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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
Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 2:01 PM

Central Administration, Boardroom, 201 E. Main St. Ste. 600, El Paso, Texas

**PRESENT: DRISCOLL, STOUT (2:15 PM), WILSON, THOMPSON, ANNELLO (2:04 PM) and
GOLDFARB**

ABSENT: MYER

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. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. **Receive CEO report regarding current EHN operation.**

Ms. Kristen Daugherty provided the following:

EHN continues to respond to different request being received by different entities for support.

- Members of the Williamson County Emergency Services Department were deployed to El Paso as part of the Texas Health and Human Services Disaster Behavioral Health Crisis Incident Stress Management (CISM) First responder Team. The team is set up on the 12th floor of the EHN Administrative Office on One San Jacinto Plaza. Services are also being offered to EHN staff. The team can deploy out to the Fire Station and command centers. A designated line is available for first responders to call and ask for help.
- EHN established a Community Resource Center at the Boeing location that is equipped with counselors and behavioral health support staff.
- EHN is in daily communication with the Governor’s Office regarding the Victim of Crime Act funding to begin hiring staff to assist at the Community Resource Center.
- EHN together with Atlantis Health Services and the El Paso Psychiatric center has established the Counseling Co-op. Five locations have been set up around the city. No appointment needed and free of charge. A team from Tropical and Tarrant Center are onsite assisting; 8 licensed clinicians are available to offer services.
- EHN is in constant communication with Chief Rodriguez at the Office of Emergency Management to continue to respond to any needs.
- EHN anticipates an increase in volume due to the Memorial being held on August 14, 2019.

3. **REGULAR**

- A. **Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize Board Chair to execute engagement letter with Beasley, Mitchell and Co. for the annual external financial audit.**

This is the annual engagement letter with our external financial auditor Beasley, Mitchell and Co.

EHNBOT Action: THOMPSON moved/WILSON seconded to approve and authorize Board Chair to execute engagement letter with Beasley, Mitchell and Co. for the annual external financial audit. Motion Carried (6/0)

- B. **Discuss and take appropriate action regarding FY2020 EHN Budget.**

Board members discussed the proposed FY20 Budget; topics of discussion included:

- Ms. Tewiana Norris provided an overview of the Nursing division description and responsibilities, FTE count with core functions, FY19 accomplishments, FY20 budget highlights, budget overview of FY19, FY19 to FY20, percent variance and variance explanation
- An updated General Fund budget summary was provided to reflect the \$30k physician recruitment increase, \$16k bank analysis fee and \$49,376 for case worker salary adjustment
- A list of budget questions was reviewed and addressed

EHNBOT Action: WILSON moved/THOMPSON seconded to approve the FY2020 EHN Budget. Motion Carried (4/2 STOUT/ANNELLO)

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Trustees did not go into executive session due to no recent update.

- A. Consultation with attorney regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge number 453-2019-00989 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

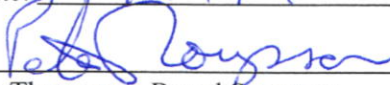
5. **OPEN SESSION**

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge number 453-2019-00989.

EHNBOT Action: No action.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:36 PM.

Approval Date: 9/27/19
By: 
Dr. Peter Thompson, Board Secretary