

EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 27, 2012

Board of Trustees: Micheal Wendt, Chair
Anna Perez, Vice-Chair
Jacob Cintron, Secretary
Rafael Aguirre, Trustee
Dr. Michael Escamilla, Trustee
Lyda Ness-Garcia, Trustee (Not Present)
Tom Thomas, Trustee

Emergence Health Network Staff: Kristi Daugherty, CEO
Pauline Motts, Chief Financial Officer
Rene Hurtado, Chief External Affairs Officer
Omar Villa, General Counsel
Rosie Garcia, Recording Secretary
Debra Ingle, Service Coordination Director
Yolanda Canava, Director of Intake and Crisis Services
Chrystal Davis, Director of Emergency and Forensic Services
Cynthia Moreno, Chief of Quality Management
Anna Basler-White, Provider Relations Coordinator

Guests: Florence Fowler, PNAC Chair
Holly Lytle, Assistant County Attorney
Martin Bartlett, PR Committee Member

I. Introductory Items

A. Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum

Certification of a quorum was established.

B. Moment of Silence

The meeting began with a moment of silence.

C. Public Comments

The following person(s) appeared before the Board of Trustees to offer public comment:

Pam Perez, ECI Director, invited the Board to the ECI Stroller-a-Thon and 5K Run this Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 8 a.m. at Ascarate Park. The event raises money and awareness for infants and toddlers with developmental delays.

II. Presentations

A. Children's Mental Health Awareness Contest Winner

The Board viewed the winning video submitted by Diego Medrano the winner of the statewide Mental Health Video Competition held by DSHS to promote Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

B. West Texas Suicide Prevention Summit

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Yolanda Canava, Director of Intake and Crisis Services and the Chairperson for the El Paso and West Texas Suicide Prevention Coalition, on the West Texas Suicide Prevention Summit that was held last week titled "Everyone's Business."

C. Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver

The Board received a presentation from Chrystal Davis, Director of Emergency and Forensic Services, on the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 Waiver. EHN will be required to provide 40% match in order to secure the 1115 waiver funding. EHN's potential funding is estimated to be \$48,120,000. The following projects will be included in the RHP: Extended Observation Unit, Crisis Respite, increase Behavioral Health Providers, Increase use of Telemedicine, Crisis Stabilization for IDD, Discharge Planning, Substance Abuse Services, Integrated Health Care, Evidence-Based Practice, Forensic Assertive Community Treatment, and Community Based Clinic. RHP is due to the HHSC on October 31, 2012. Anticipated approval of RHP is March 2013, and anticipated initial IGT is September 2013.

III. Reports

A. PNAC

Ms. Florence Fowler updated the Board on the following items:

- PNAC elect new officers – Florence was re-elected as Chairperson
- Committee discussed the emergency lights situation with Safety Officer
- LPND Plan was approved by PNAC
- The appointment of a new PNAC member
- Presentation of a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Anna Basler-White for all her hard work on the PNAC Committee

B. Finance Committee

Complete Emergence Health Network and Sun City Financials for the month of August 2012 and twelve months ended August 31, 2-12 were provided for review. Pauline Motts provided a financial overview of net revenues over expenses, current month significant items, year to date budget variance, and the health fund.

C. Human Resources Committee

Rene Hurtado provided a summary of the items discussed at the last meeting. The Committee also discussed the HR proposal that EHN is negotiating with the County. A revised version of the agreement was received and a response is being prepared. The goal is to have it ready for approval by next Board meeting.

D. Public Relations Committee

Martin Bartlett, Extender of the PR Committee, provided the Board with an update on following items discussed at the last PR Committee Meeting.

- Work has begun on production of the 2012 Annual Report (electronic version)
- Marketing the Peer to Peer Outreach Program
- Work is moving forward on the Paso Del Norte Foundation's creation of the anti-stigma campaign
- Marketing a strategy for Sun City Behavioral Care
- EHN employees participated in the "Miracle Jeans Day" on September 12th – Program that raises funds for the Children's Miracle Network
- On September 22nd EHN hosted the annual Employee Picnic at Western Playland
- Planning the annual employee holiday party

E. Ad-Hoc Committee – Psych ER

Dr. Escamilla provided an update regarding the Ad-Hoc committee. The situation has not changed in terms of patients at Psych ER's. Patients are often there for many hours, and days at times, waiting for an inpatient bed to become available. The first component is the Extended Observation Unit, which is estimated to be up and running within a few months and should be

helpful to some extent. The second component is the Psychiatric ER, to be located near a general medical ER. The State may be willing to lease the space in EPPC that was previously built as a Psych ER unit. The third component going to be the number of beds funded or supported at the county level for patients that need hospitalization, possibly through leasing of space at EPPC.

Kristi Daugherty also provided an update on the Extended Observation Unit. The RFQ for architectural services closed last week and EHN is now in the process of evaluating the responses. Some concerns that CMS is not going to fund any of the construction. EHN is looking at other opportunities other than the waiver to move forward with the construction.

F. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee reviewed all items under the regular agenda.

G. Executive Director's Report

Kristi Daugherty provided the Board with a report on the following areas:

- Board dashboards FY 2012
- Reviewing Organizational Charts
- Physician recruitment efforts
- Working on a detail plan regarding safety issues
- Met with Colonel Levandowski at Beaumont regarding the development of protocol for active duty members receiving outpatient services in the community
- Conducting a complete review of all EHN contracts
- Held a Community Mental Health Symposium last month to inform the community of improvements in the delivery of crisis services
- Working on EHN's Legislative Priorities - will be running through committees next month
- August "WINS" for the month

IV. Regular Agenda Items

A. Approval of the minutes from the August 23, 2012 meeting

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Commissioner Perez to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2012 meeting. Motion Carried.

B. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the proposal to extend health benefits to domestic partners

Rene Hurtado provided a brief summary to the Board regarding the proposal to extend health benefits to domestic partners, including projected cost and dependent eligibility requirements. .

A motion was made by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Tom Thomas to approve and authorize the proposal to extend health benefits to domestic partners as recommended by the HR and the Executive Committees. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Discuss and take appropriate action on the appointment of new PNAC Committee Applicant: Mr. Jose Chavez

A motion was made by Mr. Jacob Cintron and seconded by Mr. Tom Thomas to approve the appointment of new PNAC Committee Applicant, Mr. Jose Chaves. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the Crisis Respite Services Agreement

A motion was made by Tom Thomas and seconded by Dr. Escamilla to approve the agreement between EHN and the Wood Group for crisis respite services as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the Local Provider Network Development 2012 Plan

The Board received a presentation from Cynthia Moreno on the 2012 LPND plan. The LPND Plan describes the existing provider network and plans for the development over the next two years as required by the DSHS. The plan is due to the State by October 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Tom Thomas to approve the Local Provider Network Development 2012 Plan as recommended by the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the CEO to enter into a consulting agreement with JDW Insurance for risk management consultations

It was explained that Board approval is needed due to the amount of the JDW agreement and the effective date. Kristi Daugherty, CEO, is still under an interim contract and this contract is beyond her contractual capacity of \$25,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacob Cintron and seconded by Tom Thomas to approve and authorize the CEO to enter into a consulting agreement with JDW Insurance for risk management consultations. The amount of the contract is \$48,000. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding certification of governmental entity participation by Board to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services in relation to EHN's participation in the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program

Omar Villa, General Counsel, reported that all governmental entities that are participating in the 1115 program have to sign a certification regarding inter-governmental transfers. This certification has to be submitted to HHC in order for EHN to participate in the IGT process and also requires Board approval before it is actually submitted.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacob Cintron and seconded by Tom Thomas to approve and authorize Kristi Daughter, CEO, to sign the certification of governmental entity participation by Board to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services in relation to EHN's participation in the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Executive Session

Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees recessed into executive session at 7:46 p.m., to discuss the following items, pursuant to Texas Government Code 551

A. Discuss compensation and contract terms for the Emergence Health Network CEO, pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074

B. Discuss litigation styled *Joe Duchene. v. Sun City Behavioral Health Care, et al.*, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071

Meeting reconvened into regular open session following executive session at 8:13 p.m.

VI. Open Session

A. Discuss and authorize the Board Chair to execute a contract of employment with Kristi Daugherty as EHN CEO/Executive Director.

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Tom Thomas to authorize the Board Chair to execute a contract of employment with Kristi Daugherty as EHN CEO/Executive Director.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Tom Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried

Approved By:

Jacob Cintron, Board Secretary

Date