

**EASTERN NEBRASKA REGIONAL AGENCY ON HUMAN SERVICES AND REGION 6
GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 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 or correspondence from Board Members

4. Review of ENOA Financial Statements – Hope Houessoukpe

The ENOA Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed.

5. Review of ENHSA Financial Statements – John Burns

The ENHSA Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed

6. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no Attorney comments

7. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Sean discussed the 2025 session of the Nebraska Legislature; 715 bills were introduced along with 18 constitutional amendments and 6 policy-based resolutions. Of these, 204 bills were passed, including 177 substantive laws and 27 appropriations bills. One constitutional amendment was approved for voter consideration in 2026 regarding legislative term limits. Governor Pillen vetoed two bills during the session.

8. Director’s Report

There was no Director’s Report

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

There were no Comments from the Public

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

A motion was made by Don to adjourn out of ENHSA Admin and enter Alpha School. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Alpha School

11. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported that new carpet will be installed in the offices and hallways in July. She also shared that the Summer School Next Level Learning program will run Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with 14 students currently enrolled.

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 Alpha School and enter Duet

A motion was made by Don to adjourn out of Alpha School and enter Duet. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Duet

14. Approval of TMS Contract – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval of the TMS Contract, explaining that Agency nurses are utilized at Duet's medical support units.

15. Approval of Standard Operating Procedure 4.05: Animals in the Workplace – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval of Standard Operating Procedure 4.05: Animals in the Workplace.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Standard Operating Procedure 4.05 Animals in the Workplace. The motion was seconded by Pat and approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

16. Approval of the Nice Healthcare Renewal Agreement – Dennis Loose

Dennis explained that this agreement extends the Nice Healthcare Renewal Agreement until December 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Nice Healthcare Renewal Agreement. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

17. Director's Report - Dennis Loose

Dennis reported that the State Survey's went well in Dodge Washington. He also mentioned plans to initiate a Strategic Planning Group for Duet.

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

There were no Comments from the Public

19. Motion to Adjourn out Duet and enter ENOA

A motion was made by Don to adjourn out of Duet and enter ENOA. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ENOA

20. Approval of FY26 Contracts/Agreements & Business Association Agreement – Trish Bergman

- a. Congregate contracts
- b. Diner's Choice contracts
- c. Caregiver Support Respite contract
- d. Homemaker contracts
- e. Personal Care contracts
- f. Volunteer Agreements

Trish requested approval of the FY26 Contracts/Agreements & Business Association Agreement

A motion was made by Don to approve the Trish requested approval of the FY26 Contracts/Agreements & Business Association Agreement. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

21. Approval of Agreement with Nebraska Medicine to provide Home Delivered Meals – Trish Bergman

Trish requested approval for the Agreement with Nebraska Medicine to provide Home Delivered Meals.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Agreement with Nebraska Medicine to provide Home Delivered Meals. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

22. Approval of Cell Phone Reimbursement policy – Trish Bergman

Trish requested approval of a Cell Phone Reimbursement policy.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Cell Phone Reimbursement policy. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

23. Director's Report – Trish Bergman

Trish reported that the recent monitoring visit had no findings or recommendations. She also shared information about a proposed budget cut in the FY2026 Discretionary Budget, which would reduce funding for DHHS and could seriously impact the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. The budget has not yet been finalized by Congress.

Trish also spoke about the Senior Companion Program. Since the program depends mostly on federal funding, it may have to be cut if the grant isn't renewed.

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

There were no Comments from the Public

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

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

26. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) – Taren Petersen

- a. Review of the RFP Process and Funding Recommendations
- b. Approval of Funding

Taren reported that Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare issued an RFP in May 2025 to support start-up costs for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics beginning January 2026. Three proposals were received from Lutheran Family Services, Heartland Family Service, and Community Alliance. After review, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services approved approximately \$1.19 million in funding, allocated among the agencies. The Behavioral Health Advisory Committee unanimously recommended these allocations for approval by the Region 6 Governing Board. The funds will cover start-up expenses such as personnel, technology, and equipment. She requested approval of funding.

A motion was made by Don to approve the RFP funding request for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote except for Mary Ann Borgeson, from Douglas County, who abstained.

27. Review and Approval of FY 25 Nurturing Health Behaviors Plan and Budget – Melissa Schaefer

Melissa recapped The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services, intends to renew the Nurturing Healthy Behaviors subaward for FY26 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) in the amount of \$110,000, contingent on federal funding. This funding supports KidSquad, which provides early childhood mental health consultation in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. The FY26 work plan focuses on improving children's social-emotional development and strengthening the ability of educators and parents to support positive behavior through consultation and coaching.

A motion was made by Don to approve the FY25 Nurturing Health Behaviors Plan and Budget. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

28. Approval of Policies – Patti Jurjevich

- a. Policy 6.103 Application for Employment
- b. Policy 6.204 Nepotism

A motion was made by Pat to approve the above policies. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

29. Approval of FY26 Agency Budget – Patti Jurjevich

Patti reported that the FY26 Agency Budget was in the Board's packets for review.

A motion was made by Don to approve the FY26 Agency Budget. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

30. Approval of Eide Bailly FY25 Engagement Proposal – Patti Jurjevich

A motion was made by Don to approve the Eide Bailly FY 25 Engagement Proposal. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

31. 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 Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

32. Resolution to Authorize Regional Administrator to Sign DBH Budget Shift Forms – Patti Jurjevich.

A motion was made by Don to approve the resolution authorizing the Regional Administrator to sign DBH Budget Shift forms, with the amendment to include "designee" in the resolution. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

33. Appointments to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC)- Patti Jurjevich

- a. John Sheehan, Sarpy County, 6/11/25-6/10/28
- b. Amy Zimmer. Washington County, 6/11/25-6/10/28

A motion was made by Don to approve the Appointments to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

34. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the Contracts and Amendments.

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

35. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti reported that the standard reports were 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 of Meeting

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.