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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, July 22, 2021 at 3:30 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, C. STOUT AND THOMPSON**

**ABSENT: WILSON AND LIEUTENANT ROMERO**

### 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 June 24, 2021 (reviewed by Executive Committee).

B. Approve and authorize Board Chair to execute engagement letter with Beasley, Mitchell and Co. for the annual external financial audit (reviewed by Finance Committee).

C. Approve and authorize budget amendment for Texas Correctional Office of Offender with Medical and Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) (reviewed by Finance 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 (6/0)**

### 3. REGULAR

A. **Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize CEO to execute third lease amendment between Mills Plaza Properties, VI, LLC and El Paso Community MHMR dba Emergence Health Network for Borderplex 201 E. Main (reviewed by Finance Committee).**

EHN is requesting a lease extension for an additional three years. Lease includes additional funds in tenant construction allowance that will be used for the call center expansion and HR remodeling including the need for additional HVAC.

**EHNBOT Action: C. STOUT moved/ GOLDFARB seconded to approve the third lease amendment between Mills Plaza Properties, VI, LLC and El Paso Community MHMR dba Emergence Health Network for Borderplex 201 E. Main. Motion Carried (6/0)**

**4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

Kristi Daugherty, Chief Executive Officer provided the following information:

- The Finance Committee conducted two budget planning sessions. Software fees will be prepaid. Several MAG study recommendations will be adopted which include living wage increase to \$11.99. Every staff member will receive a 2% increase in January or March. By the end of the fiscal year 2022 the lowest paid employee will be at approximately \$12.20.
- A copy of the draft budget will be provided to all board members by July 29, 2021
- Bridge back - staff capacity is running at 75% except for the children's clinic; in person services are being provided five days a week. Extending 100% bridge back to September 1<sup>st</sup> to explore hybrid models and policies and procedures that need to be put in place.
- EHN hosted ten constables which were provided training on CIT, Mental Health First Aid and Mental Health Officer Training

**B. Receive board committee report**

Representative Aleksandra Anello provided the following information:

- Human Resources Committee overview presentation, which was held on July 14, 2021 was provided to the Board.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 3:46 PM to discuss item 5A. Present at executive session: MYER, GOLDFARB, ANNELLO, D. STOUT, C. STOUT, THOMPSON, Attorney Anthony Martinez, Attorney Michael Wyatt, Kristi Daugherty and Jessika Franco. The board concluded executive session at 3:55 PM.

- A.** Consultation with attorney regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under CAUSE NO. 2021DCV2075 pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Sec. 551.071.


**6. OPEN SESSION**

- A.** Discussion and action on litigation filed in El Paso County under CAUSE NO. 2021DCV2075.  
**EHNBOT Action: No action taken.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:55 PM.**

Approval Date: 9/1/2021 | 6:57 PM MDT \_\_\_\_\_

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