

**EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MARCH 22, 2012**

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

Emergence Health Network Staff: Kristi Daugherty, Interim CEO  
Pauline Motts, Chief Financial Officer  
Rene Hurtado, Chief External Affairs Officer  
Rosie Garcia, Recording Secretary  
Cynthia Juarez, CQM

Guests: Bob Blumenfeld, Legal Counsel  
Jo Anne Bernal, County Attorney  
Omar Villa, Assistant County Attorney  
Holly Lytle, Assistant County Attorney  
Florence Fowler, PNAC Chair  
David Puentes, Operations Administrator  
Duane Schultz, PNAC Member

**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 February 23, 2012 Board of Trustees Meetings**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Anna Perez and seconded by Trustee Rita Ruelas to approve the February 23, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion carried

**B. Citizen Comment**

There were no citizen comments.

**III. Presentations on Morgan's Wonderland**

The Board received a presentation on Morgan's Wonderland by Mr. David Puentes. Morgan's Wonderland is an amusement park specifically designed for individuals with special needs, located in San Antonio. Some of the attractions include a unique sensory village, music garden, wheelchair adaptive rides, fishing/water activities.

Mr. Puentes introduced an initial plan to take clients to Morgan's Wonderland. To help with expenses various fundraiser events will be organized.

**IV. Updates for the Board of Trustees**

**A. IT Services**

Pauline Motts reported that initial meetings have been held between the 3 organizations to discuss the servers, applications and technical assistance. A meeting will be held next week to determine the cut off date in regards to the 30-day term letter to Varay.

**B. Legal Services**

Jo Ann Bernal, County Attorney, was present to update the Board regarding the Legal Services Agreement. A very productive meeting was held with Mr. Blumenfeld regarding the transition plan.

Ms. Bernal formally introduced Assistant County Attorneys, Mr. Omar Villa and Ms. Holly Lytle. Mr. Villa was selected for the position of General Counsel for Emergence Health Network. Ms. Holly Lytle will be supervising Mr. Villa.

**C. HR Shared Services**

Kristi Daugherty reported that several meetings with Betsy Keller, County HR Director have been held. Ms. Keller will be presenting the County HR plan to the Executive Management Team this week.

**V. Chairperson's Report**

**A. PNAC**

Ms. Florence Fowler updated the Board on the last PNAC meeting. The Solana TLC Intake Process/Appeal Policy and Procedure was approved by current members via email. Ms. Fowler requested that PNAC be provided with presentations on Morgan's Wonderland and Shared Services with the County, and continue discussions regarding Integrated Health Care.

**B. Finance Committee**

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

The Board of Trustees requested a full review of the Sun City Business Plan and a presentation to the Board of Trustees is provided next month.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Anna Perez and seconded by Trustee Rafael Aguirre to accept the EPMHMR and Sun City Financials for the month of February 2012. The motion carried

**C. Human Resources Committee**

Rene Hurtado provided a brief update regarding the last HR Committee Meeting: The following reports were reviewed:

- Worker's Compensation Report
- Turnover Rates and Open Vacancies
- Tuition Re-imbusement
- The HR Partnership with the County

Some pending items include the revision of several HR policies and finalizing the HR partnership. There is a possibility that the HR documents will be ready for the April Board Meeting.

**D. Public Relations Committee**

Rene Hurtado's update consisted of the name change process. The campaign is 95-98% completed. Rene has received fantastic feedback from stakeholders, consumers, and employees.

**E. Ad-Hoc Committee – Psych ER**

Kristi has received Dr. Fishkind’s comprehensive report regarding the Extended Observation unit. The total cost of the build out will be anywhere from \$225,000 to \$275,000. Kristi would like to review the report with Dr. Escamilla prior to bringing it to the Board.

Mike Wendt also added that at some point a financial review of the operational costs will be needed.

**F. CEO Search Committee**

Mike received a status report from Stuart Meyer’s regarding the CEO search. To date they have received 31 applications. The team has identified 3-4 individuals that will be going through the screening process which include extensive interviews. He anticipates that in the next 2-3 weeks he will have 2 or 3 candidates for presentation to the Search Committee.

**G. Executive Committee**

No report, all items are on the agenda or have already been discussed

**v. Executive Director’s Report**

Kristi presented a summary of her visit to Lubbock to get detailed operational information with regards to a community based hospital.

- A detailed presentation will be provided to our local delegation on 1) How it is operated and 2) How we can regain local control of the psych center
- Received direction with regards to the transition of State employees
- Received information on how they operate with regards to psych beds- they operate on a treatment episode rate not on a bed day rate
- It is essential to form a partnership with the County Hospital
- Rene doing research through Representative Gonzales in order for us to get the information about state operative centers.
- They operate on 4.2M for their community hospital allocated through GR
- The mental health authority has additional staff at the jail. They do mini screening at booking and full assessments if needed and seen by a doctor, stabilizing them at the jail, a huge benefit for the community
- Judge and County Commissioners are fully supportive of everything they are doing with regards to Sun Rise Canyon and the Detention Center
- There is some opportunity for us to partner better with the Sheriff’s Department within the detention facilities and be that mental health component

Kristi also noted that a mini integrated health care summit with area FQHCs has been scheduled for next month.

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

**A. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve appointments to the Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC)**

A motion was made by Trustee Rafael Aguirre and seconded by Trustee Rita Ruelas to appoint the following individuals to the Planning and Network Advisory Committee:

Alma Saenz  
Antonio Munoz  
Barbara Ann Estrada  
Duane Schultz  
Laura MacArthur  
Pedro Sera

The motion carried.

**B. Review and take appropriate action to approve the Solana TLC Intake Process/Appeal Policy & Procedure**

A motion was made by Trustee Rafael Aguirre and seconded by Vice-Chair Anna Perez to approve the Solana TLC Intake Process/Appeal Policy and Procedure as recommended by PNAC and the Executive Committee. The motion carried

**C. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the transition of legal services from Mendel Blumenfeld to the El Paso County Attorney's Office**

[Item C. to be discussed after executive session]

**D. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the method of recording the proceedings of executive/closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.103.**

A motion was made by Trustee Rita Ruelas and seconded by Vice-Chair Anna Perez to change to a method to where closed executive sessions are recorded and to have Rosie Garcia present during closed executive sessions to operate the recording equipment; furthermore Ms. Garcia is essential to the functions of this Board for purposes of the executive sessions. The motion carried

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**VII. Closed Executive Session**

Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees recessed into executive session at 7:30 pm., to discuss the following items, pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.

- A. Discuss the pending litigation entitled *Dalanna Jimenez v. El Paso MHMR*; pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.**
- B. Discuss the pending litigation entitled *Pedro Jimenez v. El Paso MHMR*; pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.**
- C. Discuss the pending litigation entitled *Joe Duchene v. Sun City Behavioral Health Center*; pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.**
- D. Discussion regarding other pending legal matters to include reorganization of corporate documents of Sunnyside Apartments, Inc. and trademark issues pertaining to Emergence Health Network; pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071.**

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**Meeting reconvened into regular open session following executive session at 7:52 p.m.**

The Board took no action regarding the litigation items discussed in executive session. The Board noted that this was a report regarding the transition of legal matters and notification on what Bob Blumenfeld will be retaining.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Vice-Chair Anna Perez and seconded by Chair Mike Wendt to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried

Approved By:

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Jacob Cintron, Board Secretary

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Date