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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, June 24, 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, C. STOUT, THOMPSON 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 May 27, 2021 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

B. Adopt the FY21 Utilization Management Program Plan (reviewed by Planning and Development Committee).

C. Approve HIPAA & Cybersecurity Risk Assessment (reviewed by Executive Committee).

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

E. 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 (7/0)

3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Receive CEO report regarding current EHN operations, community collaboration and recruitment/retention report

Kristi Daugherty, Chief Executive Officer provided the following information:

- Community collaboration presentation was provided highlighting EHN’s work in the community expanding partnerships in several areas.
- EHN is offering retention incentives to clinical staff ranging from \$1k-\$3k which will be divided into two payments and includes caseworkers, service coordinators, residential care employees. Health fund savings will be used to pay for incentives.

- EHN’s budget planning is progressing; Texas Council is confident that the 1115 Waiver Extension will be reinstated. EHN is anticipating \$1 million more than anticipated in April in 1115 Waiver funding for this year.
- The bridge back plan is working as designed
- A bill which was passed regarding constitutional carry allowing individuals to carry a firearm without a permit is raising concerns across the state
- Board of Trustees training with Open Minds is scheduled for August 31, 2021; budget planning sessions will occur in the month of August

B. Receive legislative update

Elisa Tamayo, Director of Policy and Governmental Affairs provided the following information:

- Legislative update was discussed with the Board highlighting updates on bills sponsored and supported by EHN; provided information on bills that might have an impact on EHN operations.

C. Receive Texas Veterans Commission Grant update

Carlos Ortiz, Interim Chief Financial Officer provided the following information:

- EHN elected not to accept grant due to budget restrictions, change in contract terms and unattainable service targets

D. Receive board committee report

Tommy Goldfarb, Vice Chair provided the following information:

- Finance Committee overview presentation, which was held on June 17, 2021, was provided to the Board.

4. ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:16 PM.

7/23/2021 | 2:21 PM MDT

Approval Date: _____

By:  _____

Representative Aleksandra Annelo, Board Secretary