



Meeting Notes

July 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor

El Paso, Texas 79901

Meeting Room C

Attendees:

Tanya Berry
Sharon Butterworth
Gerardo Briones
Mariana Cardenas
Andrew Castaneda
April Corral
Linda Corchado
David Cotchery
Sandra Day
Shirley Del Campo
Dr. Fernando Doval
Adrian Duran
Janine Gallinar
Catherine Garcia
Elisa Garcia
Jennifer Garcia
Cathy Gaytan
Cindy Hernandez
Vanessa Leon
Ismael Lopez
Victoria Lopez-Unzueta
Enrique Mata
Natalie Mendez

Representing:

Texas DFPS Child Protective Services
PdN Center at Meadows Institute
Texas Tech Health Sciences Center El Paso
El Paso Child Guidance Center
Child Crisis Center of El Paso
Texas Tech Health Sciences Center El Paso
Children At Risk
Veterans Outreach
Paso del Norte Health Foundation
CASA of El Paso
Texas Tech Health Sciences Center El Paso
El Paso Center for Children
Children's Grief Center of El Paso
El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department
El Paso Psychiatric Center
Child Crisis Center of El Paso
El Paso Child Guidance Center
Emergence Health Network
Heart Gallery of El Paso
Endeavors
United Way of El Paso
Paso del Norte Center at Meadows Institute
CASA of El Paso

Ben Miranda	Endeavors
Devin Miranda	La Familia del Paso
Celeste Nevarez	Emergence Health Network
Doris Ogribene	Emergence Health Network
Claudia Ornelas	El Paso Community College
Jana Renner	Paso del Norte Health Foundation
Dr. Monica Reyes	Canutillo Independent School District
Nicole Schiff	Paso del Norte Center of Hope
Julie Scott	Canutillo ISD School Health Advisory Council
Dr. Emily Steussy	El Paso Independent School District
David Stout	El Paso County Commissioner – Pct. 2
Ivonne Tapia	Aliviane Inc/FLC Chair
Wes Temple	Region 19 Education Services Center
Daniela Vargas	County of El Paso
Tracy Yellen	Paso del Norte Health Foundation

Welcome and Introductions

Ivonne Tapia convened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and called for introductions.

Region 19 and Hb 1481 Implementation

Wes Temple and Dr. Monica Reyes led a discussion on the recent passing of HB 1481 to ban smart phone use during the school day. The group focused the discussion on the known and potential emotional health impacts as school districts implement the changes by September 20th (as the law explains is required). The discussion included positive impacts such as preliminary data from other communities showing that student behaviors and grade improved. The group emphasized that planning and implementing ways to help the change lead to positive results was needed. This led to a call from the group and the FLC Chair, Ivonne Tapia, to initiate a Task Force. The group discussed the importance of having the youth voice included as the task force develops. Chief Medina expressed concern that a mix of youth voices are needed, not just high achievers who tend to be selected because they are seeking out volunteer opportunities. She offered her staff to work with the task force to ensure a diverse cross section of youth can provide input. Enrique Mata and Josue Lachica will work to set up the first meeting for this Task Force before the next FLC General Meeting. Related PowerPoint slides are included with these notes.

The following are some related links on this topic:

- recently released book called ["The Anxious generation: How the great rewiring of childhood is causing an epidemic of mental illness."](#)
- [A Podcast with Jonathan Haidt -Summarizing the Anxious Generation Book](#)
- A June 2024 USA Today article ["States and School Districts Weigh in on Cell Phones"](#)

- A [Good Morning America release](#) talking about similar changes being explored in other communities.

Additional Articles:

- [An Article on cell phone use restriction during the school day](#)
- [Why student cellphone restrictions may benefit your child | UCLA Health](#)
- [Banning Cell Phones at School: Safety Benefits and Drawbacks](#)
- [Mobile Phones in Schools: With or Without you? Comparison of Students' Anxiety Level and Class Engagement After Regular and Mobile-Free School Days - PMC](#)
- [\[2024-10-02\] K-12 smartphone bans do tremendous good for student...](#)
- [A No-Phone Zone? The Benefits of Limiting Cell Phones in Schools | University Hospitals](#)
- [School Cellphone Bans: Weighing the Benefits and Drawbacks - My Private Professor](#)

First Connection Work Group

Laura Marquez, First Connection Work Group lead, summarized the progress from the last meeting on June 17th. She and Josue Lachica emphasized the group is growing and how it needs to include more school partners. For the time being, the group agreed to on the second Tuesday of every other month (e.g. months when there is not an FLC General Meeting). The next meeting target date is August 12th at 9:00 am.

CPAN/TCHAT in 2025

Dr. Fernando Doval provided a brief presentation on the continuing growth and progress of the CPAN and TCHAT Programs. He shared that there are now sixty-five staff members under the initiative and provided data highlights on numbers of children and adults served, as well as the increasing number of child psychiatry residents and fellows practicing and eventually staying in the area as a result of this project. A data slide is included with these notes.

Specialty Care Work Group

Nicole Schiff summarized the activity from the meeting on June 24th. She then provided some de identified scenarios related to child and youth service gaps in El Paso County. One situation was particularly telling of the gaps El Paso has in serving youth under 17 years of age. Chief Medina reinforced the complexity of these situations and that they are seeing an increase in youth with trauma and in human trafficking conditions. Ms. Schiff also commented that Enrique Mata had shared a presentation on the site visit he and Josue Lachica made to Austin's Integral Care programs. The challenge for El Paso is to identify the optimal funding support necessary to maintain 24/7 care availability for individuals who need wraparound services and for those who require residential treatment. This Work Group is set up with a target monthly meeting structure for the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Other Business –

- **West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium (WTTICC)**

Mariana Cardenas provided an overview of the recent meetings the WTTICC had. She commented that the Child Guidance Center is seeking input on ways to share the knowledge and importance of trauma informed training and organizational practices. Ms. Cardenas called for anyone interested in participating with the WTTICC to please reach out to her at: mcardenas@epcgc.org .

- **Endeavors' new center**

Ben Miranda, Corporate External Affairs Officer for Endeavors, shared the exciting news that their new Health and Wellness Center on the east side of El Paso. He explained that the center's services have expanded since the center groundbreaking. In addition to Veterans and their families, services are now being offered for first responders and their families. He encourages the FLC partners to learn more about the Center and hopes everyone will set aside November 11th as their grand opening is being planned for that day. PowerPoint slides are included with these notes. For more information, contact Ben Miranda, Jr. at: bmiranda@endeavors.org or Ismael Lopez at: ilopez@endeavors.org

Adjourn – Ivonne Tapia Adjourned the meeting at 9:59 am







FLC July 8th Agenda:



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Region 19 and Hb 1481 Implementation



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West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium (WTTIC)



Endeavors new center





Adjourn



Region 19 and Hb 1481 Implementation

HB 1481 – Signed by the Governor June 20th

-  Requires the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to adopt, implement, and ensure the district or school complies with a written policy prohibiting a student from using a personal communication device while on school property during the school day.
-  The policy must establish disciplinary measures to be imposed for violation and may provide for confiscation of the device.

HB 1481 – Signed by the Governor June 20th

The policy may provide for the school district or open-enrollment charter school to comply by:




- 1) prohibiting a student from bringing a personal communication device on school property; or
- 2) designating a method for the storage of a student's personal communication device while the student is on school property during the school day; and
- 3) dispose of a confiscated personal communication device in any reasonable manner after having provided the student's parent 90 days' prior notice in writing of the district's or school's intent to dispose of that device.

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In adopting the policy, the board of trustees or governing body must authorize the use of a personal communication device:

- 1) necessary to implement an individualized education program, a 504 plan, or similar;
- 2) by a student with a documented need based on a directive from a qualified physician; or
- 3) necessary to comply with a health or safety requirement imposed by law or as part of the district's or school's safety protocols.

HB 1481 – Signed by the Governor June 20th

-  The bill was signed by Governor Abbott on June 20th and went into effect immediately.
-  The board of trustees of each school district or the governing body of each charter school have to adopt the new policy in 90 days (September 20).
-  Local districts must do this. It is anticipated that there will be variance at the local level about how each district implements.



CPAN / TCHATT in 2025

TCMHCC Far West Texas HUB – TTUHSC El Paso

CPWE - Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion

3 rotations with 29 Residents and Fellows this year

Non LMHA - 634 unique patients served YTD

LMHA – 437 unique patients served YTD

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship expansion

4 first-year fellows totaling 7 fellows 2025-2026

TCHATT MOUs with over 31 Independent School Districts:

2,258 unique students serviced

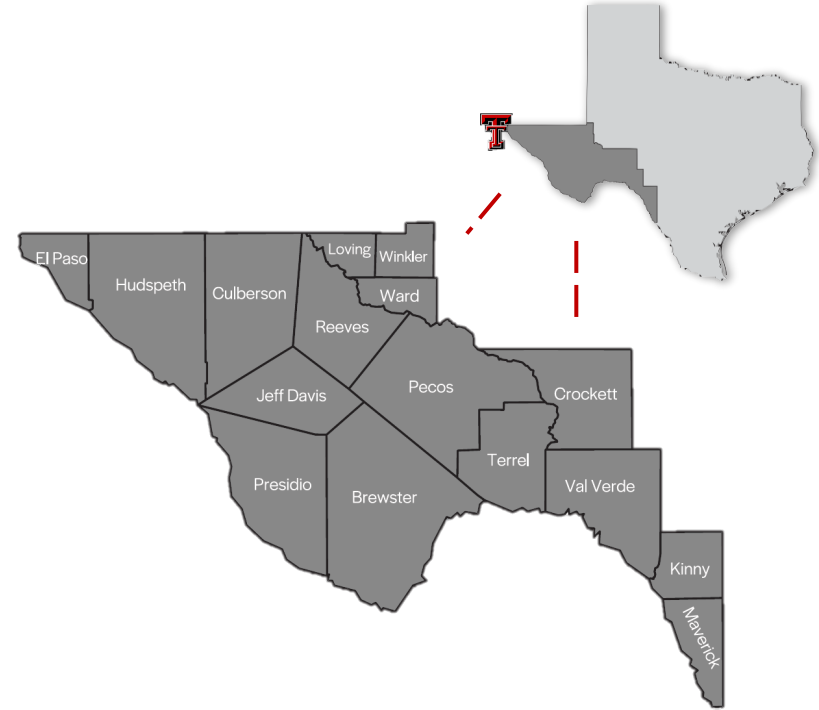
13,319 sessions provided

CPAN/PeriPAN Enrolled Clinics: 121 and Providers: 631

2,839+ unique CPAN Consultations

407+ 1x Consults (Direct Consults) scheduled

Staffing Supported (partially and full time) by current funding: 65



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Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium



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Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute



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West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium



The West Texas Trauma Informed Consortium, is a hub for trauma- and grief-informed care in the western region of Texas that disseminates best practice knowledge and skills, training, consultation, technical assistance, and opportunities for professional and systems collaboration.

LOGO DESCRIPTION

Hummingbirds are an important and symbolic bird in our region. They symbolize life and rebirth.

The logo uses different colors to show the movement of the bird to reflect how West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium continues to move forward to help children and families suffering from trauma-related issues. It also symbolizes the benefits of treatment children and families get from the services provided by West Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium.

- The orange and yellow in the wings symbolize who the community is coming together to help children and families suffering from trauma-related issues. Both colors represent the poppies that have become a symbol of our community.
- Yellow also represents joy and happiness, while orange represents health and regeneration.
- The solo pink wing symbolizes the community coming together as one to work for our fellow community members



Endeavors' New Center

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HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER



SERVING COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 55 YEARS

In 1969, five San Antonio Presbyterian churches saw a need in San Antonio. Together, they knew they could help.

Led by the Rev. Dr. Louis Zbinden of San Antonio's First Presbyterian Church, they created the San Antonio Urban Council to provide health care, education, homelessness support, senior citizen support, and childcare to low-income San Antonio families.

Endeavors, and many other community nonprofits, grew from this initial effort.

1969



Snow on [First Presbyterian] church and building rooftops, San Antonio, Tex., 1949, San Antonio Light Photograph Collection, MS 359, University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries Special Collections.

Today

Today, Endeavors continues to find ways to serve those in need, working hard to expand programs and services.



PASO del NORTE CENTER
Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute



MISSION



Endeavors passionately serves vulnerable people in crisis through our innovative, personalized approach.

We seek to provide comprehensive, effective, and innovative services that encourage growth, allowing people to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities.

VISION



We are committed to providing a helping hand to restore dignity and improve the quality of life for every client, every time, in every community we serve.

CORE COMPETENCIES

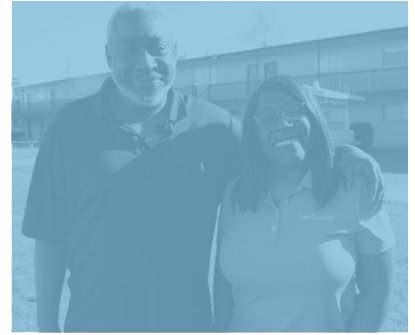
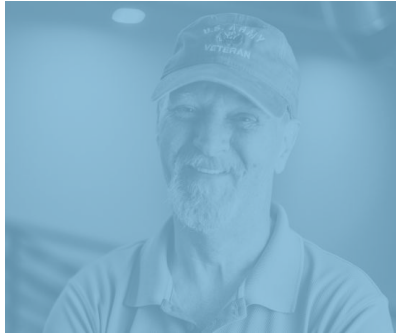


Personalized Case Management

Mental Health & Wellness

Rapid Response

Sheltering Vulnerable Populations



WHO WE SERVE

- Active-duty military, veterans, first responders, and their families
- Families facing homelessness
- Communities recovering from disasters
- People with chronic physical and/or mental disabilities
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Children in crisis, including those in foster care and young adults aging out of foster

A Proud History of Support

Endeavors is proud to serve El Pasoans through:

- Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Endeavors
- Veteran Supportive Services
- Homelessness Prevention Services
- Customs & Border Protection Workforce Readiness
- Victim of Crime Assistance Program
- Disaster & Critical Incident Shelter Support



What's next: The Endeavors Health and Wellness Center



15 minutes from William Beaumont Army Medical Center

20 minutes from Fort Bliss

Community spaces

Medical and **wellness** services

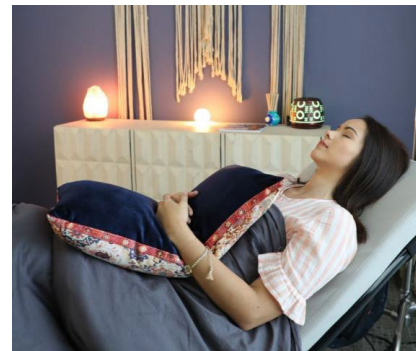
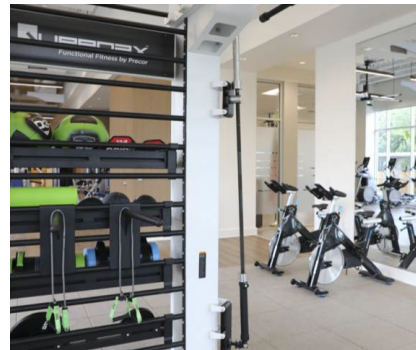
Mental health

**counseling Offices &
professional services**

The Endeavors Fitness Center

- Equipment is fully adaptable for Wounded Warriors
- Yoga, HiiT Classes, Zumba, and other functional fitness offerings
- Personal training sessions
- Guided group/individual meditation offerings
- Mindfulness coaching
- Reiki, breathwork, and a relaxation room

Open to everyone and offering a full-range of equipment and courses.



Other services

We surveyed almost 1,500 individuals to determine the needs of El Paso's veteran and active-duty service member community. While we are open to all, we are prioritizing services that can aid our veteran, service members, first responders, and their families with mental health care, housing, education, case management, and readiness services.

Cohen Veterans Network

Housing Programs

University of Texas at El Paso

Wounded Warrior Project

Supportive Services for
Veteran Families

Employment Assistance

Customs & Border

K9s for Warriors

El Paso Sheriff's Department

City of El Paso

Banking services

Family Medical Practice

Chiropractic Care

Pharmacy

Mental Health Counseling and Peer
Support

Physical and Occupational Therapy

Massage Therapy

Psychiatry

Family Medical Practice

Acupuncture

Endeavors Cafe

Supporting the Community

Center will support growth on the east side

- Conveniently **located between the 79936 and 79938 zip code**, two of the most heavily veteran-populated zip codes in El Paso
- **Nearby veteran resources** include William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, and the new VA Hospital
- **Numerous medical specialties along the 375 East corridor**, and only 1.5 miles from Providence East Hospital
- Also hiring **mental health counselors, case managers, life skill coordinators, personal trainers, and landscaping and maintenance employees**

Green Spaces & Recreational Areas



Community Meeting Room



Endeavors Café



Check us out!



Grand Opening

Thursday, Nov 13

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Here to Help

Benjamin Miranda

Corporate External Affairs Officer, Endeavors

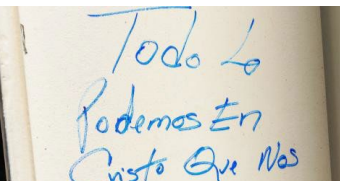
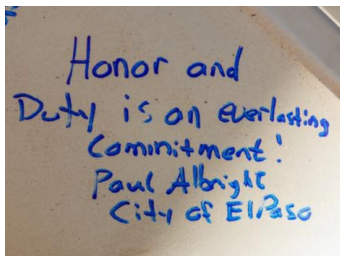


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Other Business



NEXT MEETING



September 9, 2025, 8:30 am



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