



Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

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- **Mission Statement:** To improve the health and wellness of the communities we serve.
- **Vision:** A healthy Morongo Basin.
- **Core Values:** Commitment, Collaboration, Accountability, Dignity, Integrity.

Board of Directors:

- Director Doyle, President
- Director Armstrong, Vice President
- Director Sullivan, Secretary
- Director Hoffman, Treasurer
- Director Markel-Greenhouse

Administrative Staff:

- Jackie Combs, CEO
- Karen Graley, Board Clerk
- Joe Ruddon, Director Business Development
- Ron Stewart, Executive Director, MBCHC

Guests:

- Jenna Hunt, The Desert Trail

CALL TO ORDER

Director Doyle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Karen Graley, Board Clerk, conducted roll call. All Directors were present for a quorum.

OBSERVANCES

Director Armstrong read the mission, vision and core value statements.

Director Greenhouse led the assembly in the pledge to the American flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 17-71: Director Sullivan motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; motion seconded by Director Greenhouse; motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda presented the following items for approval:

- Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, September 7, 2017

Motion 17-72: Director Hoffman motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by Director Greenhouse; motion passed by unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION

STATE ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, AB 1234 – Jackie Combs, CEO

Jackie Combs presented a prepared handout for AB-1234. The law requires two hours of ethics and law training every two years, and within one year of taking office.

REPORTS

ACHD CONFERENCE REPORTS – Director Greenhouse & Jackie Combs, CEO

Ms. Combs gave a summary overview of the two-day conference.

WEDNESDAY:

Women's Leadership Breakfast with Mayor Mary Salas, Chula Vista, California who shared what her city has done regarding improving health for its district constituents.

1. Chula Vista Healthy Cities Greenfield Development: new communities within their city are built with parks and transit access and are AARP-age friendly. What is health in their community: land use zoning to limit the development of fast-food restaurants, encourage grocery store placement of healthy foods at child eye level, fresh foods at small food marts, changing foods and increasing activities in the schools and increasing activities in schools
2. Connie Conway, Former California Assembly, Republican Leader: There's a lot of discussion about dealing with health issues in California Assembly; if healthcare is barely functioning with the urgency of chronic health, how can we get to preventive health?
3. California has 79 healthcare districts, 400 trustees, and collective employees are 32,000.

General Session

1. Gyre Renwich, Head of Healthcare, Government & Education, Lyft: Focused on patient transportation needs and healthcare districts who pay for patient transportation.
 - Transportation is the second highest cost in a household budget
 - For every dollar spent on patient transportation there is a \$10 savings in healthcare costs
 - Patient transportation improves patient flow in the hospital by facilitating discharges
 - Improves outcomes for clinical trials because patients show-up for treatment
 - In population health, increases access to care, focuses on preventive care, reduces hospital readmissions, reduces appointment cancellations and missed appointments.
 - Suggested the redesign of cities with more green space and the elimination of parking lots to encourage walking or carpooling.
 - LYFT employees are given CPR and senior sensitivity training.

Break Out Sessions:

1. Lessons Learned from Recent MSR Process (Municipal Service Review), Panel with Richard Berkson, Berkson Associates
 - LAFCO conducts MSR about every 5 years. Focus on how priorities are set, how community needs are assessed for priority setting, and how tax dollars are used for the community. District website can provide 90% of MSR data request.
 - How will growth affect healthcare district services?
 - Are there underserved areas where healthcare services can be improved?
 - Do grants increase services funding? Are grantees effectively meeting health needs? Are direct services meeting health needs?
 - Are staff adequately funded to monitor effective use of grants: Are direct services adequately funded and reserve sufficient for capital, contingencies?



- Is there collaboration with other healthcare providers to minimize redundancies & overhead, leverage resources and coordinate targeting health needs:
 - Does the District follow Best Practices: Effective public engagement? Strategic Planning and engage the public, coordinate with other agencies, and provide transparency? Meet other Best Practices (i.e. use of website)?
 - Any other matter related to effective or efficient service delivery, e.g., ownership/management of real estate assets; appropriate use of assets; governance and boundary options.
2. The Board & Policy-Making: Getting Clear on the Roles, Brent Ives, BHI Consulting: districts should engage in frequent strategic planning, adhere to a duty of care, be faithful to bylaws and comply with laws and regulations; insure no conflict of interest.

THURSDAY

State of the Association: Ken Cohen, ED, Amber King, Advocate, Sheila Johnston, Member Services

- Restated the ACHD Bylaws as of July 2017, created a partnership with Stanford Health Improvement Network focusing on wellness, monthly member education webinars and are archived for access, Advocacy worked on seven Assembly and Senate bills.
- ACHD Work Group to make recommendations on a revision of the Healthcare District Enabling Act which originated in 1945 and was last updated in the 1990's. Recommendations will go through the Advocacy Committee and ACHD Board for approval. Many districts no longer have hospitals so definitions need to be updated.
- Many healthcare districts have engaged in health care needs assessments.

Covered California: Adapting for the Future, nothing new on the healthcare horizon.

BETA Sponsor: Compose Your World, the creative side of leadership. Bring your innovative ideas and think outside the box.

Strategic Thinking Board Action Plan, Robert Nelson, Nelson Strategic Plan. Bring your knowledge and skill, have a clear vision, participate in strategy meetings, ask questions. Suggested an annual retreat for brainstorming. We are stewards of public funds and we take care in the delivery of services.

The State of Behavioral Health in California, Sheree Lowe, MPA, VP Behavioral Health, California Hospital Associate. California data on incidence of behavioral health in California.

Director Hoffman requested copies of other rural district needs assessments documents.

Director Doyle thanked Director Greenhouse and Jackie Combs for attending the conference and providing a comprehensive report.

MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT UPDATE – Jackie Combs, CEO

Ms. Combs provided a written report to the Board of Directors.

- Director Hoffman asked if we have a disaster plan; Cindy Schmall stated staff is in the process of developing a plan to comply with the CMS guidelines for our organization.



- Director Sullivan commented that the biggest problem is communication and the ability to keep equipment charged. He suggested we consider a communication system for disasters. Ms. Schmall stated we are licensed with the FCC and are planning to get a radio system to communicate between facilities. Finding a system with appropriate range is one of the issues to be solved. We are participating in the October Great American Shake Out. We have water and first aid on hand, but are developing a master plan for a broader plan. Director Sullivan stated he would like to work with Ms. Schmall on the development of the plan.
- Discussion about partnering with local agencies. We would offer ambulatory providers.
- Two billboards are launching in October, one for Unity Home and the domestic violence awareness campaign; the second billboard will present mammography messaging, funded by the restricted Foundation funds for the mammography program.

ACTION ITEMS

BYLAWS REVISION – *Director Sullivan*

Revisions to the document were made as discussed at the previous business meeting and reviewed by legal counsel. The final draft approved by legal counsel was presented in the Agenda packet.

- **Motion 17-73:** Ratification of Bylaws
Director Greenhouse motioned to ratify the Morongo Basin Healthcare District Bylaws as presented, motion seconded by Director Hoffman. There was no discussion and the motion passed by unanimous vote of 5:0.

CALENDAR REVIEW AND COORDINATION

The calendars for September through December were reviewed and coordinated.

- Mara Cantelo’s celebration of life memorial is September 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- The calendar stated the wrong time for the November special meetings; they will convene at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Resolution for change in benefit plan

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- Director Greenhouse: From the conference, “not public service but humble service.”
- Director Sullivan: no comments
- Director Hoffman: no comments
- Director Armstrong: no comments
- Director Doyle: Thanked staff for their continued work.

MEETING TRANSITION

The public / open meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. for a brief transition and convened to closed session at 6:30 p.m.

- *Pursuant to Government Code section 32106 of the Health and Safety Code: Report involving Trade Secret. Estimated date of public disclosure is projected to November, 2017.*



- Pursuant to Government Code section 54957 of the Health and Safety Code: Employee Performance Evaluation: Chief Executive Officer.

MEETING RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION at 6:50 p.m. to receive Closed Session report. Director Doyle reconvened the meeting to open session.

- **Motion 17-78***: CEO performance goals
Director Hoffman motioned to approve the CEO performance goals for the current year (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) as defined in closed session, motion seconded by Director Greenhouse. There was no discussion and the motion passed by unanimous vote of 5:0.
**At the October 5 regular meeting, the board instructed the minutes to reflect a correction to show a formal motion was made to approve CEO performance goals; motion numbering is out of sequence for this motion.*
- Trade Secret: Director Doyle reported that only information was presented for consideration; there is no disclosure at this time.

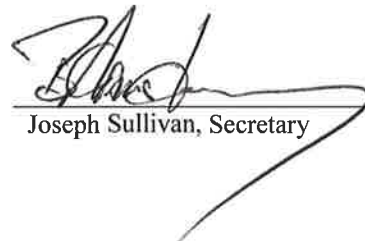
MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Director Doyle adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Board meeting minutes recorded by K. Graley.



Marge Doyle, President



Joseph Sullivan, Secretary