

NAMI El Paso

2025 Board of Directors Election

Candidates



Stephanie Antonetty

Stephanie Antonetty is the Director of Case Management at Las Palmas Medical Center in El Paso Texas. She is originally from Oakley, CA., but El Paso has been her home since 2009. She was first here for training in 2003 at Fort Bliss and upon her return in 2009, it became her home. Stephanie is a UTEP nursing graduate and completed her bachelor's after her time in the Army, and later pursued her master's in healthcare administration with a concentration in organizational leadership and nursing management. She has been an RN for 12 years and in case management for over 7 years with a decade of her experience being in nursing leadership roles. Stephanie's connection to mental health is both personal and as a family member's - both her mother and her brother have been impacted by mental health, in which by default so was the entire family. She has met many friends along the way in and out of the Army who also navigated mental health in a variety of ways. Stephanie has always felt a strong pull or calling to be an advocate and to always commit to doing more while she, herself, navigates recovery and relationships.



Monique Garcia

Monique Garcia is a proud native El Pasoan, graduating from Montwood High School. A local track star, Monique attended and ran track for Baylor University on an athletic scholarship. She graduated from Baylor University with a degree in Family & Consumer Sciences. She began her career of helping people as a Rehabilitation Case Manager for the Gulf Coast Center in Galveston, Texas. In 2013, her mother became physically incapacitated, and she moved back home to El Paso to assist with her care. Fueled by her motivation to assist those in her hometown, Monique was selected as the newest Court Visitor Coordinator for Probate Court #1. While working full time, Monique earned her master's degree in social work at the University of Texas at El Paso and, in February 2019, obtained a license as a Licensed Master Social Worker. As Monique begins her 12th year with Probate Court #1, she is the Lead Court Investigator, supervising a social work internship program with students from local, statewide, and nationwide universities. Monique's proudest accomplishment is becoming a mother to Ava, who is 9 years old.



David Ochoa

David is a lifelong El Pasoan with a penchant for nature and the outdoors. He spent his career working as a maintenance supervisor, grant writer and horticulturalist for the City of El Paso Parks Department, UT El Paso and Ft. Bliss Texas. He and his wife, Terri Mena Ochoa, owned and operated a 300-acre alfalfa farm in Esperanza, Texas. In the past, David has been a strong community and labor advocate, serving as Business Manager for AFSCME Local 59 AFL-CIO. He currently serves as a trustee for the El Paso Municipal Employees Association and is the president of his neighborhood association. David is a founding member and past board member of several environmental 501(c)(3) groups in El Paso, including the West Texas Urban Forestry Council, Trans Pecos Master Naturalists, Friends of Rio Bosque Park, and Friends of Hueco Tanks State Park. David has recently become an advocate for mental health in the criminal justice system by addressing the quality and disparity of treatment for severe mental illness. His purpose is to find solutions for the loss of personal agency, the impact of delayed treatment, and the critical need to strengthen advocacy to support and understand this issue.



Diana Vasquez

Diana Vasquez is a lifelong resident of El Paso, Texas. Diana is the first college graduate in her family. She earned her Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Criminal Justice and continued to earn her Master of Business Administration degree, both from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Diana now has the Senior Director of Risk Management role at One ADP El Paso location. Nationally, she has represented ADP on the NACHA Blue Ribbon panel and Faster Payments Resource Group. Diana enjoys traveling outside work, spending time with her two Shih Tzus, Dorie and Daisy, and her husband, Daniel.