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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, April 22, 2021 at 3:34 PM
Central Administration, Boardroom, 201 E. Main St. Ste. 600, El Paso, Texas – held in person/via Microsoft Teams
PRESENT: MYER, GOLDFARB, ANNELLO, D. STOUT, WILSON, C. STOUT AND THOMPSON (present at 4:30 PM)
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 March 25, 2021 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

B. Adopt the Community Collaboration Report (reviewed by PNAC and Public Relations Committee).

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

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

3. REGULAR

A. **Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the EHN Communication Center cost (reviewed by Finance Committee. Strategic Initiative 1A – Access to Care).**

EHN is requesting a capital expenditure request out of reserves to build out the Communication Center. This is a Strategic Initiative 1A goal that is scheduled to be completed by the end of the fiscal year. The Communication Center will increase client access to care by providing 24hour service, 365 days a year with the ability to connect a crisis call to schedule an appointment. Anticipated cost which includes furniture and equipment is \$744,845.30. An on call tele nurse will also be available. Involving key departments (crisis line, centralized call and registration, and pre-authorization) in one area will allow EHN to anticipate issues and create processes to mitigate them. Long term goal to partner with the 911 Center to begin to triage

and dispatch people to the appropriate call. Also, EHN is anticipating an additional 3.5 million of 1115 DSRIP money than what was budgeted.

EHNBOT Action: D. STOUT moved/ GOLDFARB seconded to approve and authorize the capital expenditure cost out of reserves for the EHN Communication Center. Motion Carried (6/0)

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

Kristi Daugherty, Chief Executive Officer provided the following information:

- Press release notification involving the 1115 Waiver withdrawing its 10-year extension. The 1115 DSRIP program is still slated to terminate on September 30, 2021. HHSC submitted a letter for an extension of the DISRIP funding due to COVID. Perspective payment model is currently under discussion at the Capitol. EHN is not concerned about any program closing due to the reduction of DISRIP funds.
- Genoa Pharmacy received 100 vaccines at the central/east locations. EHN will prioritize staff and proceed with the small specialty programs such as ACT consumers.
- The County CIT Pilot kicked off on April 12, 2021. Two teams are servicing the far east and one on the far west of the county: operating from noon-8 PM

Rene Navarro, Chief Compliance Officer provided the following information:

- EHN prepared a phased in strategy Bridge Back Plan that consists of three fundamental factors:
 - Pandemic response guidelines and emergency management sources following CDC and FDA guidelines
 - Allocation and management of resources that include PPE, physical space changes in workplace and policy and procedural alignment to COVID and Infection Control plans
 - Awareness and continued learning. Train caseworkers to remain safe when delivering care to consumers at home, public spaces and clinical sites
- Phased in approach to achieve 100% Bridge Back by August 1, 2021 including a 30-day window to allow any corrective or preventative actions to the plan by the end of the fiscal year.
- EHN received National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) accreditation for the next three years. This uses regular standards/measurement, transparency and accountability to measure progress and drive improvement in healthcare. CM-LTSS accreditation standards also align with CCBHC standards and are designed to help organizations implement best practices for community-based and person-centered LTSS systems. EHN strategic initiative goal from last FY which carried over to the current year due to COVID. EHN's overall results 93.7; which is the highest in the state.

Rene Hurtado, Chief of Staff provided the following information:

- House Bill 3914 - transportation bill that EHN drafted language to allow for mental health consumers to access discounted rates for Sun Metro. Commissioner Stout provided testimony; hearing was held with no opposition. Representative Annello also wrote a letter in support of this bill.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 4:08 PM to discuss item 5A. Present at executive session: MYER, GOLDFARB, ANNELLO, D. STOUT, WILSON, C. STOUT, THOMPSON (present at 4:30 PM) Attorney Michael Wyatt (left at 4:18 PM; returned at 5:21 PM)

and Jessika Franco (left at 4:18 PM; returned at 4:48 PM). The board concluded executive session at 5:43 PM.

A. Discuss Board Member comments regarding CEO and related claims.

6. **OPEN SESSION**

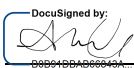
A. Discuss and take appropriate action related to Board Member comments regarding CEO and related claims.

EHNBOT Action: No action taken

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:44 PM.

Approval Date: 5/30/2021 | 5:56 PM MDT

By:  _____
Representative Alessandra Anello, Board Secretary