EASTERN NEBRASKA REGIONAL AGENCY ON HUMAN SERVICES AND REGION 6 GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2025

The Chair, Mary Ann Borgeson, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Announcing that a copy of the "Nebraska Open Meetings Act" is displayed in this Meeting Room as required by law.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

   The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

   Roll call showed the following Board members in attendance: Taylor Boyle arrival at 3:36 p.m. (Cass County); Mary Ann Borgeson (Douglas County); Don Kelly (Sarpy County); and Lisa Kramer (Washington County)

   The following staff members were also present: Dennis Loose (Duet); Diane Stanton (ENOA); and Patti Jurjevich (Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare)

3. Comments & Correspondence - Governing Board

   There were no comments or correspondence from Governing Board members

4. Review of ENOA Financial Statements – Hope Houessoukpe

   A handout of the ENOA Financial Statements was provided for review in the Board's packets.

5. Approval of Credit Card Policy – Trish Bergman

   Diane requested approval of the Credit Card Policy that was provided in the Board's packets.

   A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Credit Card Policy. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

6. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

   There were no Attorney Comments

7. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

The report from the Lobbyist was sent out for review prior to the meeting

8. Request for Executive Session

   The Chair moved this agenda item to the end of the agenda

9. Director's Report

   There was no Director's Report

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

    There were no Comments from the Public

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

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

Alpha School

12. Approval of (1) one Staff Contract – Jenni Allen

    A motion was made by Lisa to approve the (1) one Staff Contract. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

13. Approval of (1) one Student Contract – Jenni Allen

    A motion was made by Lisa to approve the (1) one Student Contract. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

14. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

    The Chair reported that Alpha School currently has 72 students enrolled. She also shared that two students have transitioned back to public school full-time, and a hallway celebration was held in their honor. Additionally, she announced that the plumbing issues have been resolved

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

    There were no Comments from the Public

16. Motion to Adjourn out of Alpha School and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

    A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn out of Alpha School and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

17. Approval of Worker's Compensation, Commercial, Directors, and Officers, and Cyber Security Insurance Coverage – Stacey Murdoch & Carly Thomas, Dodge Partners

    Carly highlighted the key coverages that were included in the Commercial Insurance Proposal that was included in the board's packets.

    A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Worker's Compensation, Commercial, Directors, and Officers, and Cyber Security Insurance Coverage. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

18. Approval of Eide Bailly as Auditor for FY2025-FY2027 – Diane Lamb

    Diane provided a recap of the overview and recommendation included in the Board's packets. After discussing potential additional fees, she requested approval for Eide Bailly to serve as the Auditor for FY2025-FY2027.

    A motion was made by Don to approve Eide Bailly as the Auditor for FY2025-FY2027. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

19. Request for Letters of Interest (RFL) for Community Violence Intervention Pilot – Jennifer Sanders

    a. Review of the RFL Process and Funding Recommendations

    b. Approval of RFL Recommendation

    Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare is launching a Community Violence Intervention Pilot Program to assess and address violence exposure in the community. The program will run until September 30, 2025, focusing on treatment, prevention, and PTSD assessment within a three-mile radius of the airport.

    The request for proposals was issued on December 20, 2024, with a submission deadline of January 27, 2025. After reviewing the proposals, the selection committee completed its evaluation on February 3, 2025, and finalized funding and contract details by February 13, 2025.

    Two organizations submitted proposals: OMNI Inventive Care and the University of Nebraska Medical Center in collaboration with its partners. After careful review, the committee selected OMNI Inventive Care, awarding them $499,840 for the project.

    OMNI Inventive Care was chosen because their plan includes hosting four community forums to assess violence exposure, implementing a trauma-focused

program for children in two elementary schools, and building partnerships with local organizations to strengthen outreach efforts. The program aims to create a sustainable approach to violence prevention and trauma care beyond the pilot phase

A motion was made by Don to approve the Request for Letters of Interest (RFL) for Community Violence Intervention Pilot. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote, except for Lisa, who voted no.

20. Review and Approval of Opioid Settlement Funding for Additional Projects – Jennifer Sanders

    The Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare launched a grant application for opioid settlement funds to support programs focused on opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery. The grant, which can span up to two years, targets four priority areas: awareness, education and prevention; community connection and support; enhanced crisis response; and expanded access to treatment services. The funding announcement was made on September 27, 2024, and 24 applications were received by the October 25 deadline. After an initial review, three applications were deemed ineligible, leaving 21 for further evaluation. A review committee met on November 11, 2024, to assess the applications, resulting in four applicants being recommended for initial funding. These proposals were approved by the Regional Governing Board on December 12, 2024, totaling $977,002.24.

    Following additional review, Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare made further funding recommendations. The recommended allocations include a comprehensive Narcan educational campaign by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Project BEST by the University of Nebraska at Omaha to increase the number of licensed drug and alcohol counselors, an information-sharing system for Douglas and Sarpy County Corrections, and the provision of Medication Assisted Treatment by Bonsai Healthcare LLC. The total funding recommended for these projects is $879,569.40.

    On February 5, 2025, the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of these four proposals, which were then presented to the Region 6 Governing Board for final approval

    A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Opioid Settlement Funding for Additional Projects. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

21. Request for Letters of Interest (RFL) for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant – Crystal Fuller

a. Review of the RFL Process and Funding Recommendations

b. Approval of RFL Recommendation

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare's Prevention Department released a Request for Letters of Interest (RFL) to contract with qualified prevention organizations for the fiscal year 2026. The purpose was to identify organizations or coalitions to provide primary prevention services in Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties in Nebraska. The RFL specifically targeted two community impact priorities. First, it aimed to address Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) use among youth aged 8-20, focusing on strategies like retail and social access, and the perception of harm associated with vaping. Second, the RFL sought to raise community awareness and promote protective factors for adults aged 19 and older, particularly concerning alcohol use and its connection to cancer, as well as strategies for building social supports, coping skills, and lifestyle factors.

The total funding available was $417,448, and the timeline for the RFL process included the release on January 7, 2025, submission of Letters of Interest by January 28, 2025, a review by the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee on February 5, 2025, and approval by the Region 6 Governing Board on February 12, 2025. Funding notifications were to be made after February 14, 2025.

Region 6 received Letters of Interest from the American Lung Association, Coalition Rx, Omaha Collegiate Consortium, and Project Extra Mile. These submissions were reviewed based on the RFL criteria, with particular emphasis on reaching all five counties and addressing both community impact priorities. The review committee recommended full funding for the American Lung Association's comprehensive proposal and identified two additional proposals for partial funding. The proposed allocation amounts were communicated to each applicant, who confirmed their agreement and submitted revised proposals and budgets

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Request for Letter of Interest for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

22. Review and Approval of Budget and Plan for Partnership for Success (PFS) Year 3 – Crystal Fuller

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health allocated funding 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, as well as suicide prevention in Cass, Douglas, and Sarpy Counties. Project Extra Mile and Coalition Rx were approved for funding to address the high-risk drinking priority, while Region

6 Behavioral Healthcare is responsible for implementing the mental health and suicide prevention initiatives.

For the third year of the grant (September 29, 2025 - September 30, 2026), the recommended programs and activities include evidence-based education on high-risk drinking. Coalition Rx will focus on adult education and the implementation of WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) training across the targeted counties, with a total budget of $61,872. Project Extra Mile will concentrate on high-risk drinking education for young adults, including the Alcohol Literacy Challenge program among college students. They will also implement environmental practices, such as Alcohol Compliance Checks and Sobriety Checkpoints, with a total budget of $99,420.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare will focus on mental health and suicide prevention education across all ages. This includes supporting the implementation of evidence-based programs like Positive Action and Sources of Strength in schools and youth-serving organizations and facilitating SafeTALK suicide prevention training through Living Works. Additionally, Region 6 will implement environmental strategies to reduce access to lethal means, such as promoting firearm and medication safety and advocating for mental health policies among organizations. A Mental Health Prevention Specialist staff position will also be funded. The total budget for these activities is $184,132.

The combined total for the Year 3 budget across all programs is $345,424.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Budget and Plan for Partnership for Success (PFS) Year 3. The motion was seconded by Don and passe by a unanimous roll call vote

23. Appointment of Michaelle Vega-Hernandez to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, Community at Large, 2/13/25-2/12/28 – Patti Jurjevich

    A motion was made by Don to approve the Appointment of Michaelle Vega-Hernandez to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, Community at Large, 2/13/25-2/12/28. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

24. Approval of Updated Policy and Procedure #120-Conflict of Interest for Regional Governing Board and Advisory Committee Members – Patti Jurjevich

    A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Updated Policy and Procedure #120-Conflict of Interest for Regional Governing Board and Advisory Committee Members. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

25. Approval of Monthly Budget Shifts – Patti Jurjevich

    Patti recapped the Monthly Budget Shifts that were provided in the Boards packets.

    A motion was made by Taylor to approve the Monthly Budget Shifts. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

26. Approval for Out of State Travel for Crystal Fuller – Patti Jurjevich

    Patti requested approval for out of State Travel for Crystal Fuller to attend Assist Training, to be held February 24-25, 2025, in Ames, IA. The total cost of this training, conference, and travel is estimated to be $233.89

    A motion was made by Don to approve the Out of State Travel for Crystal Fuller. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

27. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Patti Jurjevich

    Patti recapped the Contracts and Amendments that were provided in the Board's packets.

    A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Contracts and Amendments. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

28. Quarterly Financial Statements for Period Ending December 31, 2024 – Patti Jurjevich

    The Quarterly Financial Statements for Period Ending December 31, 2024, were provided in the Board's packets for review

29. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

    Patti informed the Board that all standard reports are included in their packets for review.

    She also provided an update on LB454.

    Additionally, Patti shared a two-page document outlining the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model, a new service framework being developed in Nebraska. This document offers insight into these clinics and their impact. Three agencies in Region 6—Lutheran Family Services, Community Alliance, and Heartland Family Services—have been selected to implement this model. Similar services will also be available in Regions 3, 4, and 5. Patti will provide updates as these services develop.

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

    There were no Comments from the Public

31. Motion to Adjourn out Region 6 and enter ENOA

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

ENOA

32. Approval of Personal Care and Homemaker Contracts and BAA - Next Level Home Care - Trish Bergman

    Diane requested approval of the Personal Care and Homemaker Contracts and BAA – Next Level Care, she stated that they provide services in all 5 counties.

    A motion was made by Don to approve the Personal Care and Homemaker Contacts and BAA – Next Level Home Care. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

33. Approval of Homemaker Contract and BAA - Sklusives - Trish Bergman

    Diane requested approval of Homemaker Contract and BAA – Sklusives stating that they will provide services in Douglas County.

    A motion was made by Don to approve the Homemaker Contract and BAA – Sklusives. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

34. Approval of New and Updated Policies – Trish Bergman

    a. ENOA Policies
    b. Congregate Policies
    c. Grab 'N Go Policies
    d. Diner's Choice Policies
    e. Home Delivered Meals Policies

    Diane requested approval of 58 total policies.

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

35. Director's Report – Trish Bergman

    Diane reported that Trish will be following up on the status of Legislative bills LB382 and LB603

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

    There were no Comments from the Public

37. Motion to Adjourn out of ENOA and enter Duet

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

Duet

The Chair stated that an emergency item needed to be added to the agenda due to the immediate need for continuity in financial management oversight of the program office, Duet. The individual being hired for this role is Nancy Chase.

The Chair requested approval to add Nancy Chase's contract, noting that Attorney Chris Jerram had reviewed and approved it.

Lisa made a motion to add the emergency item. The motion was seconded by Don and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

38. Approval of Resolution for the sale of 7019 N 51st Street – Dennis Loose

    Dennis requested approval of the Resolution for the sale of 7019 N 51st Street Omaha, NE 68152.

    A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Resolution for the sale of 7019 N 51st St. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

39. Approval of Resolution on the sale of 6765 Military Ave – Dennis Loose

    Dennis requested approval of the Resolution for the sale of 6765 Military Avenue Omaha, NE 68104.

    A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Resolution for the sale of 6765 Military Avenue. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

40. Approval of Contract with Dennis Loose – Dennis Loose

    The Chair welcomed Dennis.

    A motion was made by Don to approve the Contract with Dennis Loose. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

41. Approval of Contract with Nancy Chase – Dennis Loose

    A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Contract with Nancy Chase. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

42. Director's Report - Dennis Loose

    Dennis introduced Duet's new CFO, John Burns.

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

    There were no Comments from the Public

43. Motion to Adjourn out of the meeting

    A motion was made at 4:26 p.m. by Lisa to enter back into ENHSA Admin and that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram and Dennis Loose move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Don and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

    A motion was made at 5:08 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram and Dennis Loose reconvene and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken while in executive session.

    A motion was made by Lisa at 5:09 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted by

Amanda Stonys