



# Emergence Health Network

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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, February 25, 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, THOMPSON, 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 January 28, 2021 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

**B.** Adopt the Vaccination Policy (reviewed by Planning and Development Committee).

Item tabled. Policy will be revised and separated into two policies which will address testing and vaccination.

**C.** Approve and authorize CEO to execute agreement with Spectrum Technologies for Print Management Services for RFP #21-002 (reviewed by Finance Committee).

**D.** Approve and authorize CEO to execute agreement with Zmark Health LLC for Credentialing/Provider Enrollment Services for RFP #21-003 (reviewed by Finance Committee).

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

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

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

### 3. REGULAR

**A. Discuss and take appropriate action and approve and authorize CEO to execute interlocal agreement between El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network and El Paso County for the purpose of implementing and operating a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) (reviewed by Planning and Development Committee).**

Interlocal agreement with the El Paso Sheriff's Office which will allow a pilot program for CIT that will include three staff members to provide direct care services in the county.

**EHNBOT Action: D. STOUT moved/ C. STOUT seconded to approve the interlocal agreement between El Paso MHMR d/b/a Emergence Health Network and El Paso County for the purpose of implementing and operating a Crisis Intervention Team. Motion Carried (7/0)**

- B. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize CEO to execute the purchase of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) equipment (reviewed by Finance and Planning and Development Committee).**

Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation is FDA-Approved to provide treatment for Depression, OCD and Nicotine Addiction although guarantors/insurance companies will only approve treatment for Depression. Equipment cost is approximately \$60k. Staff will consider the following data: treatment cost per patient, a census of individuals with antidepressant, an approximate potential of patients that can be treated without insurance, ratio of funded to non-funded patients. Item will be brought to future board meeting.

**EHNBOT Action: No action taken.**

**4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Receive CEO report regarding current EHN crisis operations and financial impact**
  - Item not discussed

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 4:02 PM to discuss item 5A and 5B. Present at executive session: MYER, GOLDFARB, ANNELLO, D. STOUT, WILSON, THOMPSON, C. STOUT, Lieutenant Romero, Attorney Mitch Moss and Attorney Michael Wyatt (left at 4:16 PM and returned at 4:48 PM). The board concluded executive session at 5:03 PM.

- A. Discuss Board Member comments regarding CEO and related claims.**
- B. Discuss retaining outside counsel regarding personnel issue and claims arising from Board Member comment regarding CEO.**

**6. OPEN SESSION**

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

**EHNBOT Action: No action taken**

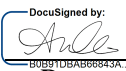
- B. Discuss and take appropriate action related to retaining outside counsel regarding personnel issue and claims arising from Board Member comment regarding CEO.**

**EHNBOT Action: THOMPSON moved/ WILSON seconded to retain Attorney Mitch Moss as outside counsel. Motion Carried (7/0)**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:06 PM.**

Approval Date: 3/30/2021 | 3:35 PM MDT \_\_\_\_\_

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Alexandra Anello, Board Secretary