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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, March 25, 2021 at 3:31 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 AND LIEUTENANT ROMERO

ABSENT: C. STOUT

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

A. **Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum**

Quorum was certified.

B. **Citizens’ comment**

Isidro Torres, Executive Director for NAMI El Paso thanked EHN for in-kind space provided by EHN for the NAMI program on the 6th floor of 201. E. Main. This allowed NAMI to save money on rent cost.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on February 25, 2021 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

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

C. Approve and authorize CEO to execute Paso del Norte Health Learning Library budget amendment (reviewed by Finance Committee).

D. Approve and authorize CEO to execute contract agreement for hospital discharges with Paso del Norte Health Information Exchange (PHIX) (reviewed by Finance Committee).

E. Approve and authorize CEO to execute agreement for annual subscription with Relias LLC (reviewed by Finance Committee).

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

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

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

3. REGULAR

A. 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).

Based on last month’s discussion the board of trustees had requested to bring back a ratio of insured to noninsured clients that can be seen for this treatment. The ratio that was calculated was 16 insured to 1 uninsured. Additionally, EHN staff calculated that there are approximately 1,229 clients in our system that would qualify for the treatment based on the diagnosis. The request from staff is to allow for a 6 month start up before initiating the 16:1 ratio to allow time to address administrative items such as negotiating contracts with insurance companies. Upon board member discussion a condition of approval was made to approve purchase contingent upon the understanding to actively pursue a Medicaid rate reimbursement for multiple candidates for this service.

EHNBOT Action: WILSON moved/ ANNELLO seconded to approve and authorize CEO to execute the purchase of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) equipment contingent upon the understanding to actively pursue a Medicaid rate reimbursement for multiple candidates for this service. Motion Carried (5/1)

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

- Approximately 54 employees will be vaccinated by UMC; 470 out of 630 employees have been vaccinated
- Bridge back plan - divisions chiefs provided an update for their respective divisions which includes operating business as usual (EOU/Crisis Center), hybrid schedules, limited hours, rotating and staggered schedules.
- EHN will prepare a formal plan to return to the office by September 1st dependent on community vaccination rate; HR Committee will review and discuss return to office plan

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 4:18 PM to discuss item 5A. Present at executive session: MYER, GOLDFARB, ANNELLO, D. STOUT, WILSON, THOMPSON and Lieutenant Romero. The board concluded executive session at 4:29 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.

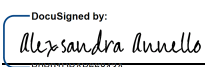
EHNBOT Action: No action taken

7. ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:30 PM.

4/26/2021 | 11:49 AM MDT

Approval Date: _____

By:  _____

Representative Aleksandra Anello, Board Secretary