

**EASTERN NEBRASKA REGIONAL AGENCY ON HUMAN SERVICES AND REGION 6  
GOVERNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 14, 2025**

The Chair, Mary Ann Borgeson, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., announcing that a copy of the “Nebraska Open Meetings Act” was displayed in the meeting room as required by law.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

2. Roll Call showed the following Board members in attendance: Taylor Boyle (Cass County); Pat Tawney (Dodge County); Mary Ann Borgeson (Douglas County); and Don Kelly (Sarpy County).

Also present were Dennis Loose (Duet); Trish Bergman (ENOA); Patti Jurjevich (Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare); and Jenni Allen (Alpha School)

3. Comments & Correspondence - Governing Board

There were no Comments and Correspondence from Board Members

4. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Taylor to approve the April 9, 2025, Governing Board Meeting Minutes, the motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Review of ENOA Financial Statements – Hope Houessoukpe

The ENOA Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed.

6. Review of ENHSA Financial Statements – John Burns

The ENHSA Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed.

7. Approval of update to ENHSA Policy 1.25 Background Checks – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval of the ENHSA Policy 1.25 Background Checks.

The motion was made by Pat to approve the ENHSA Policy 1.25 Background Checks. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote except for Don Kelly from Sarpy County who voted no.

8. Approval of Resolution for Pension Plan Contact Change – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval of the Resolution for the Pension Plan Contact Change, he stated that this will remove Debbie Herbel, former Duet Executive Director, and will add John Burns, Duet CFO, Trish Bergman, ENOA Executive Director, and Patti Jurjevich, Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare Regional Administrator.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Resolution for Pension Plan Contact Change. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

9. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no Attorney Comments

10. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Legislative updates were sent out in advance

11. Director's Report

There was no Director's Report

12. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no Comments from the Public

13. Motion to Adjourn out of ENHSA Admin and enter Alpha School

A motion was made by Pat to Adjourn out of ENHSA Admin and enter Alpha School.

The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

## **Alpha School**

14. Approval of Student Contracts – Jenni Allen

Jenni requested approval of Student Contracts

A motion was made by Taylor to approve the Student Contracts. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

15. Approval of Summer School Contracts – Jenni Allen

Jenni requested approval of 14 Summer School Contracts.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the 14 Summer School Contracts. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

16. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported that they are getting ready for the last day of school, students are excited. She stated Summer School will begin June 2<sup>nd</sup> and end on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

17. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no Comments from the Public

18. Motion to Adjourn out of Alpha School and ENOA

A motion was made by Don to Adjourn out of Alpha School and enter ENOA. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

## **ENOA**

### **19. Approval of ENOA Provider Contracts for FY 2026 – Trish Bergman**

- a. Congregate Contracts
- b. Tai Chi/Bingo-size Contracts
- c. Personal Emergency Response System Contracts
- d. Caregiver Support Program Respite Contracts

Trish requested approval of the ENOA Provider Contracts for FY 2026.

A motion was made by Don to approve the ENOA Provider Contracts for FY 2026. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

### **20. Approval of Provider contracts for Personal Care, Homemaker and BAA for Savannah Trails LLC – Trish Bergman**

Trish requested approval of the Provider contracts for Personal Care, Homemaker, and BAA for Savannah Trails LLC stating they will provide services in all 5 counties.

A motion was made by Don to approve the contracts for Personal Care, Homemaker, and BAA for Savannah Trails LLC. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

### **21. Approval of Options Counseling vs Information and Referral policy – Trish Bergman**

Trish requested approval of the Options Counseling vs Information and Referral Policy, she stated that this clearly outlines the difference in hopes to make it easier to understand.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Options Counseling vs Information and Referral Policy. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **22. Approval of Out of State travel for Katelyn York to attend Meals on Wheels of America Conference in San Antonio – Trish Bergman**

Trish requested approval of Out of State travel for Katelyn York to attend the Meals on Wheels of America Conference in San Antonio.

A motion was approved by Don to approve the Out of State Travel for Katelyn York to attend the Meals on Wheels of America Conference in San Antonio

### **23. New Horizon's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Resolution – Mary Ann Borgeson**

Mary Ann read the New Horizon's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Resolution into the record.

### **24. Director's Report – Trish Bergman**

Trish reported that LB 382 has passed and will use excess Medicaid funds to support local aging services and launch a juvenile assessment pilot, with over \$4 million allocated over two years.

She also announced that ENOA will present their Spirit of Aging Awards on May 20.

Additionally, she briefly addressed upcoming federal funding cuts and their potential impact on some departments. More information will be shared as details become available.

25. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no Comments from the Public

26. Motion to Adjourn out of ENOA and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

A motion was made by Pat to adjourn out of ENOA and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

## **Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare**

27. Review of the FY24 County Board Reports – Kim Kalina

Kim provided a summary of the FY24 reports for each county, which were included in the Board packets. Don Kelly, Sarpy County representative, expressed his appreciation for the presentation and thanked staff for their efforts in preparing the report.

28. Crisis Stabilization Center in Sarpy County – Patti Jurjevich

- a. Update on Funding Plan and Service Timeline
- b. Approval to Provide Matching Funds for Construction Costs

Patti reported that the new Crisis Stabilization Center, run by Heartland Family Services in Papillion, will include Triage and Emergency Community Support services starting in August 2024. Crisis Stabilization and Respite Care services are expected to begin in January 2026. Renovations to the building are funded by \$3.26 million in contributions from the Lozier and Sherwood Foundations, Sarpy County, and Region 6. Region 6 has also budgeted \$3.5 million for ongoing operations in FY26.

A motion was made by Pat for the approval to Provide Matching Funds for Construction Costs. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

29. Approval of Monthly Budget Shifts – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the Monthly Budget Shifts that were provided in the Board's packets.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Monthly Budget Shifts. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

30. Approval of Out of State Travel for Kim Kalina – Patti Jurjevich

Patti requested approval for out-of-state travel for Kim Kalina to conduct a CARF survey site visit in Boston, MA, on June 26–27. She noted that there is no cost associated with this trip.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Out of State Travel for Kim Kalina. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

31. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the Contracts and Amendments that were provided in the Boards packets.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Contracts and Amendments. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

32. Ratification to Open Certificate of Deposit Bank Accounts – Patti Jurjevich

Patti requested approval to open three additional Certificate of Deposit Bank Accounts at Pinnacle Bank.

A motion was made by Pat to approve Opening Certificate of Deposit Bank Accounts. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

33. Quarterly Financial Statements for Period Ending March 31, 2025 – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2025, which were included in the Board's packets.

34. Request for Executive Session – Patti Jurjevich

The Chair moved this to the end of the agenda.

35. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti reported that a new report on Opioid Settlement Funds was included in the Board's packets. She also noted that Region 6 has an RFP due at the end of the week for the CCBHC initiative. Additionally, she provided a brief update on LB454, which was recently passed and will provide greater flexibility for the Regional Behavioral Health System. The standard reports were also included in the packet for the Board's review.

36. Comments from the Public (please limit each person to 3 minutes)

There were no Comments from the Public

37. Motion to Adjourn out Region 6 and enter Duet

A motion was made by Don to recess out of Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare and enter Duet. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Duet**

38. Approval to Request BCBS a four-month extension on Plan Year from 8/1/2025-1/1/2026 – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval for a four-month extension of the BCBS plan year, covering the period from August 1, 2025, to January 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the request for a four-month extension of the BCBS plan year, covering the period from August 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

39. Approval of Annual Renewal for Adobe License – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval of the Annual Renewal for the Adobe License Agreement.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Annual Renewal for the Adobe License Agreement. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

40. Approval of Standard Operating Procedures – Dennis Loose

- a. 3.05 Complaints and Grievance
- b. 3.10 Applicant Selection and Hiring
- c. 3.15 Performance Evaluation

Dennis requested approval of the Standard Operating Procedures for Duet.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Standard Operating Procedures. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

41. Review of Duet Quarterly Report – Dennis Loose

Dennis recapped the Duet Quarterly Report, which is required by Nebraska state regulations.

42. Approval to complete a formal Financial Audit for the Duet Foundation – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval to conduct a formal financial audit of the Duet Foundation due to findings related to previous leadership. He explained that while there is no suspicion of wrongdoing, the audit with Eide Bailey is intended to ensure transparency and accuracy

A motion was made by Pat to complete a formal Financial Audit for the Duet Foundation. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

43. Director's Report - Dennis Loose

Dennis reported that the South and Cass Sarpy Area Certification Renewal reviews went well, with minimal deficiencies. He expressed satisfaction with the outcomes. Dennis also noted that the Dodge Washington renewal is upcoming, and he expects it to proceed smoothly as well.

44. Request for Executive Session - Dennis Loose

The Chair moved this item to the end of the agenda.

45. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no Comments from the Public.

46. Motion to Adjourn out of the meeting

At 5:13 p.m., Pat made a motion for the Board, along with Attorney Chris Jerram and Patti Jurjevich, to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, with plans to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Don and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

At 5:28 p.m., Taylor made a motion to reconvene and reopen the meeting to the public, with Attorney Chris Jerram and Patti Jurjevich present. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed unanimously by roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

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At 5:49 p.m., Taylor made a motion to reconvene and reopen the meeting to the public, with Attorney Chris Jerram and Dennis Loose present. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed unanimously by roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

At 5:49 p.m., Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amanda Stonys