



Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
4715 S. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68137
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 10:00AM

The Behavioral Health Advisory Committee convened today at 10:00 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 November 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
John Brady
Medjine Desgraves
Julie Nielsen
John Sheehan
Amy Zimmer
Michelle Geredes
Michaelle Vega-Hernandez

Advisory Members Absent:

Cameron Soester
Katlynn Osborn
Chris Kelly

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Crystal Fuller
Miles Glasgow
Tad Spencer

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome

The regular monthly BHAC meeting was called to order at 10:06am.
Jeff Leach welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of the November 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

John Sheehan made the motion to approve the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes.
John Brady seconded the motion.
Voting was done by roll call.

Yea: Leach, Brady, Desgraves, Nielsen, Sheehan, Zimmer, Gerdes and Vega-Hernandez.
Nays: None.
Absent: Soester, Osborn and Kelly.
The motion passed unanimously.

4. Update of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Application – Tad Spencer

Tad gave an update of what stage they are in, in the RFP process, pointing out the guidelines that they are looking for. Approximately \$2.5 million is currently available to be distributed through this grant application process. Tad stated that Region 6 released a second RFP on September 26, 2025, with a deadline of October 30, 2025, and received 13 applications. One application did not meet the minimum standards. The other 12 applications were considered by a panel of Region 6 staff. After meeting on November 24, the committee decided to request additional information from three applicants. The remaining nine are not being considered for further action. Requests for additional information were sent on November 25, with a deadline of December 15. It is anticipated that formal recommendations for funding will be made at the January 2026 meeting. A handout with this information was included in everyone's packets.

5. Partnership for Success (PFS) – Crystal Fuller

Crystal shared a printout, a copy of which was in everyone's packet.

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Crystal stated that The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services-Division of Behavioral Health released their funding allocation for the 5 year Federal grant, the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success (PFS). Region 6 was selected to focus on high-risk drinking in Cass, Dodge, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties, and suicide prevention in Cass, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties.

Project Extra Mile and Coalition Rx were approved for funding and implementation for the high-risk drinking priority and Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare is implementing the mental health and suicide prevention priority.

b. BHAC Recommendation to Regional Governing Board

Crystal asked for the Committee's recommendation to the Regional Governing Board for approval.

John Brady made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board for approval.

Medjine Desgraves seconded the motion.

Voting was done by roll call.

Yea: Leach, Brady, Desgraves, Nielsen, Sheehan, Zimmer, Gerdes and Vega-Hernandez.

Nays: None.

Absent: Soester, Osborn and Kelly.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Election of 2026 Officers

a. Report from the Nomination Committee

Nomination Committee Members John Sheehan and Amy Zimmer reported that the nominations were for Jeff Leach for Chair and Amy Zimmer for Vice Chair.

b. Election of Officers

Medjine Desgraves made the motion to elect Jeff Leach for Chair and Amy Zimmer for Vice Chair

John Brady seconded the motion.

Voting was done by roll call.

Yea: Brady, Desgraves, Nielsen, Sheehan, Zimmer, Gerdes and Vega-Hernandez.

Nays: None.
Abstained: Leach.
Absent: Soester, Osborn and Kelly.
The motion passed unanimously.

7. Status Reports for Period Ending October 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. He stated that because the start and end dates for these contracts are varied, it is a bit more difficult to track. He stated that a 38.89% drawdown is expected at this point.

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

Crystal gave an update of the October 2025 Contract Status Reports. The drawdown target is expected to be at 33.33%. Mental Health is at 28% and Substance Use is at 27%.

c. Emergency Service Report – Miles Glasgow

Miles gave an update on the current progress in the Emergency Systems. He shared that EPCs are down at 145 and Mobil Crisis Response had 94 calls in October.

He also shared that 76% of consumers were discharged within the 24 hour window in the PES. The Crisis Center had 27 consumers and Social Detox had 127, of which 47% were involuntary.

Miles also shared that on January 1, 2026, the CCBHCs will go live. They will provide 8 or 9 core services.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John Brady.

Michealle Vega-Hernandez seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Leach, Brady, Desgraves, Nielsen, Sheehan, Zimmer, Gerdes and Vega-Hernandez.

Nays: None.

Absent: Soester, Osborn and Kelly.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Prepared By: Denevay S. Jackson Date: 1-7-26

Approved By: B Date: 1/7/26