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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 28, 2015 at 5:34 PM

Central Administration, Boardroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 1600 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas

**PRESENT: CINTRON, ESCAMILLA (5:40 pm), BARTLETT (5:50 pm), PEYTON,  
STOUT and HOWARD**

**ABSENT: AGUIRRE**

#### 1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- a. **Call to Order and Certification of a Quorum**  
Quorum was certified.
- b. **Public Comment**  
There was no one signed up to speak.

#### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes from March 26, 2015.
- B. Appointment of Ngoni Griffith for membership on Planning Network Advisory Committee (PNAC).
- C. Award of bid and approve and authorize CEO to execute contract with Spectrum Technologies, Inc. for terminal servers.
- D. Approve and authorize CEO to execute contract with Level 3 Communications, Inc., for internet services.

**EHNBOT Action: Peyton moved/Stout seconded to approve items a, through d. Motion Carried (4/0)**

Mr. Cintron welcomed the new Board Trustees, Ms. Pam Howard, Ms. Kathleen Peyton, and Com. David Stout and he read a bio of each member. Also, he welcomed and introduced Ms. Gilda Lopez recently elected to serve as Chair of the Emergence Health Network PNAC.

#### 3. REPORTS

##### A. **Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC)**

Ms. Lopez expressed her enthusiasm on serving as Chair of PNAC. She stated that one of her goals is to encourage membership from mental health. There is a focus on the new programs such as the YES Waiver and monitoring what is happening at the state level and all legislation associated to the delivery of service. (Report included in the backup.)

##### B. **Chief Financial Officer's Report regarding EHN Financials.**

- April compared to single month budget without the 1115 Waiver is at \$109k versus a \$23k loss. The variance is made up of higher ICFIDD revenue and higher ICFIDD UPL (UPL program is strictly an ICF program whereas the entity sends money to the state and

\$0.40 of each \$1 is matched at \$0.60. Also, a lower medication cost as a result of in-house pharmacy contributed to the variance.

- YTD basis \$41k loss compared to a \$647k loss and this is due to a higher MAC Revenue payment which is based on the higher number of direct care positions.
- In comparing April 2014 with present there were no 1115 Waiver projects and the EOU had just opened; however didn't see patients until later. \$290k over compared to last year due to lower medication costs and construction of the EOU.
- YTD \$554k less than last year due to a lower fee for service revenue. Productivity is being monitored for turnaround. There is less debt expense.
- Mr. Cintron encouraged members of the board to meet on a one on one with Ms. Motts for clarification on the terms and various programs. He stressed that they need to be aware of the financial impact on the services available.
- Health Fund is showing a gain of \$11k due to increases in January to employer and employee premiums. Moving forward monies left over in the fund at the end of the fiscal year will be left in the fund or put back in General Fund.
- Sun City made \$17k compared to a budgeted \$6k, primarily due to reclassification of services provided in the EOU and charged to Sun City.
- Revenues were lower than budget due to a loss earlier in the year due to low hospital visits.

**C. Chief Executive Officer's Report regarding EHN Operations.**

Ms. Daugherty noted that individual reports from each division are included under Tab 3 of the previously distributed binders. She distributed the cards depicting the organization's accomplishments during the previous month.

Mr. Navarro traditionally shares compliance updates on progress made within the various agencies.

Ms. Daugherty noted that a complete overhaul of the system was initiated in the fall due to lower than budgeted revenues. A reorganization of staffing and processes has resulted in improved productivity and revenues.

There are a lot of initiatives underway to increase access to services for everyone which are mirroring initiatives in place in San Antonio, Texas, to include substance abuse recovery.

Ms. Sandoval, COO of MH Services explained that steps are in place to address the lag time from when the patient is assessed to when they are provided with an appointment, etc. The steps taken have proven to be an effective process whereas the organization is capturing assessments in a timely basis and forwarding on to the state for data submission and a timely turnaround for the clients.

Ms. Peyton inquired on the anticipated timeframe for implementation of the substance abuse program and it was noted that would be approximately six months or less and the organization is actively recruiting trained personnel for that program. Dr. Thornburg is providing consultation for the program as he is an addictionologist.

Ms. Davis contributed that various entities in the community are very happy that EHN is taking on this program to address both mental and addiction problems in the community. A grant was received from the city to add addiction personnel to current programming.

**D. Receive a Legislative Session Update.**

Mr. Hurtado noted that June 1, 2015 is the end of the session and it is anticipated that there will be good financial outcomes for mental health. Texas House and Senate passed their budgets and the joint budget is expected to pass shortly. The following increases will be forthcoming from that session; 1) \$46m for outpatient mental health treatment and will be distributed to the 39 entities statewide, 2) \$31m for alternative measures to