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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, May 23, 2019 at 3:30 PM

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

**PRESENT: DRISCOLL, GOLDFARB, STOUT, THOMPSON, ANNELLO and WILSON**

**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. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on April 25, 2019 (reviewed by Finance/Executive Committee).

B. Approve and authorize disposition of EHN surplus personal property (reviewed by Finance/Executive Committee).

C. Approve and authorize CEO to execute FY20 Employee Plan Assessment with the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) (Strategic Initiative 4A, reviewed by Human Resources Committee).

D. Adopt the Chief Financial Officer's report on EHN financials (reviewed by Finance/Executive Committee).

**EHNBOT Action: GOLDFARB moved/THOMPSON seconded to approve Consent Agenda. Motion Carried (6/0)**

### 3. REGULAR AGENDA

A. **Approve and adopt amended bylaws of the EHN Board of Trustees (reviewed by Finance/Executive Committee).**

Fred Green, Legal Counsel, provided the following update:

EHN bylaws were provided to the board of trustees in February including several drafts of the changes for review.

Board (Annello) expressed concerns regarding joint committees operating on one agenda. Board members recommended full board votes on authorizing joint committees due to concerns regarding voting taking place in Executive Committee.

Clarification was provided that no voting takes place during committee as the committee only makes recommendations. Board (Wilson) recommendation was made to post the Finance/Executive committee separate.

Board (Stout) addressed concern to the language on item 6.14; after further discussion, recommendation was made to amend the language on item 6.14 to the following:

- The Chairman has the authority to determine that any two or more Committees shall meet jointly. Under such circumstances, the joint committees shall operate from one unified agenda, and all trustees serving on each of the committees shall be empowered to vote on all agenda items, except those items solely under the purview of the Executive Committee.

**EHNBOT Action: WILSON moved/THOMPSON seconded to approve to amend language on item 6.14 of the bylaws. Motion Carried (6/0)**

Board (Stout) expressed concern on item 6.2, not in agreement with Chairperson appointing members to subcommittees. Suggestion made to have full board appoint members to subcommittees.

**EHNBOT Action: STOUT moved/DRISCOLL seconded to approve to amend language on item 6.2 of the bylaws to not allow the Chairperson of the Board to appoint the members of all internal and external committees. Motion failed (1/5)**

Board (Stout) recommendation to have sponsoring agencies approve any changes to the bylaws. After further discussion Board (Stout) decided to withdraw motion.

Board (Anello) made a recommendation for the Chairperson to inform the sponsoring agencies of the changes made to the bylaws.

Final recommendation was made to approve the bylaws as amended.

**EHNBOT Action: WILSON moved/ANNELLO seconded to approve and adopt amended bylaws of the EHN Board of Trustees. Motion Carried (6/0)**

#### **4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Receive presentation regarding El Paso Independent School District (EPISD) Work-based Training Program Student Recognition (reviewed by Public Relations Committee).**

EPISD student, Mr. Nelson received recognition for his hard work and dedication to EHN. EHN partnered with EPISD on work-based training program. Mr. Nelson worked out of the Administration Building two days a week assisting with printing program materials, brochures and other clerical duties. Mr. Nelson was accompanied by his job coach. Mr. Nelson was grateful for the opportunity.

##### **B. Receive CEO report regarding current EHN operations to include Joint Commission survey update.**

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

- EHN hosted an EHN Legislative Halftime Event to provide stakeholders an overview of legislative activities at the midpoint of the session.
- EHN Military Veteran Peer Network is now hosting a Vietnam Veteran Support Group at the Texas State Veterans Home every Monday and Wednesday.
- EHN prepared testimony for four legislative hearings with EHN-drafted bills having hearings in Public Health, Health & Human Services, Natural Resources & Economic Development and County Affairs.

- Northeast Outpatient Clinic has identified 249 clients transferred into commercial services. Clinic staff is currently collecting data for primary care service provision. Currently 50 clients are enrolled in Primary Care services.
- EHN initiated a partnership with UTEP to provide Play Therapy training for LPHAs at EHN facilities. Additionally, EHN hosted a UTEP Internship supervision course for the community.
- Opportunity: Continued work with Texas Health & Human Service regarding EHN's CCBHC application to facilitate and expedite certification process.

Mr. Rene Navarro provided a provided a presentation on Joint Commission survey:

- EHN underwent a re-accreditation by the Joint Commission on May 8-10, 2019. Two surveyors were on site.
- Tracer types conducted by surveyors include individual and system activity.
- No findings plotted as either High nor Immediate Threat to Life. EHN received a total of 17 findings, 8 are considered Moderate Likelihood and 9 Low Likelihood.
- Final re-accreditation report received resulting in EHN status as an accredited organization for the next three years.
- A corrective action plan addressing the findings will be submitted to The Joint Commission within 30 days from the date received. This plan will be presented at Planning and Development Committee for review.

**C. Receive presentation regarding program operation**

Ms. April Corral, Director of Recovery and Community Integration provided the following:

- Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Program (FACT) overview was presented. Program is an adaptation to deliver structured, intensive services to meet the multiple, individualized needs of persons involved with the criminal justice system.
- FACT has a current census of nine consumers and one caseworker

**D. Receive presentation regarding Intellectual Development Disabilities (IDD) Continuum of Care.**

Mr. Rene Hurtado provided the following points:

- To further enhance El Paso's service provision for IDD individuals' providers of community-based services and support came together to conduct a community scan of every resource available in the catchment area. Continuum of Care includes opportunities and challenges that providers, consumers and their support network face when navigating the complex system of service provision. It provides a vital road map for future resource allocation, advocacy and opportunities for enrichment and advancement.
- Texas Council for Development Disabilities (TCDD) has reviewed the continuum document and seeking approval to utilize the continuum of care as a tool to develop future project.

**E. Receive presentation regarding Morgan's Wonderland.**

Two IDD clients attended the Morgan's Wonderland event in San Antonio. A video of the trip was presented. Clients expressed their experience and were great full for the opportunity. Claudia Guerra, Day-Habilitation Program Manager oversees the program.

## **F. Committee updates**

### **1. Board Public Relations committee report.**

Representative Alessandra Annello reported the following points for the meeting held on May 8, 2019:

- KVIA Opioid Crisis special report, KDBC Youth Suicide interview and Veterans One Stop budget workshop.
- One San Jacinto Plaza building goes green for Mental Health Awareness month.
- EHN will be hosting National Council's Addressing Health Disparities, July 23-25. Leadership nationwide will be in attendance. EHN will have one day on agenda to highlight El Paso, EHN system of care and justice involved partnerships
- Reviewed year 2 reporting of strategic plan

### **2. Board Planning and Development committee report.**

Dr. Peter Thompson reported the following points for the meeting held on May 8, 2019:

- All documentation for CCBHC was submitted to the State
- Forensic ACT Program overview was presented
- Five of the six legislative bills EHN submitted continue to move through the legislative process

### **3. Board Human Resources committee report.**

Ms. Joyce Wilson reported the following points for the meeting held on May 9, 2019:

- Turnover at 18.65%; time to fill 50 days
- Loss Analysis Report – 29 claims total cost of \$11k for FY19; slip trip or fall is the highest cost of injuries
- Reviewed FY19 reporting of strategic plan

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

Representative Alessandra Annello reported the following points for the meeting held May 8, 2019:

- Press release regarding yoga classes at the Veterans coverage from KFOX, Channel 26 and 9
- EHN hosted a SAMSHA Intercept training for the justice involved patient
- Pride Fest held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, EHN created their logo

### **5. Board Finance/Executive Committee report.**

Mr. David Driscoll reported the following point for the meeting held May 16, 2019:

- EHN held a meeting with the County Judge on May 9<sup>th</sup>; Judge will ask the state to open EHN's Local Service Plan to formally request an amendment to include EHN as the Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA). This will result in creating an ad hoc committee composed of the current entities providing treatment in the community.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:15 PM.**

Approval Date: July 25, 2019  
By: Peter M. Thompson  
Dr. Peter Thompson, Board Secretary