

EL PASO MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 24, 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
Rita Ruelas, Trustee

EPMHMR Staff: Gary Larcenaire, Chief Executive Officer
Pauline Motts, Chief Financial Officer
Rene Hurtado, External Affairs Officer
Rosie Garcia, Recording Secretary

Guests: Bill Strikler, Strickler & Prieto, LLP
Pam Perez, EPMHMR ECI Director
Florence Fowler, PNAC Chair
Richard Deck, El Paso NAMI
Eric Willard, NAMI/Texas

I. Introductory Items

A. Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum

Certification of a quorum was established.

B. Moment of Silence

C. Citizens Comment

The following persons were present to offer citizens comments.

Mr. P.S., consumer, spoke regarding complaints on services received from EPMHMR.

Ms. Florence Fowler, PNAC Chair, spoke regarding the integrated health care project that the State is looking at very favorably that did not go to the board this month and is hoping it goes to the board next month.

Mr. Edwin Cordoba, spoke on the Open Minded for Art Project. An Art auction is scheduled for this Saturday at the El Paso Museum of Art.

Ms. Saskia Koeglmeier, spoke on the Open Minded for Arts initiative to introduce art into the lives of El Paso MHMR consumers. An art auction will be held this Saturday at 9:00am at the El Paso Museum of Art. All proceeds will be used to pay for the project and to purchase art supplies for the program.

Ms. Melissa Smallwood, spoke on the Open Minded for Arts Project.

Mr. Justin Nave, spoke on the Open Minded for Arts Project.

Mr. Alfonso Chacon, EPMHMR Customer Service Director and Ombudsman, extended an invitation to the Board for the mental health first aid training on May 26-27, 2011

Mr. Carl Starr, activist, commented on concerns regarding the recent budget cuts

II. Preliminary Meeting Items

A. Discussion and action to elect the following Board Officers:

Board Chair

Board Vice-Chair

Board Secretary

A motion was made by Anna Perez and seconded by Rita Ruelas to elect Mr. Michael Wendt as the Board Chair. Dr. Escamilla and Rafael Aguirre abstained. The motion carried

A motion was made by Lyda Ness-Garcia and seconded by Rita Ruelas to elect Anna Perez as the Board Vice-Chair. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Anna Perez and seconded by Rita Ruelas to elect Jacob Cintron as Board Secretary. The motion carried.

B. Review of the Minutes from January 27, 2011 Board of Trustees Meeting

A motion was made by Anna Perez and seconded by Rita Ruelas to approve the January 27, 2011 meeting minutes in form only. The motion carried.

III. Discussion and Action Items for the Board of Trustees

A. Discussion and take appropriate action to adopt amended Bylaws for El Paso MHMR to conform with new Interlocal Agreement

A motion was made by Rafael Aguirre and seconded by Jacob Cintron to approve and adopt the amended Bylaws for El Paso MHMR to conform with the new Interlocal Agreement. The motion carried.

(The version in markup format will be forwarded to the Board)

B. Discuss and take appropriate action to appoint members to committees

A motion was made by Anna Perez and seconded by Lyda Ness-Garcia to approve and appoint the following members to committees:

Executive – Board Officers

Finance – Micheal Wendt (Chair) and Rita Ruelas

Human Resources – Rita Ruelas (Chair) and Anna Perez

Planning & Development – Dr. Michael Escamilla (Chair) and Rafael Aguirre

PNAC Representative – Rafael Aguirre

The motion carried.

C. Discuss and take appropriate action to appoint a representative to the Texas Council

A motion was made by Rita Ruelas and seconded by Dr. Michael Escamilla to appoint Lyda Ness-Garcia as the representative to the Texas Council Board of Directors. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Micheal Wendt and seconded by Jacob Cintron appoint Anna Perez as the alternative representative to the Texas Council Board of Directors. The motion carried.

D. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the Board Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Dr. Michael Escamilla to approve the Board meeting calendar for 2011. The motion carried.

E. Review and take appropriate action to select a date and time for a Board strategic planning retreat

The Board agreed by consensus to schedule a Board strategic planning retreat on Friday, May 20, 2011 and designated Friday, June 3, 2011 as a backup date.

F. Review and take appropriate action to approve Planning & Network Advisory Committee (PNAC) new and renewal applications

A motion was made by made by Anna Perez and seconded by Lyda Ness-Garcia to approve the two new PNAC appointees and one renewal application. The motion carried.

G. Review and take appropriate action to accept the Annual Audit for FY 2010

The Board took no action on this agenda item. The Annual Audit for FY 2010 has been accepted by the prior Board and sent to the State of Texas. The auditors were invited to go over the findings and to answer any questions.

H. Review and take appropriate action to accept the Annual Report for FY 2010

The Board took no action on this agenda item. The Annual Report for FY 2010 has been accepted by the prior Board and was distributed to the Board for their information only.

IV. Executive Director's Report

A. Planning & Network Advisory Committee (PNAC) Update

- Discussed under item 3.F.

B. Early Childhood Intervention Program overview, eligibility, Services

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Pam Perez, ECI Director, on the Early Child Intervention Program, services and eligibility, types of disabilities and delays, and transition/discharge plans

C. Early Childhood Intervention Legislative Request for 2011

The Board received a presentation from Ms. Pam Perez, ECI Director, regarding the ECI Legislative Request for 2012 -2013. This included ECI FY 12-13 goals, proposed request, impact of funding scenarios, current legislative recommendations and other bills to watch for.

D. National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) El Paso/Texas

Richard Deck, President of El Paso NAMI, encouraged the Board of Trustees to come out and support the first NAMIWalk El Paso, at 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Ascarate Park. The majority of money earned will stay here in El Paso.

Mr. Eric Willard, President of NAMI Texas, spoke regarding the family to family program and other NAMI programs available to the community, fighting stigma through education, the need for a functioning mental health system, NAMI's White Paper and NAMI's support of the NorthStar system

E. HB 1946 Safety Room Bill

Mr. Larcenaire provided a brief overview of HB 1946 Safety Room Bill, relating to the use of seclusion by community centers.

F. Technical Assistance Video

Mr. Larcenaire reported that the technical assistance video is on the El Paso MHMR website along with a written companion document.

G. CEO Forum Survey Results

The Board of Trustees was provided with the CEO forum survey results from the November 2010 CEO forum.

H. Financial Report – Overview of YTD Financials (September 2010 – February 2011)

Ms. Pauline Motts, CFO, presented the financial statements, along with different strategies for the month and six months ending February 28, 2011.

- Excess of revenues over expenditures before capital: \$1.0 million
- YTD Budget: \$736K – about \$300K over
- Excess of revenues over expenditures after capital: \$849K

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Dr. Michael Escamilla to accept the EPMHMR financials for the month and six months ending February 28, 2011. The motion carried.

At the Boards request, a complete UMC reconciliation of 340B pricing will be provided to the Board next month.

I. Clinical Report

Mr. Larcenaire provided a brief overview of the FY 11 Statewide SMHF trust fund utilization analysis 9/1/10 through 1/31/11.

J. Sun City Behavioral Health Report

Sun City highlights and complete financials for the month ending February 28, 2010 were provided for review.

K. Public Affairs Report

- **Distribution of Strategic Plan** – Copy of the Strategic Plan was provided
- **Company Name Change** – Referred to the PR Committee
- **Chat Room Demo** – Postponed

V. Closed Executive Session:

Mr. Micheal Wendt announced that The Board of Trustees would retire into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 and .074 to discuss any of the matters routinely discussed in Executive Session that are listed on this agenda, and consistent with the terms of the Texas Open Meetings Act. No action will be taken and no voting will occur in the closed executive session. Any action taken as a result of or related to this discussion will be taken during the open session of this meeting after the closed executive session, or at a subsequent meeting.

A. Confer and advice of legal counsel regarding employment matters pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 and .074

B. Discussion with and advice of legal counsel regarding contractual matters pursuant to Texas Governmental Code, Section 551.071

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved By:

Jacob Cintron, Board Secretary

Date