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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, October 22, 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, GOLDFARB, MYER, C. STOUT AND LIEUTENANT ROMERO**

**ABSENT: ANNELLO**

### **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 September 24, 2020 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

**B.** Approve and authorize CEO to execute National Suicide Prevention Line FY21 Budget Amendment (reviewed by Finance Committee).

**C.** Approve and authorize CEO to execute Suicide Care Pilot Project FY21 Budget Amendment (reviewed by Finance Committee).

**D.** Approve and authorize CEO to execute Intellectual Developmental Disability (IDD) FY21 Budget Amendment (reviewed by Finance Committee).

**E.** Approve and authorize CEO to execute interlocal agreement for the provision of Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) Services between El Paso County and El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network (reviewed by Planning and Development 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: GOLDFARB moved/ MYER seconded to approve consent agenda. Motion Carried (6/0)**

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

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

Kristi Daugherty, CEO reported the following:

- The state has granted the extension of remote audio codes through November 30th; conversations are being had at the Texas Council Community Center to possibly extend codes through the end of January 2021
- Bridge back plan – approximately 80 employees have gone through the clinical walkthroughs which is designed to address the risk mitigation efforts in the workspace. Walkthroughs are being completed in small groups of 5 or less and led by the Safety Manager. Employees are confident that EHN has put in place a solid protocol and reduced personal stress/anxiety. Crisis, CIT and Jail Based Services continue operating business as usual.
- Weekly drive thru flu vaccines are being administered at 1600 Montana for EHN employees and their dependents. Other vaccines will be offered to the staff in November. EHN is also offering internal COVID testing to the staff. Rapid COVID testing will be offered at the Westside Clinic and will expand to the EOU.
- The combined November-December Board Meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2020.

4. **REGULAR**

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action and authorize CEO to execute Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) FY21 Budget Amendment (reviewed by Finance Committee).

Carlos Ortiz, Interim Chief Financial Officer reported the following:

The center is requesting to carryover the grant balance from fiscal year 2020 for unspent grant funds. The amount is \$776,248 and will not have an impact to the bottom line as it is revenue to match expense grant. Grant term dates are May 2020 – April 2021 allowing the center to expense the remaining funds in fiscal year 2021.

**EHNBOT Action: THOMPSON moved/ MYER seconded to approve the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic FY21 Budget Amendment. Motion Carried (6/0)**

- B. Discuss and take appropriate action and authorize CEO to execute Crisis Counseling Assistance Training Program and Immediate Services Program (CCP-ISP) FY21 Budget Amendment (reviewed by Finance Committee).

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) increased the centers awarded amount reflecting \$216,380 for the CCP-ISP budget. Awarded amount was increased from \$57,440 to \$216,380 which will only be added to the revenue and expenses for the month of September totaling \$28,423.78.

**EHNBOT Action: THOMPSON moved/ GOLDFARB seconded to approve the Crisis Counseling Assistance Training Program and Immediate Services Program FY21 Budget Amendment. Motion Carried (6/0)**

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 3:52 PM to discuss item 5A. Present at executive session: WILSON, THOMPSON, MYER, D. STOUT, GOLDFARB, C. STOUT, Lieutenant Romero, Attorney Eddie Sosa, Attorney Anthony Martinez, Attorney Michael Wyatt, Kristen Daugherty and Jessika Franco. The board concluded executive session at 4:48 PM.


- A. Discuss various complaints of improper actions by certain board members.

6. **OPEN SESSION**

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action related to various complaints of improper actions by certain board members.

**EHNBOT Action: WILSON moved/ D. STOUT seconded for Legal Counsel to secure a third party outside counsel to review the concerns raised by Commissioner David Stout regarding possible board member misconduct. Also, to make any recommendations to strengthen board procedures and protocols moving forward; make recommendations on addressing issues that may have arisen from this review. Motion Carried (6/0)**

**7. ADJOURNMENT  
THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:57 PM.**

Approval Date: 12/6/2020 | 5:05 AM PST  
By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Rick Myer, Board Secretary