advisory committees to coordinate their related activities with the Regional Health Awareness Board.

Non-governmental organizations ("NGO's") with related activities will be requested to enter into a letter of agreement with the Regional Health Awareness Board that outlines their willingness to work with the Board and participate in the Board's activities. Participation will include attendance at briefings on issues of common interest and the agreement to investigate and propose appropriate responses to those issues.

3. Who will be on the Regional Health Awareness Board?

The Regional Health Awareness Board consists of:

Six members representing a cross-section of health, environmental, and social interest. Two of these community members will be appointed by the City Council, City of Corpus Christi, two members will be appointed by the Commissioner Court Nueces County, and two members will be appointed by the Commissioner Court San Patricio County. Each governing body will appoint one of their original community member appointees to a two

year term and the other appointee to a three year term. Subsequent appointments should be for a three year term.

In addition, the following organizations may appoint members:

- City of Corpus Christi (1 member)
- Nueces County (1 member)
- San Patricio County (1 member)
- Port Industries of Corpus Christi (2 members)
- Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi (1 member)
- Texas A & M University – Kingsville (1 member)
- Texas A & M Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy (1 member)
- Education Service Center, Region 2 (1 member)
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Region 14 (1 ex-officio/non-voting member)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI (1 ex-officio/non-voting member)
- City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Health Department (1 ex-officio/non-voting member)
- San Patricio Health Department (1 ex-officio/non-voting member)

4. The Regional Health Awareness Board shall meet as frequently as necessary to effectively carry out its function, but not less frequently than once each month.
5. The meetings of the Regional Health Awareness Board will be open to the public, and posted under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.