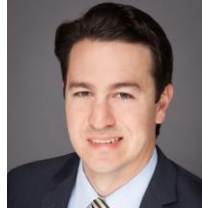


“CONSORTIUM 2030” GENERAL MEETING

**8:30 am – 11:30 am,
Thursday, May 14, 2026**

**Endeavors Health and Wellness Center
12135 Pebble Hills Blvd
El Paso, TX 79936**



**With Special Guest: Nelson Jarrin, JD
Senior Vice President of State Policy for The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute
and**

Consortium progress Presentations by Community Leaders including:



Tracy J. Yellen
*President and CEO
Paso del Norte Community Foundation
Paso del Norte Health Foundation*



Rene Hurtado
*Chief of Staff
Emergence Health Network*



The Honorable Anna Perez
Judge of the 41st District Court



Ivonne Tapia
*CEO
Aliviane, Inc.*

Agenda

Morning Snacks and Networking

Welcome: Tracy Yellen, Consortium Chair, CEO,
Paso del Norte Health Foundation/Paso del Norte Community Foundation

Guest Speaker: Interim Charges for the 90th Legislative Session and Update on Sunset review
Nelson Jarrin, JD, Senior Vice President Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

Consortium Overview

Sandra Day, Program Officer, Paso del Norte Health Foundation

Consortium 2030 “Progress and Proactive Strategizing” for El Paso County

JLC Chair & Panel Moderator: The Honorable Anna Perez, 41st District Court Judge

FLC Chair & Panel Moderator: Ivonne Tapia, CEO, Aliviane, Inc.

Closing Remarks and Adjourn

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The El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium is a convening instrument to help foster, strengthen and properly recognize the integral partnerships that create change. Since 2015, El Paso County has grown in communication, coordination and collaboration leading to significant improvements in the behavioral health system of care. The following are selected examples from a growing list of community accomplishments:

- ✓ Emergence Health Network, through a 45+ million dollar Texas Health and Human Services appropriation, will expand their crisis stabilization services adding a new east side campus that will include services for child and youth care in addition to adult services.
- ✓ Project Vida Health Center developed an accredited community psychiatric residency program. A unique model to help increase the number of psychiatrists in the community.
- ✓ Consortium partners continue to experience success at securing funding for services. For example, more than 20 million in federal grants were secured to serve individuals and families over the next few years. Success comes from maintaining unified priorities, up to date data, and trust for collaboration with area partners. These additional resources and others will help El Paso County increase availability of service options for individuals in need of services.
- ✓ Rio Vista Behavioral Health Hospital opened in 2019 to add 80 additional mental health inpatient care beds including capacity for up to 52 adolescent inpatient care patients. In 2026 the hospital now offers 152 beds and is also expanding its outpatient service options for El Paso County.
- ✓ NAMI El Paso is one of the most successful NAMI Chapters in the United States. They now have more than 100 trained volunteers and peer support specialists, and offer 14 different programs available for those interested in learning more.
- ✓ Emergence Health Network now offers a range of mental health education programs through its Mental Health Learning Library. Organizations and agencies can now seek out programs like Mental Health First Aid, brief educational programs on mental health topics such as anxiety and depression, and targeted training on topics such as suicide prevention, grief management, stress reduction and how to seek out appropriate services.
- ✓ Region 19 Education Services Center is working with school district administrators and staff to build a culture of support and acceptance using the Multi-Tiered System of Support approach a Texas Education Agency (TEA) required model.
- ✓ Emergence Health Network is now offering First-Episode Psychosis Treatment options in its Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Program.
- ✓ El Paso Child Guidance Center and Children's Grief Center of El Paso staff are now trained in therapeutic approaches to address trauma and grief in children, youth and their caregivers.
- ✓ El Paso Center for Children is leading the Parent and Provider Café programs and a Parent Advisory Council. Provider Cafés work to build protective factors for families and prevent child maltreatment.
- ✓ Paso del Norte Children's Development Center is leading a Help Me Grow collaborative work group to improve connection, coordination and continuity of care for families with children ages 0-8 years of age. The project now includes a group of more than seven local pediatric providers who are actively engaged in Help Me Grow early intervention approaches.

The Consortium is committed to ongoing collaboration where all partners are welcome, empowered, and unified to achieve an ideal behavioral health service and support system and to reduce the burden of mental illness by designing improved, efficient, and patient-centered care for El Paso County residents. **For more information about the work of the Consortium Leadership Councils scan the following QR code:**

