



"ENSURING THAT OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR QUALITY DIALOGUE ON THE ISSUES IMPACTING HEALTH, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, AND QUALITY OF LIFE."

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# History

- Inter-Local Agreement (2003) between City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County and San Patricio County
- Created to enhance communication in the community
- No regulatory or enforcement authority



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# Mission

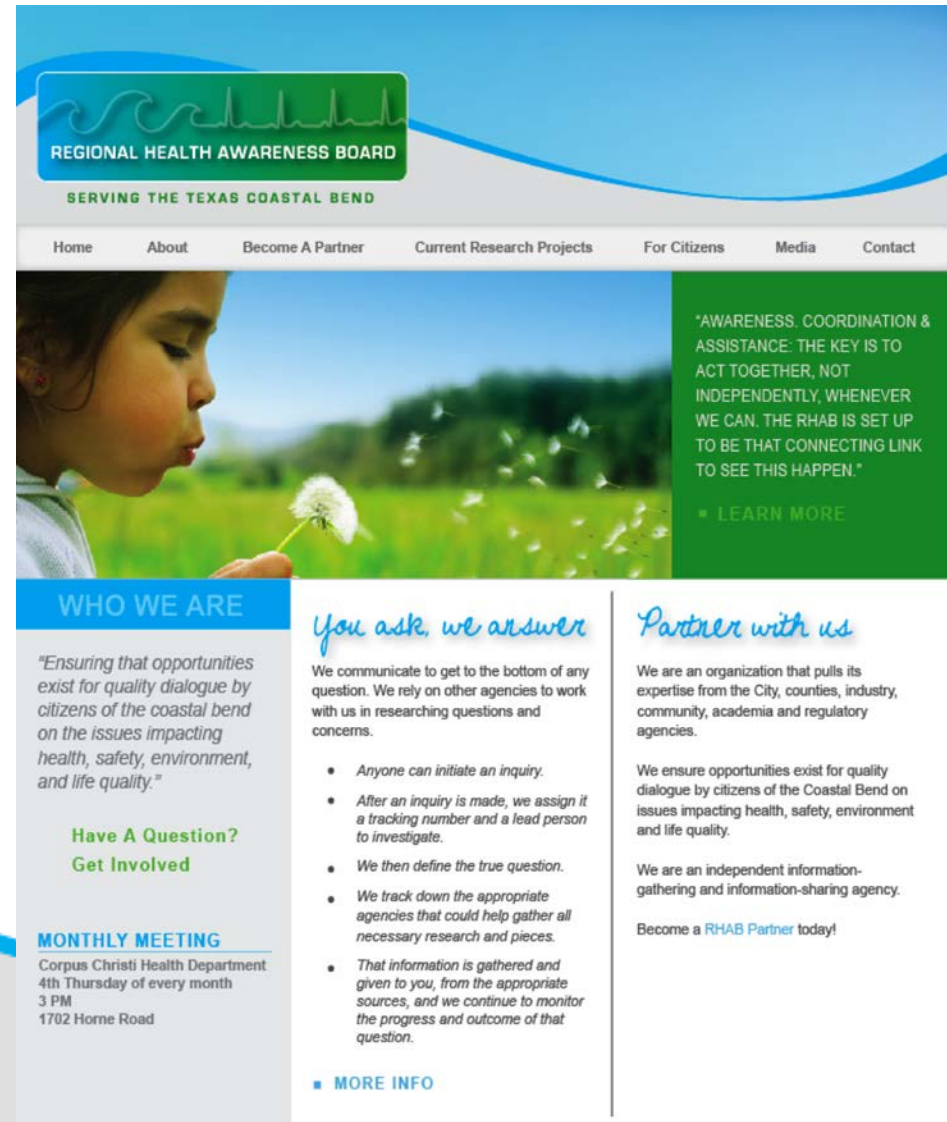
**To ensure that opportunities exist for quality dialogue by citizens of the Coastal Bend on the issues impacting health, safety, environment and life quality.**



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# Goals

- Address community issues
- Increase awareness of current and future inquiries
- Create dialogue opportunities
- Recruit new partners



# Board Representatives

## San Patricio County

- James Mobley, M.D., FAAFP, Brig. Gen. US Army (Retired)
- Dennis Roberts, Retired
- Alonso Molina, Retired

## City of Corpus Christi

- Donna Huddleston, Ph.D., R.N, Delmar College
- Corpus Christi, Asst City Manager
- Ambar Qureshi, Superior Health Plan

## Nueces County

- Ronald K. Barnard, Retired
- Vacant
- Wesley Stafford, M.D.

## Port Industries of Corpus Christi

- Tom Ballou, Sherwin Alumina
- Deb Preschler, Flint Hills Resources

## Academia

- Mary Jane Hamilton, Ph.D., R.N., Dean College of Nursing, TAMU-CC
- Alvaro Martinez, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. of Environmental Engineering, TAMU-K

## Ex-Officio

- Delores Bacon, San Patricio Administrator
- Annette Rodriguez, M.P.H., Director of Public Health, Corpus Christi-Nueces County Health District
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Susan Clewis – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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# Events Since Last Restart

- 8/2012: Hired new Program Coordinator
- 1/2013: New representatives from City of Corpus Christi and Port Industries
- 1/2013: Actively recruiting partnership with Rangel College of Pharmacy and Education Service Center 2.
- 1/2013: Attended Coastal Bend Health Needs Assessment and Go Red for Women Health Expo
- 1/2013: Published Nueces and San Patricio County Overall Health Outcomes Press Release
- 3/2013 Published effects of Caffeine in Energy Drinks Press Release
- 3/2013 Created monthly press release schedule



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# Active Projects

- Nueces County Birth Defects
- Eagle Ford Shale
- Air Quality
- Water Quality
- Encycle Facility
- Ballard and Brine Services Sand Pits  
Superfund Sites



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# Birth Defects

- EPA released Poster P-371
- Nueces County increase in birth defects and low birth weight in prenatal residents that live near refinery row.
- Does not account for poor diet, higher than average poverty levels and length of gestation.



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# Eagle Ford Shale

- Rural areas struggling to accommodate infrastructure, workforce, medical and housing needs
- 5000 new wells by 2020; adding 68,000 full time jobs



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# What's Next?

- Outreach to public on new programs, radio and events
- Recruit active and informational partners
- Publish monthly press releases on issues that impact the Coastal Bend



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# Projected Budget

	Expenditures	Funding
Salary/Benefits/Travel	\$30,000.00	
Office Expenses/Printing	\$20,000.00	
Community Outreach/ Advertising/Public Service Announcements	\$25,000.00	
Project/Technical Support	\$7,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,000.00	
Nueces County		\$31,000.00
San Patricio County		\$21,000.00
City of Corpus Christi		\$31,000.00
Total	\$83,000.00	\$83,000.00



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# Questions??

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