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Peak Vista Announces 2025 Board of Directors Roster *Welcomes New Member, Appoints New Chair*

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) announces its 2025 Board of Directors roster – including its new chair, Stella Hodgkins, and its newest member, Felicia Embry.

Stella Hodgkins – Board Chair

Hodgkins joined the Peak Vista Board of Directors in 2023 and has brought with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. As a senior vice president for El Pomar Foundation, she directs Elevating Leadership Development and serves as the senior staff member for the Pikes Peak Regional Council.

Hodgkins has an intimate knowledge of the programs, organizations and nonprofits at work in Colorado, having served on 34 committees, boards and commissions.

“It’s not an easy job,” says Dr. Emily Ptaszek, president & CEO. “But Stella makes it look like it is. She is thoughtful, compassionate and armed with years of experience. We cannot be more thankful to have her leading our Board of Directors at such a pivotal time.”

Felicia Embry – Board Member

Embry, who has called Colorado Springs home since 2011, is an avid supporter of the Colorado Springs business community, founding and operating two start-ups: Thelma Lou’s Innersoul Food and Embry Financial and Consulting Services. She currently sits as the vice president on the Women’s Community Leadership Initiative board, and she is the former commissioner for the Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Board. In her journey supporting her son’s mental health needs, she became an advocate for mental health services in the community and a volunteer with the National Alliance on Mental Illness Colorado Springs.

“Peak Vista has been a lifeline for my family. When my son needed care, Peak Vista’s providers were there with unwavering compassion. Being a part of this board is an opportunity to honor the support we received and help others find the same care and hope,” says Embry.

“Felicia is a welcome addition to our Board of Directors,” says Hodgkins. “Her knowledge of the Colorado Springs small business community and her experience navigating mental

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health services in the area are unmatched. Her insights will truly help enhance the patient experience for so many others we support in the region.”

Current Board of Directors

Embry joins a talented and diverse board:

- Stella Hodgkins, chair
- Ray Nunn, immediate past chair
- John Eastman, vice chair
- Bill Sanden, treasurer
- Rocio Rodriguez, secretary
- Santiago “Bob” Duran, member-at-large
- Felicia Embry
- David Fairley
- Lelia Gibson-Green
- Marianne Horvath
- Mary Lynn Sheetz
- Dr. Dennis Smialek
- Fadi Youkhana

As a community health center, patients comprise 51% of the Peak Vista Board of Directors to ensure it responds to the needs of the communities it serves.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization providing exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Celebrating over 50 years of community health service, Peak Vista offers primary medical, integrated behavioral health and dental care services. We proudly serve over 74,000 patients annually through 23 outpatient centers in Colorado’s Pikes Peak and East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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