



Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
4715 S. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68137
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 9:00 A.M.

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. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68137. Advance notice of this meeting was published in the Omaha Daily Record on December 26, 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
Katlynn Osborn
Medjine Desgraves
Chris Kelly
Julie Nielsen
John Sheehan
Michelle Geredes

Advisory Members Absent:

Cameron Soester
John Brady
Amy Zimmer
Michaelle Vega-Hernandez

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Crystal Fuller
Ramey Stillman
Tad Spencer
Miles Glasgow

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome

The regular monthly BHAC meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M.
Jeff Leach welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of the January 7, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Julie Nielsen made the motion to approve the January 7, 2026, meeting minutes.
John Sheehan seconded the motion.

Voting was done by roll call.

Yeas: Leach, Osborn, Desgraves, Kelly, Nielsen, Sheehan and Gerdes.

Nays: None.

Absent: Soester, Brady, Zimmer and Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Administrative Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti stated that there is a state budget shortfall, but the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has recommended maintaining funding for Behavioral Health with no cuts. The shortfall is caused mainly by property tax relief. Patti added that the overall budget remains unchanged, aside from adjustments to revenue sources.

Patti also stated that the funding for Lasting Hope Recovery Center (LHRC), which has been funded for many years with Federal Disproportionate Shared Hospital (DSH), historically in the amount of \$500,000.00, has gone away. Region 6 was not notified of this until yesterday, but we are waiting to see how funding will be maintained for this, noting that we will continue to monitor this, but CHI may have to self-fund for this. She pointed out that it is still undetermined at this point.

Patti left the meeting at 9:15

5. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) – Ramey Stillman

Ramey introduced herself and shared a printout, a copy of which was in everyone's packet.

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Ramey stated that in 2014, LB 931 established the Nebraska Mental Health First Aid Training Act. Target populations included, but were not limited to, schools, universities/colleges, law enforcement, Veteran Affairs, and local public health districts. Each Behavioral Health Authority receives an allocation of these dedicated funds to implement MHFA trainings. Ramey shared the FY27 budget, stating that the training plan is to have 80 trainings with 900 participants, with a budget of \$36,259.00.

b. BHAC Recommendation to Regional Governing Board

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

Katlynn Osborn made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board for approval.

Medjine Desgraves seconded the motion.

Voting was done by roll call.

Yeas: Leach, Osborn, Desgraves, Kelly, Nielsen, Sheehan and Gerdes.

Nays: None.

Absent: Soester, Brady, Zimmer and Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. FY27 Regional Budget Plan – Crystal Fuller

Crystal referred everyone to the Budget Narrative and spreadsheet that was included in their packets for review.

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Crystal stated that Region 6 was allocated the same amount of state and federal revenue in FY27 as was allocated in FY26.

Crystal proceeded to give an overview of the FY27 budget, sharing how the budget was prepared and pointing out where there were increases or decreases in the various services and agencies, where the revenue comes from and how Region 6 has allocated the dollars it receives.

Crystal briefly highlighted the key initiatives and potential impacts for FY27.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

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

Julie Nielsen made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board for approval. Medjine Desgraves seconded the motion.

Voting was done by roll call.

Yeas: Leach, Osborn, Desgraves, Kelly, Nielsen, Sheehan and Gerdes.

Nays: None.

Absent: Soester, Brady, Zimmer and Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Status Reports for Period Ending January 31, 2026

Reports were included in the packets for everyone to review.

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

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

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

Crystal gave an update of the January 2026 Contract Status Reports. The drawdown target is expected to be at 58.33%. Mental Health is at 49.32% and Substance Use is at 47.85%. She stated that we will see an increase in the Substance Use utilization, as there is a rate change.

c. Emergency Service Report – Miles Glasgow

Miles gave an update on the current progress in Emergency Systems. He shared that EPCs are down at 137 and Mobil Crisis Response had 79 calls in January.

Acute Inpatient total occupancy for January was 78.1%

The Crisis Center had 22 consumers, and Social Detox had 126.

Miles also stated that 81% of consumers discharged from triage have accepted a referral for Emergency Community Support over the last year.

The focus for this month's report was on Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES).

Miles shared there was a grand total of 160 admissions, with 23 of them being readmissions, and 86 were discharged to acute.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Jeff Leach noted that the next meetings are scheduled for April 1, 2026, and May 6, 2026.

9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Julie Nielsen.

Medjine Desgraves seconded the motion.

Voting was done by roll call.

Yeas: Leach, Osborn, Desgraves, Kelly, Nielsen, Sheehan and Gerdes.

Nays: None.

Absent: Soester, Brady, Zimmer and Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Prepared By: Beverly A. Jackson Date: 5-6-26

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 5/6/26