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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, April 24, 2020 at 3:32 PM

Central Administration, Boardroom, 201 E. Main St. Ste. 600, El Paso, Texas – held via Skype

**PRESENT: WILSON, THOMPSON, MYER, D. STOUT (present at 3:34 PM), ANNELLO (present at 3:39 PM), GOLDFARB, C. STOUT (left at 3:48 PM) 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 March 26, 2020 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

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

**EHNBOT Action: GOLDFARB moved/ THOMPSON seconded to approve consent agenda. Motion Carried (5/0)**

### 3. REGULAR

A. **Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Jail Mental Health Clinic subcontract and approve and authorize CEO to execute interlocal agreement between EHN and University Medical Center for inmate mental healthcare services (reviewed by Planning and Development, Finance and Executive Committee).**

Ms. Chrystal Davis and Mr. Michael Wyatt presented the following:

EHN has provided Mental Health services for the County Jail for the last five years. There is a need to create a new contract with UMC as they are the new medical contractor for the County. Contract increase of \$474k would include case management, therapy psychiatric support and medication management, psychiatric time, additional staffing and equipment requests. Line item in the contract was accidentally omitted by EHN that included the 10% administrative fee for direct costs. UMC Board approved the contract at 1.8 million which did not include 10% administrative fee. EHN met with UMC regarding the omitted 10% fee and had discussion on how to proceed with no suggestion. UMC was notified that EHN will be moving forward with a contract draft that includes the 10% administrative fee in the budget

budgeting total to \$2,000,457.72. EHN will generate different scenarios in the event agreement is not reached by EHN and UMC.

**EHNBOT Action: MYER moved/ THOMPSON seconded to approve contract agreement in the amount of \$2,008,457.72 and authorize CEO to continue negotiations with UMC to finalize agreement. Motion Carried (6/0)**

**4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

Ms. Kristen Daugherty, CEO provided the following update:

- Joe from Open Minds conducted board member interviews regarding FY21 strategic planning pending one board member.
- Community member interviews were held with Providence, Aliviane, UMC, El Paso County, SISD, El Paso Police Department, Sonja Gaines with Texas Health and Human Services, Paso Del Norte Health Foundation, El Pas Fire Department/Office of Emergency Management and Congresswoman Office
- Hosted 1<sup>st</sup> Community Stakeholder meeting
- Open Minds/Executive Team strategic plan work session scheduled on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>; PNAC work session scheduled May 6<sup>th</sup>
- EHN moving toward in-kind office space at administrative office to NAMI which would put \$26,000 back into NAMI operating budget. NAMI lease due to expire end of May.
- Amendment submitted to PDNHF allowing EHN to convert training money into technology expense. \$18k will be used to purchase Microsoft phones for remote work
- EHN received Stimulus Medicare payment totaling \$14k and will be applied to PPE expense
- EHN reported on status of employees tested for Covid-19; continue to work closely with the Health Department; mandatory PPE in place March 31<sup>st</sup>; CIT Covid-19 exposure decision made by EPPD to suspend CIT program
- 82-day cash on hand; continue billing and collecting

Mr. Martin Ramos provided the following update:

- FY21 individual cost center budget plans due April 30<sup>th</sup>
- May will be used to review new positions, contracts and new operational changes
- June 1-17 - review new budget projections/adjustments; final approval from Executives June 18-19
- CEO budget review June 22-July 10<sup>th</sup>
- FY21 budget binder review at the June Finance Committee
- Budget planning sessions with the Finance Committee scheduled on July 16<sup>th</sup> & July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 4:19 PM to discuss item 5A. Present at executive session was Joyce Wilson, Dr. Peter Thompson, Dr. Rick Myer, Commissioner David Stout, Representative Alexandra Anello, Tommy Goldfarb, Attorney Michael Wyatt, Attorney Anthony Martinez, Attorney Eddie Sosa, Lieutenant Romero, Ashley Sandoval, Kristi Daugherty and Jessika Franco. The board concluded executive session at 4:28 PM.

- A.** Consultation with attorney regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under CAUSE NO. 2019DCV3481 and CAUSE NO. 2019 DCV3382 pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071.

**6. OPEN SESSION**

- A.** Discuss and take appropriate action regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under CAUSE NO. 2019DCV3481 and CAUSE NO. 2019DCV3382.

**EHNBOT Action: No action**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:29 PM.**

Approval Date: 6/3/2020 | 3:24 PM PDT

By: Rick Myer  
Dr. Rick Myer, Board Secretary