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**Consortium 2030  
Community Behavioral Health General Meeting**

The El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium will bring together behavioral health stakeholders, health professionals, civic and business leaders, and public officials for a special Consortium 2030 general meeting.

Nelson Jarrin, JD, Executive Vice President for State Policy for the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, will share policy updates related to the Rural Health Transformation Program, sunset review process, and state interim charges for the upcoming 90th Texas Legislative Session.

The event also provides an opportunity to hear from local leaders and recognize the efforts of organizations and agencies working together to improve community mental health and substance use services and support systems. This public event will be held on:

**Thursday, May 14, 2026  
8:30 am - 11:30 am  
at  
Endeavors Health and Wellness Center  
12135 Pebble Hills Blvd  
El Paso, TX 79936**

The El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium engages stakeholders and existing community action groups through its Leadership Councils (Family Leadership Council, Justice Leadership Council, and Integration Leadership Council) to support data-informed, coordinated efforts to address service gaps and improve continuity and access to care where and when needed. The Consortium 2030 event will launch new data reports, community-informed action plans, and it will recognize the community success that has developed from the ongoing Consortium partner collaboration.

“Consortium 2030 builds on years of collaboration with data and community-informed action plans designed to strengthen lasting system improvements,” said Tracy Yellen, CEO of Paso del Norte Health Foundation/Paso del Norte Community Foundation, and Chair of the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium.

Community leaders also emphasized the importance of sustaining momentum and continuing to expand support systems for individuals and families.

“In the years since the Consortium partners began collaborating, we have seen significant improvements and new resources come into the region. There is still much more work to do to achieve a lasting community culture of support and acceptance,” said Sharon Butterworth, Mental Health Advocate and Chair of the Paso del Norte Center Leadership Cabinet.

State policy leaders say recent investments have already created meaningful improvements in behavioral health access and infrastructure across the region.

“The Texas Legislature’s bipartisan commitment to behavioral health resulted in greater opportunities for timely access to mental health care and support. The 70% increase in behavioral health appropriations over the last decade has resulted in expanded access to evidence-based practices and lasting improvements in care options. These efforts have directly impacted the Paso del Norte region, including Emergence Health Network’s program expansions, Texas Tech University Health Science Center serving as the hub for the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium, and the development of new options for crisis stabilization and extended observation units. As the next legislative session begins, I expect more wins for El Paso,” said Nelson Jarrin, Executive Vice President for State Policy for the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute.

Organizers say the meeting is designed to strengthen partnerships and align efforts around long-term behavioral health solutions.

“Consortium 2030 provides a unique opportunity for stakeholders and community leaders from diverse backgrounds to come together to enact tangible change across El Paso’s behavioral health landscape. Together, we can transform mental healthcare in the Paso del Norte region and beyond,” said Enrique Mata, the Executive Director of the Paso del Norte Center at the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute.

To learn more about the El Paso Behavioral Health Consortium, visit <https://healthypasodelnorte.org/>.

*The Paso del Norte Health Foundation hosts this event as part of its leadership efforts to improve the health and quality of life in the Paso del Norte region.*

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