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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, July 30, 2020 at 3:34 PM

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

PRESENT: WILSON, THOMPSON, D. STOUT, ANNELLO, GOLDFARB, MYER (present at 4:18 PM) and C. STOUT

ABSENT: LIEUTENANT ROMERO

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 June 25, 2020 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

B. Approve and authorize budget amendment for Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for Community Healthcare Workers (CHWs) contract no. HHS000780500003 to increase linkage and retention in substance use, mental health, and medical services for Texas residents living with substance use disorders (SUD) (reviewed by Planning and Development and Finance Committee).

C. Approve and authorize CEO to execute Jail Mental Health Clinic subcontract and approve and authorize CEO to execute interlocal agreement between EHN and University Medical Center for inmate mental healthcare services (reviewed by Finance Committee).

D. Approve and authorize CEO to execute contract agreement with Doxy.me, LLC for Virtual Lobby Concept (reviewed by Finance Committee).

E. Approve and authorize CEO to execute contract renewal with AT&T for circuits that will provide network connectivity services for all sites (reviewed by Finance Committee).

F. Approve and authorize CEO to execute contract renewal with CenturyLink Communications, LLC for internet services for all sites (reviewed by Finance Committee).

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

EHNBOT Action: THOMPSON moved/ C. STOUT seconded to approve consent agenda. Motion Carried (6/0)

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

Kristi Daugherty, CEO reported the following:

- Remote audio codes have been extended through October 23, 2020
- August 3rd Anniversary CEO provided interviews for KFOX, CNN and El Paso Inc. Article provided by EHN will be featured in the El Paso Inc.
- MOU between NAMI/EHN has been executed to assist NAMI with office space at the Central Administration Office
- Notification was sent to all board members including a list of division budgets which will be presented each day, 11 divisions will be covered in four days; Aug. 18th and 20th will be designated as make up sessions
- Proposed Strategic Plan timeline consist of the FY20 completion which will be presented at the August Board meeting. FY21 draft plan will be distributed for initial review in August and will be presented with tasks during September committees for discussion. FY21 Strategic Plan will be presented at the September Board meeting.

Rene Navarro, Chief Compliance Officer, reported the following:

- Bridge Back Plan – EHN is planning and preparing in the event staff returns to the office.
- A Bridge Back Plan associate checklist has been generated which consists of a series of steps to be followed center-wide including:
 - COVID employee testing
 - Message from the CEO in form of video/letter
 - Management and safety liaisons will be trained to become trainer of trainers and be of assistance in case anyone has questions
 - Environmental controls were put in place such as facility signage and installing plexiglass

Dr. Tewiana Norris, Chief Nursing Officer, reported the following:

- Working closely with the Public Health Department to obtain testing kits
- Employees returning to work will be tested for COVID
- 1600 Montana has been designated for COVID testing; preparations are being made for flu vaccinations in mid-September
- Other vaccinations will be offered to include Hepatitis B

Rene Hurtado, Chief of Staff provided the following:

- EHN remains active in the preparation of the August 3rd Anniversary
- Both the City and County are leading efforts city-wide; people will be setting up luminarias outside their doors and a groundbreaking of the reflection pool memorial is scheduled at Ascarate Park
- Monday August 3rd is designated as a day of kindness
- Love for El Paso Art show
- A Zoom Help the Helper session for first responders on post-secondary trauma was held on Aug. 29th focusing on self-care tips
- On August 3, 2020 EHN will conduct Facebook live sessions from 8 AM to 4 PM with members of the clinical staff highlighting various self-care topics
- Walmart will close store from 8:00 AM – Noon; employee only event will be held during this time

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

- EHN received a grant from SAMHSA for CCBHC in result of our certification; several initiatives will be funded that consists of care coordination team and assisted outpatient treatment team - resulting in 15 FTE's;
- EHN will focus on enhancing primary care initiative

- EHN received \$2 million dollars for the next two years; grant term from July 1st through the end of June 2022
- Grant does not require a match

B. Receive presentation regarding Legislative draft agenda

Rene Hurtado, Chief of Staff provided the following:

- The office of State Representative Cesar Blanco reached out to EHN to provide a list of legislative priorities in preparation of the upcoming legislative session
- Draft legislative agenda includes budget, integrated care, behavioral health, IDD services, criminal justice issues, veteran issues, access to care and suicide prevention

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 4:18 PM to discuss item 4A. Present at executive session: WILSON, THOMPSON, MYER, D. STOUT, ANNELLO, GOLDFARB, C. STOUT, Attorney Michael Wyatt, Attorney Eddie Sosa, Kristi Daugherty and Jessika Franco. The board concluded executive session at 4:21 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.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:22 PM.

Approval Date: 9/2/2020 | 7:16 AM PDT

By: Rick Myer

Dr. Rick Myer, Board Secretary