

EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 23, 2012

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

Emergence Health Network Staff: Kristi Daugherty, Interim CEO
Pauline Motts, Chief Financial Officer
Rene Hurtado, Chief External Affairs Officer
Rosie Garcia, Recording Secretary
Omar Villa, General Counsel
Debra Ingle, Service Coordination Director

Guests: Florence Fowler, PNAC Chair
Holly Lytle, Assistant County Attorney
Avrim Fishkind, M.D.
Diego Medrano (Children's MH Awareness Contest Winner)
Enrique Mata, Paso Del Norte Health Foundation
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

There were no citizen comments.

II. Presentations

A. Children's Mental Health Awareness Contest Winner

Diego Medrano was recognized by the Board for winning a statewide Mental Health Video Competition held by DSHS to promote Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

B. Paso Del Norte Health Foundation Anti-Sigma Initiative

The Board received a presentation by Mr. Enrique Mata on the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation's mission and the work they are doing in hopes of developing a successful stigma reduction initiative for this region.

III. Reports

A. PNAC

Ms. Florence Fowler updated the Board on the approval of the LPND Plan. The plan went out by email for approval and at least 5 responses were received. It was noted that the RFP for Children's services was submitted but we did not have any qualified provider responses. Overall it was a good meeting and PNAC members were pleased to hear that Kristi Daugherty is the new CEO.

B. Finance Committee

Complete Emergence Health Network and Sun City Financials including variances for the month of July 2012 were provided for review. Pauline Motts provided a financial overview of net revenues over expenses and income statement highlights.

C. Human Resources Committee

Anna Perez, HR Committee Chair, 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. The new proposed plan is currently being reviewed by the County.

D. Public Relations Committee

Rene Hurtado and Martin Bartlett provided the Board with an update on items discussed at the last PR Committee Meeting.

- Media buys and current outreach for the Military Veteran's Program
- News releases this month include: Estela's Escuelas segment, Diego's contest win, new hires, and Kristi Daugherty's appointment
- Working with the West Texas Suicide Prevention Coalition on a suicide prevention regional summit
- SCNR committee planning an employee picnic scheduled for Western Playland on September 22nd and working on a holiday party and banquet for December 8th.

E. Ad-Hoc Committee – Psych ER

Dr. Escamilla provided a brief update regarding the Ad-Hoc committee. The committee is on track with the EOU which is estimated to be open and running by January 2013. The other more difficult task is to actually have a Psych ER that is near a med-surg unit. The committee is also trying to work through the various steps towards finding a location for the Psych ER.

Dr. Fishkind, consultant on the EOU and psychiatric emergency services, provided an overview on the development of a city-wide psychiatric emergency services system and addressed some of the barriers and the challenges. One critical challenge specially is to get all the all the critical players in the room. Dr. Fishkind was also a speaker at the Community Mental Health Summit where he spoke about projects he has done in other cities as well as what his vision is for El Paso.

Kristi Daugherty discussed the Community Mental Health summit that EHN hosted today at the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the management of psychiatric patients in crisis and the community's role in successful outcomes. Participants included law enforcement, ER staff, Probation department, and elected officials, among others.

F. Texas Council Report

Board Chair Mike Wendt and Kristi Daugherty attended the Texas Council Meeting this Month. The meetings focused on the implementation of the 1115 Waiver and the 1915 b Waiver for Medicaid MH Rehab which gives Community Mental Health Center's the sole authority to bill Medicaid for rehab.

G. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee reviewed all items under the regular agenda.

H. Executive Director's Report

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

- Board dashboards FY 2012
- 1115 Waiver Update - \$6.5M eligible for IGT
- IDD General Revenue targets
- July "WINS" for the month include: Recognition of Mr. Omar Villa for writing letters to the state to appeal two critical sanctions, Sun City remaining in the black and the Outpatient Competency Restoration has already met targets for FY 12.

IV. Regular Agenda Items

A. Approval of the minutes for the July 26, July 17 and July 16, 2012 meetings.

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Commissioner Perez to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2012, July 17, 2012 and the July 16, 2012 meetings. Motion Carried

(Items B and C on the agenda were combined)

B. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the FY 2013 Budget for EHN.

C. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the FY 2013 Budget for Sun City Behavioral Healthcare

A motion was made by Mr. Jacob Cintron and seconded by Dr. Escamilla to approve the FY 2013 Budgets for Emergence Health Network and Sun City Behavioral Healthcare. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Discuss and authorize Board Chair to execute an engagement letter with Strickler & Prieto for the EHN Financial Statements for FY 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacob Cintron and seconded by Commissioner Ana Perez to authorize Board Chair to execute an engagement letter with Strickler & Prieto for Emergence Health Network Financial Statements for FY 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Executive Session

Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees recessed into executive session at 6:50 p.m., to discuss the following items, pursuant to Texas Government Code 551

A. Discuss litigation styled *Pedro Jimenez Jr. v. El Paso MHMR and Emergence Health Network*, Cause No. 2012-DCV04432, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

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

Meeting reconvened into regular open session following executive session at 7:49 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.

The Board took no action on agenda item to discuss and 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 Commissioner Perez to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried

Approved By:

Jacob Cintron, Board Secretary

Date