

Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Convened on the La Contenta campus; the public was invited to attend the meeting on campus or via Microsoft Teams, an electronic, remote-site platform.

- **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, Equity.*

<p><u>Board of Directors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Director Cooper ▪ Director Evans - Sharma ▪ Director Markle-Greenhouse ▪ Director Stiemsma 	<p><u>Administrative Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cindy Schmall, CEO ▪ Karen Graley, Board Clerk (<i>remote</i>) ▪ Beverly Krushat, Executive Assistant
<p><u>Guests:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, Desert Care Network (<i>remote</i>) ▪ Paul Hoffman, community member (<i>remote</i>) ▪ Michele Finny ▪ Karin Faulis, CEO, Hi-Desert Medical Center 	

CALL TO ORDER

Director Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was convened on the La Contenta campus and by electronic platform using Microsoft Teams platform.

ROLL CALL

Karen Graley, Board Clerk, conducted roll call and declared a quorum. It should be noted that Director resigned her office on April 21, 2024 and is not present for the meeting.

OBSERVANCES

Director Cooper led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Director Stiemsma read the mission and vision statements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 24-25: Director Stiemsma motioned to approve the agenda as presented; second by Director Cooper; motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION ITEMS

LETTER OF CONCERN

CEO Cindy Schmall introduced the action item. She explained that DHC has been in negotiations regarding the lease for DMRC. While it does not directly impact MBHD, it does have a domino effect in that if Tenet does not retain operation of DRMC, Desert Care Network may ,, Staff



propose to forward a letter of concern to Desert Healthcare District to be read to their board of directors during the public information forum on April 30, 2024.

Linda: DHC holding public forums regarding community feedback regarding renewing the lease. A proposal was presented November 2023; they are working with corp and district negotiator. Public hearing in all 7 of voting zones. Tomorrow last of the public hearings. Public feedback has been mostly supportive of the lease renewal. DHC board must approve to be placed on the November ballot.

Director Evans explained why we felt it was important for this letter, to help DHC understand the impact upon Basin.

Karen Faluis expressed appreciation for the board's foresight in supporting the lease proposal.

Schmall explained to coop what would happen to HDMC if DRMC doesn't renew the lease with Tenet. Tenet intends to renew. If the lease is not renewed, Tenet would have to give MBHD 2-yr notice and return operations to MBHD. No imminent threat, we're trying to be proactive. We're being proactive and protecting our community.

Cindy will attend the public hearing and read the letter to the DHC board.

Michele provided reassurance that the goal is to continue Tenet relationship with both hc districts. We applaud MBHD that we've been successful in creating the Desert care network. It's important that DCN continues. \

Linda Evans asked that we forward the letter to Desert Sun as an editorial piece.

Paul Hoffman said he suggested that the letter also be signed by the board president. Director Evans gave permission for the board clerk to use her electronic signature to sign the revised letter.

- **Motion 24-26:** Motion by Director Stiemsma to forward the Letter of Concern to Desert Healthcare District in support of a continuing relationship between Desert Healthcare District and Tenet Health; second by Director Cooper; motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.



Heidi Stiemsma, Secretary of the Board

Board meeting minutes recorded by K. Graley, Board Clerk.