



**Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
4715 S. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68137
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 9:00AM**

The Behavioral Health Advisory Committee convened today at 9:00 AM and was called to order by Chair Jeff Leach at Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare, 4715 S. 1032nd Street, Omaha, NE 68137. Advance notice of this meeting was published in the Omaha Daily Record on September 25, 2025, electronically transmitted to all committee members and posted on the nepublicnotices.com website. Said notices contained the date, time and location of the meeting.

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Cameron Soester
John Brady
Katlynn Osborn
Chris Kelly
Julie Nielsen
John Sheehan
Amy Zimmer
Michelle Geredes

Advisory Members Absent:

Medjine Desgraves
Michaelle Vega-Hernandez

Region 6 Staff Present

Crystal Fuller
Melissa Schaefer
John Murphy
Tad Spencer
Miles Glasgow

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome

The regular monthly BHAC meeting was called to order at 9:00am.
Jeff Leach welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Roll call of the members determined that there was a quorum.

3. Approval of the September 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chris Kelly made the motion to approve the September 3, 2025 meeting minutes.
Julie Nielsen seconded the motion.

Voting was done by roll call.

Yeas: Leach, Soester, Brady, Osborn, Kelly, Nielsen, Sheehan, Zimmer and Gerdes

Nays: None.

Absent: Desgraves and Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Recognition of New Members John Sheehan – Sarpy County and Katlynn Osborn – Dodge County

Jeff welcomed new member Katlynn Osborn and returning member John Sheehan.

5. System of Care II Wrap-up – Melissa Schaefer

Melissa shared with everyone a final wrap-up of the System of Care II (SOC II). There was a printout in everyone's packet for reference.

She stated that this was a 4 year grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) effective August 31, 2021 – August 30, 2025.

Some of the highlights include:

- 425 students received school-based therapeutic services, exceeding the goal of 412
- 88 unduplicated families received one-on-one parent peer mentoring services
- 4,491 unduplicated individuals were engaged through outreach efforts, more than doubling the goal of 2,000
- 593 unique individuals attended 47 System of Care trainings, surpassing the goal of 400
- 2,255 unique individuals participated in 145 trainings on topics related to children's mental health, exceeding the goal of 425

Melissa stated that this program will continue in Cass and Washington counties, although the funding will be sustained through other avenues.

Cameron Soester shared that this program has been so valuable in his school, and he is so glad that it will be continued.

6. Annual Site Visit Summary – John Murphy

John shared the results of his 2025 Annual Service Provider reviews, a copy of which was included in everyone's packet. He stated that provider reviews include the following:

- Verification of purchased services
- Program fidelity assessments
- Evaluation of prevention coalitions
- Monitoring of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant compliance

John stated that provider performance during FY25 remained stable. No notable trends or issues emerged from the reviews. Providers consistently expressed satisfaction with the review process.

7. Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition – Crystal Fuller

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Crystal shared the plan and budget, a copy of which was included in everyone's packet. Crystal stated that the grant duration is September 15, 2023 - September 14, 2027 and the long-term, 4-year goal for this program is a 10% reduction in suicide morbidity and a 10% reduction in suicide mortality in men, ages 25-64, in Nebraska.

- b. **BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board**
Crystal asked for the committee's recommendation to the Regional Governing Board.

John Brady made the motion to recommend the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition plan and budget to the Regional Governing Board for approval.

Julie Nielsen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Leach, Soester, Brady, Osborn, Kelly, Nielsen, Sheehan, Zimmer and Gerdes

Nays: None.

Absent: Desgraves and Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Request for Proposals (RFP) for Peer Support – Substance Use – Tad Spencer

a. Review of the RFP Process

Tad shared an overview of the RFP process and timeline, a copy of which was included in everyone's packets for review.

He stated the RFP was for the development and provision of Peer Support-Substance Use at a competitive and reasonable cost, and that Region 6 is hoping for service development to occur shortly after the award is given.

Tad reported that it is recommended that CenterPointe be awarded the contract for the Peer Support – Substance Use service. CenterPointe will be awarded a total of \$53,487 - \$38,487 for the Capacity Access Development (CAD) phase and \$15,000 for service delivery.

Tad stated that Several of the factors considered in making this decision were:

- 1) experience in working with individuals who have a substance use and/or co-occurring disorders;
- 2) ability to develop the program quickly and efficiently;
- 3) a whole health approach for consumers allowing them to take control of their care, and
- 4) how staffing and organizational structure reflect the requirements of the service.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

Tad asked for the committee's recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

Julie Nielsen made the motion to recommend the RFP for Peer Support – Substance Use to the Regional Governing Board for approval.

John Brady seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Leach, Soester, Brady, Osborn, Kelly, Nielsen, Sheehan, Zimmer and Gerdes

Nays: None.

Absent: Desgraves and Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Opioid Settlement Funds RFP – Tad Spencer

Tad gave a brief update on the status of the Opioid Settlement Funds, stating that there has been a second round of RFPs released.

10. Status Reports for Period Ending August 31, 2025

Reports were included in the packets for everyone to review.

a. Contract Status Report, Opioid Settlement Grant – Tad Spencer

Tad gave an update of the Contract Status Report for Opioid Settlement funds.

b. Contract Status Report, Mental Health and Substance Use - Crystal

Crystal gave an update of the August 2025 Contract Service Reports. The drawdown target is expected to be at 16.67%. Mental Health is at 14.26% and Substance Use is at 12.85%.

c. Emergency Service Report – Miles Glasgow

Miles gave an update on the current progress in the emergency systems. A copy of the report was included in everyone's packet for review.

Miles stated Emergency Protective Custody (EPC) numbers are trending upward. He shared that the data for this is collected from each of the 5 county attorneys.

He also shared that Mobil Crisis Response had 62 calls in August, noting that these numbers have declined, possibly because co-responders are being utilized more often.

Miles also shared that the Triage Center for lower level interventions has 24 hour availability, is voluntary and at this time is for adults only.

Chris Kelly left at 9:48.

Miles then returned to the August Focus, which was the EPC Report.

There were a total of 185 EPCs in August, this is a 22.52% difference from the same month in the previous fiscal year, and a 22.24% difference from the previous fiscal year's average of 147.

He broke the data down further by county and also did year-to-date comparisons.

11. Discussion of Location of the Annual Holiday Luncheon

John Sheehan made suggestions of Spezia, Johnny's Café and Gorat's.

Bev will call on availability of each and bring back information at the November meeting.

12. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

13. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Julie Nielsen.

Amy Zimmer seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Leach, Soester, Brady, Osborn, Nielsen, Sheehan, Zimmer and Gerdes

Nays: None.

Absent: Desgraves, Vega-Hernandez and Kelly.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Jackson Date: 11-5-25

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 11/5/25