



Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

4:00-5:00 pm

Paso del Norte Health Foundation

221 N. Kansas, Meeting Room C

Welcome and Introductions:

Maria Carrillo convened the meeting at 4:03 pm and called for brief introductions. This meeting is set in a hybrid (both virtual and in person) format. Organizations represented include: PdN Center of Hope, El Paso Children's Grief Center, The University of Texas at El Paso Social Work Department, Paso del Norte Children's Development Center, El Paso Center for Children, NAMI El Paso, Paso del Norte Health Foundation, PdN Center at Meadows Institute, Centro San Vicente, Emergence Health Network, Aliviane Inc., Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, New Mexico Department of Health Office of Border Health, Time Done.

Special Presentation:

The H.O.P.E.+ Mobile Clinic Initiative and the La Mantia Family LCSW Supervision Program

Eva M. Moya, PhD, LMSW shared an informative presentation on the La Mantia Family contribution to improving workforce options for individuals who are challenged by the cost and community options to find supervision to complete requirements for licensure. The program is now has 26 students actively working with UTEP counseling supervisors. The targets are to have 36 students achieve licensure and identify a lasting pathway for this option to continue within the University system. The UT Rio Grande Valley system has a similar program developing under the La Mantia Family vision. Dr. Moya also shared the successes that the Department of Social Work had in recent years with the HOPE + Mobile Clinic Initiative. She explained that the social work students engage community organizations to bring program awareness and resource referral opportunities to communities in need. The program's target outcomes are for families in need in the greater El Paso area to experience improved access, earlier intervention, stronger community connections, and reduced health disparities. Dr. Moya called on Brain Trust partners to participate in the HOPE + initiative. Her team will be reaching out with opportunities to participate. The next event will be held in February of 2027. Dr. Moya responded to questions from the group. **Presentation slides and handout examples are included with these notes.**

Updates:

Maria Carrillo called for the group to share community updates.

Ms. Carrillo advised that the usual events that La Fe hosts during the holiday months are pending confirmation. For example, the sink hole at the scenic drive may keep the luminaria event from taking place this year. For more information visit: <https://lafe-ep.org/>

Additional Highlights include:

Sandra Day, Program Officer with Paso del Norte Health Foundation announced that the **Smoke Free Initiative is celebrating the 25th year of the Smoke Free ordinance in El Paso.** They are

hosting a **bi annual summit event on Wednesday, October 21st** . Opportunities for CEUs will be available. See the invite included with these notes.

Melissa Acosta advised that the NAMI Walk was a great success with over 1,500 participants on Saturday morning October 10th at Ascarate Lake. The event provided over \$80,000 in donations that stay in El Paso to help El Paso programs. For more information visit:

<https://namiep.org/upcoming> to view calendar. Phone: 915-778-5726; Email: office@namiep.org .

[El Paso Children's Grief Center](#) is offering a range of services to address grief. They just started a program to help survivors of crime

[Paso del Norte Center of Hope](#) – Cynthia Henry announced that the Center of Hope is offering \$75 chalet passes for the Amigo Airsho. These include a great view of the show with seating, food, and drinks. Contact are for sale. The Center of Hope is actively working to prevent human trafficking and to help those in need. For more information visit their website at the link posted [here](#).

Ms. Adriana Lopiccolo announced that [Paso del Norte Children's Development Center](#) has vacancies for their ECI program, ABA program, and pediatric therapy for children and young adults. For more information contact Adriana Lopiccolo at: adriana.lopiccolo@pdnchildrens.org or 915-544-8484

Ms. Julie Castillo with [Emergence Health Network](#) announced that EHN will host a Veteran's Day event on Tuesday November 10th at the Veterans one stop location: 10737 Gateway Blvd. West Suite 350.

Flyers or other information may be included below as part of these notes. For more information, please visit: <https://healthypasodelnorte.org/brain-trust/> or contact Enrique Mata at 915-253-0287, emata@mmhpi.org , or Josue Lachica at jlachica@mmhpi.org

Next Meeting:

The Brain Trust now has a standing in person meeting time of 4:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month.

The Next Brain Trust Network meeting will be a reception to celebrate the participation of area partners throughout the year. The meeting is scheduled for 3:00 – 500 pm, Tuesday, December 8th at Paso del Norte Health Foundation, 221 N. Kansas, 19th Floor Meeting Room C. For more information contact Enrique Mata at 915-253-0287, emata@mmhpi.org, or Josue Lachica at jlachica@mmhpi.org .



Summit Event Information Reminder

October 21st

Greetings!

We look forward to seeing you this Wednesday at the Paso del Norte Tobacco Control Network Summit. As we finalize preparations, we wanted to share a few important details to help you prepare for the event.

Event Details

Paso del Norte Tobacco Control Network Summit on Emerging Issues in Commercial Tobacco, Cannabis, and Vaping

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Radisson Hotel El Paso Airport

1770 Airway Blvd., El Paso, TX 79925

Important Logistics

- **Entrance:** Please use the side entrance of the hotel, as indicated on the attached map.
- **Check-in:** Begins at 9:00 a.m. The program starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.
- **Meals:** A light breakfast, lunch, and beverages will be provided.
- **Interpretation:** English-to-Spanish interpretation will be available throughout the summit.
- **Continuing education:** Credit has been approved for CME, NCPD, CHES, CPH, LPC, LP, and SW. Noncertified continuing contact hours will be provided for CHWs.

If your availability has changed and you are no longer able to attend, please let us know so we can update our headcount.

Department of Social Work

Dr. Eva M. Moya



Brain Trust Meeting
El Paso, TX
10/13/2026

Program Mission

Educate students from diverse backgrounds to become **ethical, competent, culturally responsive, and community-engaged generalist social work practitioners** equipped to practice (advanced) at the **micro, mezzo, and macro levels** to **promote social, racial, economic, and environmental justice** in partnership with the diverse population of the U.S.-Mexico border region and beyond; and **engage in high-impact, interprofessional practices and advance research-informed practice (transformative)** to **strengthen community well-being and enhance social and health equity.**





2026-2027 Enrollment Trends

BSW Program

73

Enrolled

38 Existing BSW
Seniors

Fall 2026 Cohort
34 Junior BSWs

MSW Program

125

Enrolled

32 Existing in-
person

43 In-person
incoming

16 Online
Second Year

34 Online
Incoming



UTEP
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LCSW SUPERVISION PROGRAM 2026

Application



More Information



Scan the QR codes to access the
application and view more info via the UTEP
Dept. of Social Work website

APPLY NOW



About the Program

A gift from the LaMantia Family through the Stars Scholarship Fund to the UTEP Department of Social Work was awarded to establish a supervision program for 36 practitioners to complete their LCSW Supervision at a reduced cost.

Who is Eligible?



Graduates from UTEP or
other UT Institutions
with an MSW degree and
LMSW licensure



Must have graduated in
the past 10 years
(2016-Present)



Applicants must be
committed to pay \$20
per hour of weekly
supervision (\$80 per
month)

Please visit the UTEP Department of Social Work website to learn more



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LaMantia Initiative

LCSW Supervision Program Overview

Dr. Viridiana Ortiz LCSW-S



5 Supervisees
(1 pending)

Yahell Zuñiga LCSW-S



8 Supervisees

Dr. Jason Mallonee LCSW-S



7 Supervisees

Courtney Adcox LCSW-S



6 Supervisees



LCSW Supervision Program Data Collection 2026



- We conducted 12 semi-structured interview.
 - Eight LMSW supervisees and four supervisors
 - Behavioral health, education, and community-based organizations.

Participant Category	Number Interviewed (n=12)
LMSW Supervisees (Program Participants)	8
Workplace Supervisors	4
Total	12

LCSW Supervision Interview Results



Shared Findings	Supervisors	LMSWs
Clinical competence	✓	✓
Professional confidence	✓	✓
Improved client care	✓	✓
Reflective practice	✓	✓
Workforce development	✓	✓
Reduced barriers to licensure	✓	✓
Organizational capacity	✓	✓

La Mantia Family Stars Scholarship Fund Gift



Accessible High-Quality Clinical Supervision



Enhanced Clinical Knowledge &
Professional Confidence



Improved Client Care



Stronger Community Organizations



Expanded Behavioral Health Workforce



Healthier Border Communities



H.O.P.E.+ MOBILE CLINIC

HEALTH, OUTREACH, PREVENTION, EDUCATION+
INITIATIVE





The **Health, Outreach, Prevention, and Education+** (H.O.P.E.+) initiative is a mobile clinic and community engagement model designed to bring health, behavioral health, and human services directly to the people who need them most. Since **2016**, it has evolved into a sustained, community-engaged model that connects academic institutions, health systems, community organizations, faculty, students, and residents around a shared commitment to health equity.



- **Populations we serve**

Unhoused individuals, underserved families, migrants, veterans, older adults, and other communities at the margins.

- **Mobile Clinic Workflow**

Outreach → Registration → Screening → Services → Referrals → Follow-up

- **Expected Outcome**

Improved access, earlier intervention, stronger community connections, and reduced health disparities.

Together, Making a Difference.

What does H.O.P.E.+ do?



Provides free health screenings, health education, social services, referrals, and follow-up care. Creates opportunities for inter-professional collaboration, student learning, workforce development, community engagement, and applied scholarship.

How?



H.O.P.E.+ brings resources directly into the community, where academic institutions, health systems, community organizations, faculty, students, and residents work together to identify needs, coordinate services, and co-create more equitable approaches to care.

Where?



Through mobile clinics, H.O.P.E.+ brings services directly to places where people already gather, including food banks, shelters, universities, and community-based organizations, making healthcare and essential resources more accessible to those who face barriers to traditional care.

Why?



To reduce barriers to healthcare and essential resources for underserved populations, advance health equity, and improve health outcomes. To bridge scholarship, service, workforce development, and community impact and support more equitable health and human service delivery.

Photos courtesy of Eva Moya, Elizabeth Camacho, and Jesus M. Aleman



H.O.P.E.+ Community Health Equity Mode

Partnerships in Action to Advance Health Equity



Community Voices

- Community Input
- Community Engagement
- Priority Identification



Partnerships

- Colleges & Universities
- Community Organizations
- Healthcare Systems
- Federally Qualified Health Centers



Interprofessional Workforce

- Social Work
- Nursing
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
- Dental



Integrated Services

- Physical Health
- Mental Health
- Human Services



Positive Outcomes

- Prevention
- Referrals and Follow-ups
- Community Wellness



H.O.P.E.+ 2026 in Action

More than **2,500** people were served across **3** mobile clinics held at:



- The University of Texas at El Paso
- University Presbyterian Church
- Texas Tech Health Sciences Center El Paso

When participants were asked "Last time you saw a healthcare provider?" **1 in 4** reported not being seen by a healthcare provider in over 12 months

25.6%



Demographics: Among a sample of 724 participants



68.8%
Female



29.9%
Male



36 (2-90)
Age



76.9%
Hispanic/
Latino(a)



11.2%
White/
Caucasian



4%
Black/African-
American



7.8%
Other

When asked to rate the mobile clinic:



96.4% rated it as
"Good" or "Excellent"



580

Volunteers

39

Faculty

60

Community
Health Workers

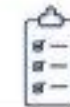
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Community
Partners

Referrals & Follow-ups by CHWs:

172

Referrals



89

Follow-ups

Primary Services Rendered:



Blood
Pressure &
Glucose
Testing



Food
Assistance



Immunizations



Cholesterol
Testing



Women's
Health
Services



HIV/Hep C
STI
Screenings



Housing
Options



Mental
Health



Substance
Use
Resources



Foot
Exams



Cancer
Prevention



Referrals
&
Follow-ups



Haircuts



Coming up

H.O.P.E+ MOBILE CLINIC

Join us and help make an impact, bring your agency!



Hosted by:



Where: The Opportunity Center for the Homeless
1208 Myrtle Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

When: Wednesday, February 17, 2027
8 AM - 1 PM



Services we plan to offer

- Blood pressure
- Blood and glucose tests
- Cancer prevention
- Cholesterol testing
- Dental screenings
- Foot exams
- Hearing and vision screenings
- HIV/Hep C/STI screenings
- Immunizations
- Food assistance
- Health education
- Housing options
- **Behavioral and mental health**
- Substance use resources
- Haircuts
- Referrals & follow ups
- AND MANY MORE!





Interested Scan QR Code

Registration closes November 15, 2026

Partner Registration Application

https://redcap.link/HOPE_Registration



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



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Thank you - Gracias