

**EL PASO MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
July 28, 2011

**Present:**

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)  
Rita Ruelas, Trustee

EPMHMR Staff: Pauline Motts, Chief Financial Officer  
Rene Hurtado, Chief External Affairs Officer  
Rosie Garcia, Recording Secretary  
Cynthia Moreno, Chief Quality Management Officer  
Kristi Daugherty, Chief Clinical Officer  
Marcelo Rodriguez-Chevres, Chief Medical Officer  
Christy Calderon, Chief Operation Officer  
Chrystal Davis, TCOOMMI Program Director  
Elsie Puentes, Director of Reimbursement

Guests: Bob Blumenfeld, Legal Counsel  
Florence Fowler, PNAC Chair

**I. Introductory Items**

**A. Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum**

Certification of a quorum was established.

**B. Moment of Silence**

**II. Preliminary Meeting Items**

**A. Review of the Minutes from June 30, 2011 Board of Trustees Meeting**

A motion was made by Rafael Aguirre and seconded by Dr. Escamilla to approve the June 30, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion carried

**B. Citizen Comment**

**The following person was present to offer citizen comment.**

Pedro Sera, EPMHMR Client - addressed the Board with concerns regarding services provide to him by EPMHMR including his request for his medical records.

**III. Presentation**

Mr. Jon Law, Program Officer with the Paso del Norte Health Foundation is working on setting up a health information exchange in El Paso County, an organization by which health data is exchanged across systems. Mr. Law received the Board's full support on the health information exchange project and his request for a letter of interest.

**IV. Chairperson's Report**

**A. Finance Committee**

EPMHMR Financials

Complete EPMHMR Financials including variances for the month and nine months ending June 30, 2011 were provided for review.

Sun City Behavioral Financials:

The complete Sun City Behavioral for the month and nine months ending June 30, 2011 were provided for review.

At the Board's request, the Sun City Business Plan and George Sugawa's consultant agreement will be provided via the Board portal and will also be added to the August Finance Committee agenda.

In addition, special weekly budget workshops will be set up for every Thursday at 11 a.m., to prepare for the final approval of the EPMHMR FY 2012 Budget at the August Board meeting.

**B. Human Resources Committee**

HR Committee met and reviewed some of the Affiliation Agreements with some the schools and is recommending the approval of the revised Reduction in Workforce Policy (action item C).

**C. Public Relations Committee**

Mr. Rene Hurtado provided a PowerPoint to the Board regarding our name change branding campaign. Rene will run it through PNAC and bring it to the Board next month for approval.

**D. Ad-Hoc Committee**

Ad Hoc Committee members have visited three different cities to explore how they deal with psychiatric emergencies, Houston, San Antonio and Lubbock. The Committee will be looking at the three different models and will come up with a proposal.

**Executive Committee**

Executive Committee has reviewed all of the action items below.

**E. PNAC**

PNAC received an update on the closing of the Solana Program at their last meeting. Florence Fowler invited the Board to attend the next meeting which will be held on August 10, 2011 at 12 p.m.

**V. Discussion and Action Items for the Board of Trustees**

**A. Review and take appropriate to approve the termination of the Varay Contract (See item B)**

**B. Review and take appropriate action on approving the Varay contract amendment**

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Dr. Escamilla to accept the notice to terminate the Varay contract and the Varay contract amendment for the extension of services as stipulated so that we have further time to evaluate the IT services. The motion carried.

**C. Review and take appropriate action to approve the revised Reduction in Workforce Policy**

A motion was made by Anna Perez and seconded by Rita Ruelas to approve the revised Reduction in Workforce Policy as recommended by the HR Committee. The motion carried.

**D. Review and take appropriate action to approve the Stricker & Prieto Engagement Letter**

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Anna Perez to approve the Engagement letter from Strickler & Prieto for the audit of financial statements and governmental activities for the year ended August 31, 2011.

**VI. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Rafael Aguirre and seconded by Anna Perez to adjourn the meeting 6:55 p.m.

Approved By:

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Jacob Cintron, Board Secretary

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Date