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El Paso Center for Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities

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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, January 28, 2021 at 3:34 PM

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

PRESENT: WILSON, THOMPSON, MYER, D. STOUT, ANNELLO, 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 December 3, 2020 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

B. Adopt the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Policy (reviewed by Planning and Development Committee).

C. Approve and authorize CEO to cancel interlocal agreement between Tejas Health Management and Emergence Health Network (reviewed by Executive Committee).

D. Approve and authorize CEO to execute amendment to lease agreement between Welltower OM Group LLC and El Paso Community MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network for Suites 301 and 303 in the Sierra Providence Eastside Center located at 2400 Trawood Drive (reviewed by Finance Committee).

E. Approve and authorize CEO to execute lease agreement between The Housing Authority City of El Paso and Emergence Health Network for locations at 5310-5314 Blanco Street (reviewed by Finance Committee).

F. Adopt the Community Collaboration Report (reviewed by Executive Committee).

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

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

3. REGULAR

A. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding FY2020 External Financial Audit (reviewed by Finance Committee).

Mr. Juan Garcia with Beasley, Mitchell & Co. reviewed several sections of the audit with the board of trustees and reported there were no findings for FY2020.

EHNBOT Action: ANNELLO moved/ MYER seconded to approve the FY2020 External Financial Audit. Motion Carried (7/0)

B. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding CEO Contract (reviewed by Executive Committee).

CEO contract was presented for a 5-year extension. Contract will be effective February 1, 2021. Board members provided comments.

EHNBOT Action: MYER moved/ THOMPSON seconded to approve CEO Contract. Motion Carried (6/1)

C. Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary of the Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees (reviewed by Executive Committee).

Ms. Joyce Wilson proposed a slate of officers to be appointed: Dr. Rick Myer, Chair, Tommy Goldfarb, Vice Chair and Representative Aleksandra Annelo, Secretary.

EHNBOT Action: WILSON moved/ THOMPSON seconded to approve election of Chairperson, Dr. Rick Myer, Vice Chairperson, Tommy Goldfarb and Secretary, Representative Aleksandra Annelo. Motion Carried (7/0)

D. Board committee assignments by Board of Trustees Chairperson.

Planning Network Advisory Committee – Alexandra Annelo and citizen members

Finance Committee – Tommy Goldfarb, Chair, Cindy Stout and David Stout

Human Resources Committee – David Stout, Chair, Dr. Peter Thompson, Aleksandra Annelo and Joyce Wilson

Planning and Development Committee – Dr. Peter Thompson, Chair, Dr. Rick Myer and Cindy Stout

Public Relations Committee – Aleksandra Annelo, Chair, Dr. Peter Thompson and Joyce Wilson

Executive Committee – Dr. Rick Myer, Chair, Tommy Goldfarb, Vice Chair, Aleksandra Annelo, Secretary and Joyce Wilson

Texas Council Representatives – David Stout and Cindy Stout

E. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Mask Requirements COVID 19 Preparedness Plan (reviewed by Human Resources and Planning and Development Committee).

Tewiana Norris, Chief Nursing Officer reported the following:

Mask wearing is a requirement unless it will affect staff ability to complete job such as medical conditions. If employees decline to wear mask reasonable accommodations will be made. Plan is in line with infection and COVID 19 control plans. CDC recommendations were considered.

EHNBOT Action: GOLDFARB moved/ C. STOUT seconded to approve the Mask Requirements COVID 19 Preparedness Plan. Motion Carried (7/0)

F. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding financial consultant agreement between El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network and ZMARK Health, LLC (reviewed by Finance Committee).

One-year agreement with Matt Zabolotny for finance department consulting services. Consultant will not have direct supervisory authority over any EHN employee. After the first 90 days the agreement can be canceled within a 30-day notice.

EHNBOT Action: WILSON moved/ GOLDFARB seconded to approve financial consultant agreement with ZMARK Health, LLC. Motion Carried (7/0)

G. Receive presentation regarding EHN Annual Report, discuss and take appropriate action regarding adoption of Annual Report (reviewed by Executive Committee).

RENE HURTADO, Chief of Staff reported the following:

This year’s EHN annual report featured EHN’s Exceptional People and Exceptional Care. Report is featured on the EHN website and can be seen on several platforms such as smartphone, tablet and laptop. Report includes revenue and expenditures, demographics, community collaboration, highlights from FY20 and EHN location information linked to google maps. A mass mailing link will be sent to all stakeholders. Clause will be added on August 3rd event photo due to it being taken before the COVID 19 pandemic.

EHNBOT Action: GOLDFARB moved/ C. STOUT seconded to adopt the Annual Report. Motion Carried (7/0)

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Receive presentation regarding board development Open Meetings Act

Michael Wyatt, Legal Counsel provided the following information:

Legal Counsel reviewed Open Meeting Act requirements with board of trustees as part of annual training. Presentation included information regarding criminal penalties, posted agendas, walking quorum, videoconferencing and closed/emergency meetings.

B. Receive CEO report regarding current EHN crisis operations, financial impact and legislative update

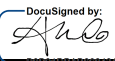
Kristi Daugherty, CEO provided the following information:

- Legislature went into session on January 12, 2021
- March 12, 2021 is the last day for final bills
- As of January 15, 2021, 1500, bills have been filed, Texas Council is tracking approximately 500, EHN tracking 100
- 421 employees received the COVID-19 vaccine, 150 employees received the second vaccine, collaborating with El Paso Children’s Hospital to vaccinate new employees monthly, Genoa pharmacy does not anticipate having the vaccine soon.
- 1.4 million DISRIP payment
- 1115 Waiver extension, two areas will be observed perspective payment for CCBHC and EHN will now gain access to the uncompensated care pool.

5. ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:02 PM.

Approval Date: 3/1/2021 | 9:35 AM MST _____

By:  _____
Representative Alexandra Anello, Board Secretary