



**Executive Committee Meeting Notes**

August 1, 2019

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

221 N. Kansas, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Attendees:**

Joshua Acevedo  
Dr. India Caldwell-Cox  
Zulema Carrillo  
Chrystal Davis  
Mia Goldman  
Annette Gutierrez  
Rene Hurtado  
Carolina Martinez  
Enrique Mata  
Benjamin Miranda  
Paula Mitchell  
Dr. Tewiana Norris  
Dr. Ricardo Reyna  
Dr. Eden Robles  
Diana Schultz  
Ivonne Tapia  
Isidro Torres  
Dr. John Wiebe  
Richard Wiles  
Tracy Yellen

**Representing:**

Empower Change  
El Paso Behavioral Health System  
El Paso Psychiatric Center  
Emergence Health Network  
El Paso Behavioral Health System  
Rio Grande COG  
Emergence Health Network  
Empower Change  
Paso del Norte Health Foundation  
Cohen Veterans Network/Endeavors  
El Paso Community College  
Emergence Health Network  
Private Practice  
Empower Change  
Rio Vista Behavioral Health  
Aliviane  
NAMI El Paso  
University of Texas at El Paso  
El Paso County Sheriff  
Paso del Norte Health Foundation

**1:30 pm– 1:35 pm Welcome, Introductions**

- Ms. Tracy Yellen convened the meeting of the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium (EPBHC) at 1:32 p.m.
- Dr. Ricardo Reyna, private physician, was introduced as a new member who is interested in will joining the ILC.

**1:35 pm – 1:45 pm El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium Progress Summit**

- Dr Robles spoke to the EPBHC about the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium Progress Summit. She shared a save the date for October 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Keynote Speaker, Commander Kari Hearod
  - Dr. Courtney Phillips, Health and Human Services Commission
  - State Representative Joe Moody
  - Dr. Lakey from UT System
- The group discussed some possible accomplishments to include in the
  - Endeavors is working on mental health of families and veterans to identify needs in this community.
  - Data from the CIT program that EHN implemented can be presented at the summit.
  - Collaborative grant proposals around trauma informed care could be highlighted.
  - Please forward any other ideas to Mr. Enrique Mata or Dr. Eden Robles.
  - Progress Summit will take place from about 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Don Haskins Center.

**1:45 pm – 1:55 pm National Council for Behavioral Health Visits El Paso**

- Mr. Rene Hurtado discussed the National Council's visit and their decision to host one of their cohorts in El Paso.
  - This is usually held in larger cities and it was a great honor to host the cohort here from July 23-25.
  - The cohort that visited is comprised of 25 behavioral health executives chosen from across the country to address health disparities.
  - There will be three meetings over a year. The first was held in Washington, D.C. and El Paso was the second location. The third location has not been announced.
  - The first day they were here, panel discussions focused on El Paso, including justice issues and border health. Leaders from the medical school, Sheriff's office, and El Paso Police Department sat on the panels.
  - The cohort toured the jails and saw the services provided by EHN.
  - The National Council has already requested technical advice based on collaborations and partnerships that were found on their visit.

## 1:55 pm – 2:20 pm Leadership Council Progress

### *Family Leadership Council*

- Ivonne spoke about the Family Leadership Council's synergy and collaboration with community partners in relationship building.
- THC Felony Task Force was formed during the last meeting. There are children that are not usually in trouble with the law and unaware of the consequences of being caught with THC. It is a felony in Texas. Enrique mentioned the County Attorney's office is at the table.

### *Justice Leadership Council*

- Ms. Chrystal Davis informed the group that the mental health court application was submitted and they are waiting to see if it is approved or denied.
- She also mentioned that the Sequential Intercept Map was in the process of being revised and updated to include CIT and the EHN Forensic Fact team.
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care made a visit in March and identified 16 minor deficiencies and they have been working to correct these findings. They hope to receive accreditation in the future. The Sheriff said he appreciates an outside agency coming into the facilities and providing constructive criticism.

### *Integration Leadership Council*

- The council adopted the Integrated Practice Assessment Tool (IPAT) to determine how integrated a primary care location is in integrating behavioral health. Empower Change is distributing the IPAT via email. Mr. Mata said he wants to assess the data collected from the IPAT to help understand where the community is on integration.
- Empower Change is coordinate efforts with TTUHSC on a second CME event in Septeber. Last year's event focused more on primary care and this year it will focus on behavioral health and primary care. The target audience will be physicianas and nurse practitioners.
- PHIX received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson foundation to integrate the PHQ9 in the health information exchange. There was a concern about confidentiality, but Emily Hartmann found a way to share information to protect mental health information and make information accessible. The PHIX has all local hospitals on board, except HCA. Physican practices are also not on board.
- This past legislative session passed Senate Bill 11, which created the Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN). This will be housed at TTUHSC and will have a dedicated hotline for pediatricains. It takes effect in September and will include psychiatric consultation, a continuing education component, and workforce development. Mr. Mata said it would be important to engage private practioners and not limit it to one group.

**1:55 pm – 2:20 pm 2:30 pm Other Buisness**

- Ms. Yellen announced the Engage & Excel Conference, scheduled in Austin on September 26 and 27. The Texas Tribune Festival will be held right after Engage & Excel.
- Mr. Benjamin Miranda, from Endeavors, mentioned they are working on telehealth counseling focused on five counties. It launched five months ago and they have had the possibility of seeing more people throughout this time. They hope to take this into the jail system, especially to target veterans.

**Adjourn (Tracy Yellen)**

- Ms. Yellen adjourned the meeting at 2:33pm.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium Executive Committee is scheduled quarterly at 1:30 p.m. at Paso del Norte Health Foundation.

The next meeting of The El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium Executive Committee is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Paso del Norte Health Foundation. For more information, contact Joshua Acevedo at [jacevedo3@utep.edu](mailto:jacevedo3@utep.edu) or (915) 747-7707.