

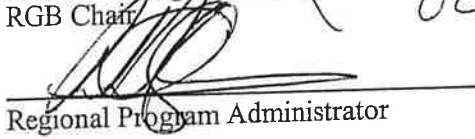
## REGION V SYSTEMS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### ■ Provision of Direct Services by Region V Systems

Adopted by Regional Governing Board

Date: 9-08-03

  
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#### Scope:

Region V Systems will promote comprehensive partnerships in behavioral health through administrative activities consistent with network development, coordination, advocacy, planning, program development and management, fiscal management and accountability, evaluation and quality management, and technical assistance and consultation. This policy is applicable to Region V Systems in the delivery of Nebraska Behavioral Health Systems' funding.

#### Purpose:

To ensure Region V Systems seeks to utilize contractual agreements with public or private behavioral health service agencies or organizations that meet minimum standards as established to provide behavioral health services within the Region V geographic area.

#### Policy:

It is the policy of Region V Systems that it will be utilized to provide direct services\*, as defined, *only* under the following conditions:

- a) When there is a mandate, either statutory or contractually required (local, state, or federal government) or from a private funding source;
- b) When Region V Systems is the provider of last resort;
- c) When there is a short time line to launch a service. It is assumed that spin-off to other service providers will occur as soon as possible.

\* "Direct" services should be defined as helping, direct interaction (face to face or phone) with clients (communities, groups, and individuals). This definition should supplement the definition provided by state statute for mental health services.