



Meeting Notes

February 7, 2019

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

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor – Board Room

Attendees:

Joshua Acevedo
Alexsandra Anello
Sharon Butterworth
Zulema Carrillo
Chrystal Davis
Stephen Ellsesser
Cathy Gaytan
Emily Hartmann
Cindy Hernandez
Tasha Hopper
Carolina Martinez
Enrique Mata
Kathy Revtyak
Dr. Eden Robles
Diana Schultz
Ivonne Tapia
Dr. Peter Thompson
Guillermo Valenzuela
Sheriff Richard Wiles
Tracy Yellen

Representing:

Empower Change
City of El Paso Representative, District 2
Paso Del Norte Health Foundation Board
El Paso Psychiatric Center
Emergence Health Network
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El Paso Child Guidance Center
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Emergence Health Network
The Hospitals of Providence
Empower Change
Paso del Norte Health Foundation
El Paso Child Guidance Center
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Rio Vista Behavioral Health
Aliviane
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Aliviane
El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Paso del Norte Health Foundation

1:35 – 1:40 – Welcome, Introductions (Tracy Yellen)

- Ms. Tracy Yellen convened meeting at 1:35 p.m. and called for brief introductions.

1:40– 2:03 – 86th Legislative Session Play by Play (Stephen Ellsesser)

- Mr. Ellsesser presented a thorough presentation on potential legislative interests of the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium during the 86th Legislative Session outlining the following bills:
 - **Senate Bill 10** Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium-Sponsored by Senator Jane Nelson
 - **House Bill 1448** Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium-Sponsored by Representative John Zerwas
 - **Senate Bill 63** Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium-Sponsored by Senator Jane Nelson
 - **House Bill 198** Relating to providing mental health services and mental health education to public school students at school-based health centers-Sponsored by Representative Shawn Thierry
 - **Senate Bill 593** Relating to access to a county jail prisoner's health benefits coverage information for mental health service providers-Sponsored by Senator Jose Rodriguez
 - Medicaid Expansion proposal on mental health illness diagnostic
 - **Senate Bill 147** Relating to the expansion of Medicaid coverage of new mothers up to a year after child-Sponsored by Senator Jose Rodriguez
 - **House Bill 767** Relating to the evaluation of and reporting on certain Medicaid waiver projects-Sponsored by Representative Sarah Davis
 - **House Bill 220** Relating to the reimbursement of health care providers under Medicaid-Sponsored by Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins
 - **House Bill 501** Relating to the requirement and study of insurance coverage for serious emotional disturbance of a child-Sponsored by Representative Senfronia Thompson

2:03 – 2:18 –Leadership Council Progress

- **Family Leadership Council: (Ivonne Tapia & Cathy Gaytan)**
 - Ms. Tapia explained to the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium that the Family Leadership Council had created four collaborative workgroups to put into action the Family Leadership Council's action plans. The workgroups are the following:
 - Foster Care Workgroup
 - Outpatient Workgroup
 - Community Collaborations Workgroup
 - School Based Mental Health Workgroup
 - Ms. Cathy Gaytan spoke about the HHS grant, a grant that was awarded to the Border Collaborative to decrease referrals to the Child Protective Services. The grant also consists of a Trauma Informed Initiative and initiatives focused on services for children and families
- **Justice Leadership Council: (Sheriff Richard Wiles & Cindy Hernandez)**

Sheriff Wiles and Cindy Hernandez discussed several focal points of the Justice Leadership Council, which consisted of:

- Re-entry Support Services with case workers who focus on the homeless population to prevent recidivism and to provide services
 - The Justice Leadership Council reached consensus on a Mental Health Court in El Paso and is looking to proceed with the next steps
 - Cindy Hernandez explained that the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) was launched after receiving a grant from SAMHSA. The training consists of pairing police officers with clinical staff on the streets. A CIT unit was sent out on Super Bowl Sunday, which helped de-escalate situations. She also mentioned that there is working being conducted with 911 to push out training. The goal is to have 14 CIT units in the near future.
 - Sequential intercept mapping was also discussed, which will consist of criminal justice strategic planning and risk assessment.
 - Emergence Health Network applied for the SAMHSA Gains Center Learning Collaborative to conduct two webinars and one on-site training to implement best practices in the justice system. If awarded the grant the SAMHSA Gains Center Learning Collaborative training will be scheduled for May 7-8 and will require help from Stakeholders to make training a success.
- **Integration Leadership Council (Emily Hartmann)**
 - BPC supervision course with Richard Salcido is scheduled in April
 - LCSW Supervision Training at UTEP is scheduled for March 7th
 - Primary Care Physicians of Texas Tech and Empower Change will be working in collaboration to create the PHQ9 patient data sharing infrastructure

2:18 – 2:23 – Progress Summit Planning (Eden Robles & Joshua Acevedo)

- Dr. Robles and Joshua Acevedo informed members that El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium summit planning would start soon. Dr. Robles asked members to vote on a date and location for the summit. El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium members voted to schedule summit date for October 24th at the Don Hawkins center. Dr. Robles informed members that planning committee is open to suggestions on speakers and possible panels.

2:23 – 2:30 – Roundtable Updates (Enrique Mata)

- Mr. Mata informed members that the Rio Vista Behavioral Health plans to open its facility on February 13th and will host its grand opening of its comprehensive mental health and substance use facility. The facility will provide:
 - Acute 7-8 day treatment
 - Individualized treatment for man, woman, and children
 - 80 bed facility
- Otero County is getting ready to launch its strategic planning
- Juarez will be putting out a report, which focuses on suicide
- Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute will be hosting the Engage & Excel Conference in Austin from September 26th - 27th for community leaders, mental health professionals, law enforcement and stakeholders from across Texas who are working to improve their local behavioral health services.

2:30 – 2:33 – Other Business (Sharon Butterworth)

- Sharon Butterworth thanked consortium members for hard work and efforts. She also requested 15 minutes be added to meeting time. Consortium members agreed.

2:32 p.m. – Adjourn (Tracy Yellen)

Ms. Tracy Yellen adjourned meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium Executive Committee agreed to have quarterly meetings 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, May 2nd at Paso del Norte Health Foundation. For more information, contact Carolina Martinez at dcmartinez3@utep.edu or (915) 747 – 5493.