

EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 23, 2012

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

EPMHMR Staff: Kristi Daugherty, Interim CEO
Pauline Motts, Chief Financial Officer
Rene Hurtado, Chief External Affairs Officer
Rosie Garcia, Recording Secretary
Anadelia Tovar, Interim COO
Anna Baster-White, Provider Relations Coord.
Marcelo Rodriguez-Chevres, M.D.

Guests: Bob Blumenfeld, Legal Counsel
Gwen Pulido, Legal Counsel
Joanne Bernal, County Attorney
Joe Gonzalez, Assistant County Attorney
Rene Navarro, Centro San Vicente

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 January 26, 2012 Board of Trustees Meetings

A motion was made by Board Secretary Jacob Cintron and seconded by Vice-Chair Anna Perez to approve the January 26, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion carried

B. Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

III. Presentations

A. Preview of Public Education Campaign

Board received a preview from Mr. Rene Hurtado on the status of the public education campaign. Television buys include 6 week spots on KVIA and KINT on early noon and evening news casts and we were able to negotiate 40 additional spots with KINT at no charge, 15 additional spots with KVIA at no charge and 30 additional spots in the CW. A total of 4 outdoor bill boards were purchased and Clear Channel donated an addition bill board at no charge. Printed ads include 2 full page ads in the El Paso Inc and 2 full page ads in El Dario and 2 quarter page ads in the El Paso Times an a banner at El Paso Times.com. This should give us a 6 week comprehensive campaign.

B. Integrated Health Care

The Board received a presentation from Mr. Rene Navarro, Grants Manager for Centro San Vicente and Anadelia Tovar, Interim COO on some of the work they have done with respect to integrated health care.

IV. Chairperson's Report

A. PNAC

Anna Baster-White, Provider Relations Coordinator reported that they did not meet quorum last month. They have been on an intensive search for additional members and at this point they have 6 applications of individuals ready for review at the next PNAC meeting. Solana TLC policy changes were review at PNAC subcommittee meeting and sent out to other PNAC members for final approval. Policy will be going to Board next meeting for final approval.

B. Finance Committee

EPMHMR Financials

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

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Rita Ruelas to accept the EPMHMR and Sun City Financials for the months of January 2012. The motion carried

C. Human Resources Committee

The HR Committee met this month and reviewed the following:

- Turn over rates
- Workers Comp
- EEOC charges
- HCS Provider audit (0 citations)
- DADS HCS audit (no review due to great job last year)
- Texas Department of Public Safety Audit (100% compliance)

D. Public Relations Committee

Rene Hurtado reported that the Sun Rise Autism Program in conjunction with a local dance group will be having a dance festival at the Chamizal on March 23 and 24. Tickets are \$10 and \$2 out of every ticket sold will be donated to the program. More information will be forthcoming.

E. Ad-Hoc Committee – Psych ER

Kristi Daugherty provided the following highlights regarding some initiatives of the Committee:

- Recommendations from Dr. Fishkind regarding the extended observation unit in regards to EPPC Data
- Met with Architectural firm regarding the warehouse build out
- doing outreach and fact finding with regards to local control of psych beds
- Plan to visit Lubbock to do more fact finding and look at their operations, budget and staffing

F. CEO Search Committee

The contract has been executed with the Meyer's Group; will be moving the process forward.

G. Executive Committee

Mike Wendt reported on the re-organization of the Business Office and Reimbursement Department in preparation for Medicaid Managed Care and Medicaid

Expansion project. A lot of processes need to be in put in place in order to bill and collect by March 1st, 2011.

V. Executive Director's Report

Kristi Daugherty provided updates on the following:

- In process of developing a Board dashboard
- DADS Audit on IDD program – very positive exit
- DARS Comprehensive Audit of ECI Program – 0 programmatic findings – few areas on the fiscal side that have already been fixed
- The Outpatient Competency Restoration Program
- Managed Medicaid Expansion
- Integrated Health Care Mini Summit
- IDD Program
- Sun City Behavioral

VI. Discussion and Action Items for the Board of Trustees

A. Review and take appropriate action to approve the IT services contract and Inter-local agreement between Emergence Health Network and the County

A motion was made by Rafael Aguirre and seconded by Rita Ruelas to approve the IT services contract and interlocal agreement between Emergence Health Network and the County as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committees. The motion carried.

It was noted that this item will be going to Commissioners Court on Monday for their approval.

B. Review and take appropriate action to approve the Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Agreement

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Rita Ruelas to authorize the CEO to execute the agreement with JSA Health for Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committees. The motion carried.

C. Review and take appropriate action to approve the inter-local agreement for Legal Representation between Emergence Health Network and the County

[This item was moved to the end of the agenda]

Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney provided a presentation regarding the proposal for shared legal services with the County. Ms. Bernal provide highlights on the following:

- Model proposed is similar to what is used with UMC, Sheriff Wiles and Juvenile Probation Dept
- Assignment of an Assistant County Attorney and support staff housed at the agency the serves
- Attorney is available to the Board and to Administrative staff on a daily basis
- Cost is \$142,000 -includes salary for a lawyer and legal secretary

Ms. Gwen Pulido also provided a brief overview of a proposal for legal services.

A motion was made by Rita Ruelas and seconded by Rafael Aguirre to approve the inter-local agreement for legal representation between Emergence Health Network and the County. Motion carried.

Transition period with current law firm was established for a minimum of 30 days. Mr. Blumenfeld will continue with those matters that are imminent during the transition period. Ms. Bernal will come back in 30 days and brief the Board on where we are and give a status report on pending legal matters.

This item will also be going to Commissioners Court on Monday for approval.

D. Discussion and take appropriate action to authorize the CEO to move forward with discussions with County regarding HR shared services

The Board recommends that discussions continue between Emergence Health Network and the County regarding proposal for shared HR services.

A motion was made by Jacob Cintron and seconded by Anna Perez to authorize the CEO and Rene Hurtado to move forward with discussions with the County regarding HR shared services. The Motion carried.

E. Discussion and take appropriate action to appoint new Board of Directors for Sunnyside Apartments Inc.

Ms. Gwen Pulido was present to brief the Board on the appointment of the new Sunnyside Apartments, Inc. Board. Sunnyside Apartments are funded through a HUD loan program and one requirement is that the Board must be separate and independent from Emergence. The current Board has been dissolved and Sun City Behavioral Board has agreed to serve as the new Sunnyside Apartment Inc. Board.

The Board recommended proceeding with the appointment of the Sunnyside Board pending research regarding the legal aspect in addition to getting an opinion from HUD concerning the accountability and responsibilities related to the Emergence Health Network Board.

VII. Closed Executive Session

Board Chair Mike Wendt read the closed executive session statement on the agenda. Rafael Aguirre made a motion to go into executive session. It was seconded by Anna Perez. The Board went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. pursuant to Item VI posted on the Agenda.

A. Discussion regarding personnel matters, pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 and .074

The Board exited closed Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved By:

Jacob Cintron, Board Secretary

Date