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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, October 25, 2018 at 3:34 PM

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

**PRESENT: CINTRON, STOUT (3:37 PM), THOMPSON, MYER and DRISCOLL**

**ABSENT: ANNELLO and WILSON**

### 1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

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

Quorum was certified.

#### B. **Public Comment**

No members of the public spoke during public comment.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on September 27, 2018.

B. Approve and authorize CEO to execute form for Logic Local Government Investment Cooperative (Strategic Initiative 5A).

C. Approve and authorize CEO to execute form for TexPool Local Government Investment Pools (Strategic Initiative 5A).

D. Adopt the Confidentiality of Alcohol & Substance Abuse Patient Information Policy (Strategic Initiative 1A).

E. Adopt the EHN 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative agenda (Strategic Initiative 2A).

F. Adopt the Chief Financial Officer's report on EHN financials.

**EHNBOT Action: DRISCOLL moved/MYER seconded to approve Consent Agenda. Motion Carried (4/0)**

### 3. REGULAR AGENDA

#### A. **Discuss and take appropriate action regarding appointment of Representative Alexandra Annello to the Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC).**

Board Chair appointed Representative Alexandra Annello to the Planning and Network Advisory Committee.

#### B. **Approve and authorize CEO to execute FY19 budget amendment for United States Probation Office (USPO) contract (Strategic Initiative 5B).**

EHN received the contract for the USPO program to assist clients that are on federal probation and experiencing substance abuse issues. The amendment is for funding through EHN in the amount of \$160k.

**EHNBOT Action: DRISCOLL moved/MYER seconded to authorize CEO to execute FY19 budget amendment for United States Probation Office contract. Motion Carried (5/0)**

**C. Approve and authorize CEO to execute FY19 budget amendment for Local Intellectual Development Disability Authorities (LIDDA) contract (Strategic Initiative 5B).**

The LIDDA amendment is for Money Follows the Person (MFP). EHN is the fiscal agent for several centers and manages the funding used for trainings, treatment team meetings and technical support for those centers. This amendment is a decrease in funding to EHN in the amount of approximately \$310k with no client care impact. Amendment is to formalize the funding through December 2018.

**EHNBOT Action: THOMPSON moved/DRISCOLL seconded to authorize CEO to execute FY19 budget amendment for Local Intellectual Development Disability Authorities contract. Motion Carried (5/0)**

**D. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding FY19 budget amendment for Senate Bill 292 contract and approve and authorize CEO to execute interlocal agreement between EHN and the City of El Paso for operations of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), (Strategic Initiative 1B).**

EHN received the SB292 Contract for funding of the Crisis Intervention Team. EHN is requesting a budget amendment for \$1.4 million with a 10% on indirect services for fees. The contract is for \$2,281,004 over a 2-year term.

The Interlocal with EHN and The City of El Paso establishes the procedures and responsibilities of the Parties in deploying CIT to assist persons in mental health crisis, a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability, and/or substance use in the City of El Paso, providing the necessary transportation, equipment, and supplies for joint operation of the teams and sharing of information. The staffing will include 14 EPPD officers, 3 Sergeants, 1 Lieutenant, 14 EHN clinicians, 2 EHN supervisors and 1 EHN Director.

**EHNBOT Action: DRISCOLL moved/MYER seconded to authorize CEO to execute FY19 budget amendment for Senate Bill 292 contract and interlocal agreement between EHN and the City of El Paso for operations of the Crisis Intervention Team. Motion Carried (5/0)**

**4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

Ms. Daugherty provided a presentation highlighting the center wins accomplished in the month of September.

- EHN Crisis Intervention Specialist and Clinical Director collaborated with community members to successfully create a learning community of 25 provider and LIDDA members to participate in the START National Training Series.
- The El Paso Lions Club Association donated \$4,000 in school supplies to the EHN IDD Learning Center.
- EHN provided nine Mental Health First Aid trainings to 255 educators for Ysleta Independent School District.
- EHN was selected to participate in the National Council's First Episode Psychosis Community of Practice Mental Health First Aid Insert Pilot Program.

- EHN, along with 5 other agencies nationwide, were chosen to be a part of the pilot program.
- Clinical Support Department coordinated the How Art Healed Me Recover Art Gallery, which included works of art by EHN consumers at Alternatives. Event media coverage included KDBC Live remote noon show and KVIA/KTSM preview coverage.
  - EHN provided eight Suicide Prevention Trainings to a total of 210 El Paso High School Freshmen and Sophomores and 15 educators and parents.
  - EHN, along with Sheriff's Department and UMC, participated in a panel discussion on current MH and IDD issues at the Texas Capitol for legislative staffers, preparing leave-behinds and planning topics and speakers.
  - Challenge: EHN continues to work to reduce the number of Out of Network designations with insurance plans not covering services.

## **B. Committee updates**

### **1. Board Planning and Development Committee.**

Dr. Rick Myer reported the following points for the meeting held October 10, 2018:

- The committee reviewed the Confidentiality of Alcohol & Substance Abuse Patient Information Policy.
- Community education initiatives - educators being trained in Mental Health First Aid on suicide prevention.
- Item on the Legislative agenda was revised and will ensure proper training for APRNs.
- Opioid tool will be utilized for 1115 Waiver measures and to collect patient data.

### **2. Board Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC).**

Mr. Wormley reported the following points for the meeting held October 10, 2018:

- Committee was informed of the Legislative agenda and that EHN ended the fiscal year in a healthy position.
- Isidro Torres informed the committee of current programs offered by NAMI.
- Calendar of events were presented: September, National Recovery month, KVIA is looking to do a special assignment with EHN on addiction services, EHN is present at health fairs to communicate with the community about MHFA, Veteran's Thanksgiving lunch and Sun Bowl parade grandstands will be in front of 1600 Montana.

## **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Trustees went into executive session at 3:57 PM to discuss items 5A-G. Present at executive session was Jacob Cintron, Commissioner David Stout, Dr. Rick Myer, Dr. Peter Thompson, David Driscoll, Attorney Michael Wyatt, Attorney Eddie Sosa, Attorney Holly Lytle, Kristen Daugherty and Jessika Franco. The board concluded executive session at 4:27 PM.

- A.** CEO performance evaluation pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
- B.** Consultation with attorney regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge number 453-2018-00024 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071
- C.** Consultation with attorney regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge number 453-2018-00647 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
- D.** Consultation with attorney regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge number 453-2018-01341 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

- E. Consultation with attorney regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under cause number 2017DCV2472 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
- F. Consultation with attorney regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under cause number 2018DCV0919 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.
- G. Consultation with attorney regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under cause number 2018DCV2668 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

6. **OPEN SESSION**

The Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 4:27 PM.

- A. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding CEO performance evaluation.  
**EHNBOT Action: STOUT moved/DRISCOLL seconded to approve CEO performance evaluation. Motion Carried (5/0)**
- B. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge under cause 453-2018-00024.  
**EHNBOT Action: No action.**
- C. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge number 453-2018-00647.  
**EHNBOT Action: No action.**
- D. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge number 453-2018-01341.  
**EHNBOT Action: STOUT moved/DRISCOLL seconded to approve settlement and authorize CEO to execute any necessary documents. Motion Carried (5/0)**
- E. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under cause number 2017DCV2472.  
**EHNBOT Action: No action.**
- F. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under cause number 2018DCV0919.  
**EHNBOT Action: No action.**
- G. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding litigation filed in El Paso County under cause number 2018DCV2668.  
**EHNBOT Action: No action.**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approval Date: 12-6-18  
By: David Driscoll  
David Driscoll, Board Secretary