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# Emergence Health Network

El Paso Center for Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities

## EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MINUTES

(Audio copy of the meeting is available upon request)

Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees (“EHNBOT”) Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 3:33 PM

Central Administration, Boardroom, 201 E. Main St. Ste. 600, El Paso, Texas – held via Microsoft Teams

**PRESENT: WILSON, THOMPSON, MYER, D. STOUT, ANNELLO (left at 3:48), GOLDFARB, C. STOUT and LIEUTENANT ROMERO**

**ABSENT:**

### **1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

#### **A. Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum**

Quorum was certified.

#### **B. Citizens’ comment**

No members of the public spoke during public comment.

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A.** Approve minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on May 28, 2020 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

**B.** Approve minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on June 11, 2020 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

**C.** Adopt the Chief Financial Officer’s report on EHN financials (reviewed by Finance Committee).

**EHNBOT Action: THOMPSON moved/ MYER seconded to approve consent agenda. Motion Carried (7/0)**

### **3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Receive CEO report regarding current EHN crisis operations and financial impact.**

Rene Hurtado, Chief of Staff, provided Public Relations presentation highlighting the following:

- Crisis Counseling Program Grant – EHN is responsible for COVID outreach for the El Paso area, along with Midland Odessa region which includes Permiacare’s service area of 7 outlying counties; provided a communication campaign including digital and printed ads
- Mental Health Awareness Month – Legislative Forum held virtually with Congresswoman Veronica Escobar presenting Behavioral Health in the Borderland

and policy and planning discussion with selected stakeholders and VIP representatives from various industries

- EHN sent out an Ecard to every member on the VIP list on Mental Health Awareness
- Ms. Daugherty was the guest speaker for the NAMI EP Coffee Talk on May 29<sup>th</sup> for Mental Health Awareness

Ashley Sandoval, Associate CEO, reported the following regarding operations:

- Bridge back plan consists of reviewing patient schedules for July to determine client needs; looking at opening the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July on those sites not previously opened; offer additional days at EVOP Clinic, open COP and expand days at the Westside Clinic; looking at clients that don't have a phone, internet and or technology required to engage remotely

Rene Navarro, Chief Compliance Officer, reported the following:

- Policies were developed to ensure proper PPE utilization, EHN has a 3-month supply to sustain reopening; plexiglass installed at facilities to mitigate exposure and signage indicating 6 feet social distancing; cleaned ventilation systems for air quality; working closely with clinic managers to manage traffic flow in/out of facilities for occupancy; train staff on safety protocols and incorporate drills in the event of an exposure

Kristi Daugherty, CEO reported the following:

- Dr. Tewiana Norris, Chief Nursing Officer, reviewed all job descriptions to identify proper PPE
- EHN is in a good place with the FY21 budget
- Finance Planning Sessions are scheduled July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Budget Planning Sessions with the Board in August
- Crisis utilization - stable

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 3:36 PM to discuss item 4A-4B. Present at executive session was Joyce Wilson, Dr. Peter Thompson, Dr. Rick Myer, Commissioner David Stout, Representative Alexandra Anello, Tommy Goldfarb, Cindy Stout, Lt. Scott Romero, Attorney Michael Wyatt, Attorney Eddie Sosa, Kristi Daugherty and Jessika Franco. The board concluded executive session at 3:44 PM.

- A. Consultation with attorney regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under CAUSE NO. 2019DCV3481 and CAUSE NO. 2019DCV3382 pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071.
- B. Consultation with attorney regarding legal review of board member allegation of possible board impropriety.

**5. OPEN SESSION**

- A. Discuss and action on litigation filed in El Paso County under CAUSE NO. 2019DCV3481 and CAUSE NO. 2019DCV3382.  
**EHNBOT Action: No action**
- B. Discuss and action on board member allegation of possible board impropriety.  
**EHNBOT Action: No action**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:05 PM.**

Approval Date: 8/17/2020 | 9:47 AM PDT

By: Rick Myer  
Dr. Rick Myer, Board Secretary