



Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
4715 S. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68137
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 9:00AM

The Behavioral Health Advisory Committee convened today at 9:11 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 March 6, 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
Chris Kelly
Medjine Desgraves
Julie Nielsen
Michaelle Vega-Hernandes

Advisory Members Absent:

Cameron Soester
John Brady
Amy Zimmer
Michelle Gerdes

Region 6 Staff Present

Taren Petersen
Crystal Fuller
Miles Glasgow

Recorder:

Bev Jackson

1. Welcome and Introduction of Returning Member Michaelle Vega-Hernandez

The regular monthly BHAC meeting was called to order at 9:11am.
Jeff Leach, Chair, welcomed returning member Michaelle Vega-Hernandes.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of the February 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Julie Nielsen made the motion to approve the February 5, 2025 meeting minutes.
Chris Kelly seconded the motion.
Yeas: Leach, Kelly, Desgraves, Nielsen, Vega-Hernandez.
The motion passed.

4. Approval of the March 12, 2025 Agenda

Medjine Desgraves made the motion to approve the March 12, 2025 agenda.

Julie Nielsen seconded the motion.

Yeas: Leach, Kelly, Desgraves, Nielsen, Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed.

5. Conflict-of-Interest – Taren Petersen

Taren gave a brief overview of the Conflict-of-Interest policy and procedure, as well as the form that was included in everyone's packet for review and signature. She stated that review of the procedures and completion of the form will be an annual requirement.

6. Request for Applications (RFA) for Tobacco Free Nebraska (TFN) – Crystal Fuller

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

a. Review of RFA Process

Crystal stated that Coalitions in qualified counties were asked to develop a budget and a workplan for FY26 and FY27, for strategies reducing tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke in schools and communities and to identify and eliminate disparities related to tobacco use and its effects among population groups. She shared the priority objectives, work plan and identified the community partner organizations and their subsequent contract amounts for each of the 2 years.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

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

Julie Nielsen made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board.

Michaelle Vega-Hernandez seconded the motion.

Yeas: Leach, Kelly, Desgraves, Nielsen, Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed.

7. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) – Crystal Fuller

Crystal referred to the printout that was included in everyone's packet for review.

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Crystal stated that LB 931 (2014) established the Nebraska Mental Health First Aid Training Act, target populations included, but 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 Mental Health First Aid trainings.

She shared the FY26 budget, stating that the goal for FY26 is to provide at least 80 trainings, with a total of 900 participants.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

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

Medjine Desgraves made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board.

Julie Nielsen seconded the motion.

Yeas: Leach, Kelly, Desgraves, Nielsen, Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed.

8. FY25 Regional Budget Plan – Taren Petersen

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

a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative

Taren stated that Region 6 was allocated the same amount of state and federal revenue in FY26 as was allocated in FY25.

Taren proceeded to give an overview of the FY26 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.

Taren also briefly highlighted the key initiatives for FY26.

b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board

Taren asked for the committee's recommendation to the Regional Governing Board. Medjine Desgraves made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board. Julie Nielsen seconded the motion. Yeas: Leach, Kelly, Desgraves, Nielsen. Abstained: Vega-Hernandez. The motion passed.

9. Status Reports for Period Ending January 31, 2025

Reports were included in the packets for everyone to review.

a. Contract Service Report - Taren Petersen

Taren gave an update of the January 2025 Contract Service Reports. The drawdown target is expected to be at 58.33%. Mental Health is at 47.81% and Substance Use is at 56.77%.

She then drew everyone's attention to the additional Contract Drawdown Sheet which gives the information at a quick glance.

b. Emergency Service Report - Miles Glasgow

Miles gave everyone 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) is at 136.

He also shared that Mobil Crisis Response (MCR) had 89 calls in January.

Social Detox had 145 consumers, of which about half were voluntary.

The Focus Page this month was on Crisis Center-Triage. Miles broke the data down and stated that there were 24 consumers in January and of those, 70% accepted referral for Emergency Community Support.

10. Public Comments

John Murphey of Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare, stated that the committee is doing a wonderful job.

There were no further public comments.

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Kelly.

Medjine Desgraves seconded the motion.

Yeas: Leach, Kelly, Desgraves, Nielsen, Vega-Hernandez.

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Jackson Date: 6/4/25

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 6/4/25