

REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

February 12, 2018
1645 N Street
Lincoln, NE
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Johnson, Fillmore County; Dennis Byars, Gage County; Gale Pohlmann, Jefferson County; Les Agena, Johnson County; Todd Wiltgen, Lancaster County; Marvin Bohling, Nemaha County; Dean Speth, Otoe County; Jan Lang, Pawnee County; Jerry Westring, Polk County; Jim Davidson, Richardson County; Janet Henning, Saline County; Doris Karloff, Saunders County; Roger Glawatz, Seward County; Dean Krueger, Thayer County; Bill Bamesberger, York County

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Janak, Butler County

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff DeLine, Dana Cole and Company; C.J. Johnson, Tami DeShon; Patrick Kreifels, Kim Michael, Sandy Morrissey, Amanda Tyerman-Harper, Paul Van De Water, and Marti Rabe, Region V Systems

OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Byars noted that Open Meetings Act information was posted in the meeting room. Notification of this meeting and information regarding availability of the agenda was provided through a legal notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dennis Byars, at 10:32 a.m., followed by roll call.

Roll Call: Present: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Karloff made a motion, seconded by Krueger, to approve the revised (February 8) agenda as presented. There was no discussion.

Roll Call: Yes: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

Election – 2018 Officers / BHAC Representative:

Chair: Johnson stated that he had discussed Board chairmanship with Byars and Byars agreed to continue to serve in that capacity if nominated. Glawatz made a motion, seconded by Pohlman, to nominate Byars for Chair.

Johnson made a motion, seconded by Bohling, to recommend nominations cease and Byars was elected as Chair by rollcall vote.

Roll Call: Present: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

Vice Chair: Krueger stated that he would like to step down from the Vice Chair position but indicated that Janak was interested in serving in that position. Krueger nominated Janak, seconded by Agena. There were no other nominations and Janak was elected as Vice Chair by rollcall vote.

Roll Call: Present: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

Secretary, Treasurer, BHAC Representative: Karloff (Secretary), Wiltgen (Treasurer) and Johnson (BHAC Representative) were agreeable to continuing to serve in their respective offices. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Pohlmann, to nomination Karloff, Wiltgen and Johnson to serve for the coming year, and the nominations were confirmed by rollcall vote.

Roll Call: Present: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

Regional Governing Board Minutes: Pohlman made a motion, seconded by Johnson, to amend the Minutes of the November 13, 2017, meeting. The item in error related to "Other Business" where the text should have read: "Pohlman commented that Jefferson County is working with the Seward County Truancy Program and . . . Fairbury's truancy rate is currently around ten percent."

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Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

Glawatz made a motion, seconded by Bohling, to approve the November 13, 2017, minutes as amended. There was no further discussion. No action was required regarding the Executive Committee minutes of the same date.

Roll Call: Yes: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

FY 16-17 Financial Audit – Dana Cole: A copy of the audit report and a summary of the financial statement review was available to Board members Monday morning. Jeff DeLine, Dana Cole & Company, presented findings from the FY 16-17 audit report noting the report yielded an unmodified opinion which indicates that nothing materially wrong was found during the audit. The audit contained financial statements, uniform guidance reports related to Federal dollars, required supplementary information as well as program specific information. DeLine reported that the audit revealed no areas of non-compliance or deficiencies in internal controls and commended the fiscal department for incorporating additional procedures into the fiscal control practices. Total net assets decreased slightly. DeLine commented that he had met with Morrissey, Prevention Director, and Turner, Housing Director, and reviewed internal controls for Prevention and Housing. Good controls were found to be in place; however, several recommendations were made. Henning made a motion, seconded by Wiltgen, to approve the FY 16-17 Audit Report as presented to be placed on file.

Roll Call: Present: Fillmore County, Gage County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Abstain: Jefferson County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

Fiscal / Financial Report: Van De Water presented the financial report through December (handout) reviewing revenue and expenditures and noted that several areas that were over budget were areas such as subscriptions, insurance, equipment, unexpended revenue, etc. which were one-time payments. With 50 percent of the current fiscal year expended, the Regional budget stood at 46.85 percent, approximately 3 percent under budget. Karloff made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve the Financial Report as presented.

Roll Call: Present: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

Contract Amendments: Johnson directed Board members to the last page of the report which constitutes Region V's contract amendment request to the Division. Additional pages are the forms required by the Division. A total of \$231,741 was shifted from Region V Systems' various Pooled Services. Johnson then reviewed each individual shift by provider providing rationale for the original contract amount and the revised amount. Providers affected included: The Bridge Behavioral Health; CenterPointe; Friendship House; Lutheran Family Services; St. Francis Hospital; St. Monica's; and Telecare. Region V does not contract with Friendship House and St. Francis Hospital, but does provide funding through Letters of Agreement (LOAs). Johnson made a motion, seconded by Bohling, to approve the contract amendment requests as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

FY 17-18 Draft Annual Performance Improvement Plan (PIP): The PIP contains 30 indicators that the Region has identified as important quality measures to monitor and includes all departments and programs within Region V. The scope for each indicator is to achieve, avoid, eliminate or preserve the determined baseline threshold. Henning made a motion, seconded by Davidson, to approve the FY 17-18 Draft Annual Performance Improvement Plan as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

FY 16-17 Management Summary (draft): Johnson stated that the Management Summary encapsulates the PIP from the previous year and includes other areas related to Network Services, Continuous Quality Improvement – Concerns / Requests; Professional Partner Program – Family & Youth Investment and Rental Assistance Program. Providing a Management Summary is a requirement for CARF accreditation but is also good management practice. Pohlmann made a motion, seconded by Agena, to approve the FY 16-17 Management Summary (draft) as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

FY 16-17 Region V Systems Annual Report (draft): Johnson thanked Region V's CQI department for their efforts in providing data and other reporting elements for the compilation of the Annual Report noting, however, that production of the Annual Report is a team effort throughout the agency. Johnson pointed out the various areas covered by the Annual Report which include: Structure and Governance, Funding and Expenditures; Network Administration; Children and Family Services; Partnership / Collaborations, and Staff. Karloff made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the FY 16-17 Region V Systems Annual Report with permission to make minor alterations on an as-needed basis.

Roll Call: Yes: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

One-Time-Only (OTO) Fund Report: Johnson provided a brief backdrop of the origin of the OTO funds, which are carry-over dollars from LB 1083 (Behavioral Health Reform). Following a dispute with the State regarding the amount of funds remaining a special meeting took place involving the Oversight Committee and the Appropriations Committee. Legislation was passed that the State could remove any encumbrances on the remaining dollars but then would disperse the remainder which totaled 15.4 million dollars. Region V received approximately 4.2 million dollars at that time. Over the years the fund has been used in a variety of ways and a total of \$575,448 remains. The Region has elected to keep approximately a half million in the line item for capacity expansion should that become a possibility and currently \$490,392 is earmarked for that line item. Funding remaining after eBHIN ended has been used to help develop Compass, the Region's current data system. Additional remaining funding has been allocated to the Consumer / Family Coalition, Cluster Based Planning, and Integrated CQI Consultation. Johnson commented that the Region has been asked to present on the System of Care Grant and also Cluster Based planning with the idea that these concepts could be used statewide. Wiltgen made a motion, seconded by Bohling, to approve the One-Time-Only Fund Report as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

Prevention Mini Grant Recommendations: Morrissey presented the BHAC recommendations for the 2017 Winter Cycle of prevention mini-grants. \$18,581 was available, \$15,915.72 was requested, and \$15,270.72 was recommended. Morrissey reviewed each individual request and explained what the funded projects set out to accomplish and also provided rationale for any requests that were not approved. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Glawatz, to approve the Prevention Mini-Grant Recommendations as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

FY 16-17 Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Coalition Funding Report: Approximately \$25,000 is made available annually to support Network Providers in providing services to individuals who require the services of an interpreter. A total of \$5,673.75 was used for that purpose in FY 16-17. CLAS Coalition grants in the amount of \$5,978.25 were also approved for Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (LMEP) / SCIP, Lutheran Family Services (LFS), LMEP / Stepping Stones for Families and Lincoln Public Schools for a variety of projects. Other CLAS Coalition expenses / Projects included LPS New Immigrant / Multi-Cultural Practice Training and Region V – I-Pad Interpretation Device for a total of \$4,759.24. Bohling made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve the CLAS Coalition Funding Report for FY 16-17.

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Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

FY 17-18 CLAS Award Summary: Morrissey reviewed CLAS grants approved for FY 17-18. LMEP – SCIP, LMEP – Stepping Stones for Families, Lutheran Family Services, and Mental Health Association of Nebraska have been approved for grants in the amount of \$1,500 each for various translation and training projects. Morrissey commented that SCIP is functioning 96 schools and provides a lot of translation for brochures and other materials. Johnson explained that WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plans) are used to promote prevention of relapse and individual responsibility for recovery efforts. WHAM, Whole Health Action Management, is a similar type of process based on medical care rather than mental health. Avena made a motion, seconded by Pohlmann, to approve the FY 17-18 CLAS Awards as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

FY 17-18 Site Visit Summary Reports: Tyerman-Harper reviewed site visit report summaries for LMEP and Houses of Hope. Both agencies achieved 100 percent for the unit audits. Tyerman-Harper did comment that the Region was ending funding for LMEP’s Family Advocacy Program citing low utilization, a shift in Women’s Set Aside funding, and difficulty in hitting the target population. A Program Fidelity / Compliance Audit was conducted for Houses of Hope, which includes TASC and Touchstone. Houses of Hope was found to be in substantial compliance with fidelity standards. Wiltgen made a motion, seconded by Karloff, to approve the FY 17-18 Site Visit Summary Reports for LMEP and Houses of Hope.

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Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

LB964 Re Mental Health Commitment Act: LB 964 would allow mental health professionals to place an individual in custody (EPC) who was deemed to be a danger to him-/herself or others. Currently law enforcement is the only entity with the power to do so. Wiltgen made a motion, seconded by Johnson, to approve Johnson’s speaking in opposition to LB964. Discussion followed. The concept is not well defined, and other states have been in the process of defining / refining the process for several years. Wiltgen commented that Lancaster County discussed this bill and noted that conflicts would arise when mental health practitioners were not able to transport the individuals to the Crisis Center and would call law enforcement to do so. Other concerns include a lack of cohesive support among NABHO, NACO, and the Regional Administrators as well as concerns that the increase in EPCs would more than double the current number of individuals EPC’d which would quickly overwhelm the emergency system / Crisis Center in Lancaster County. Region 6 (Douglas County) appears to be behind this bill and having the bill pilot this process in Douglas County would be an acceptable alternative. For these and other reasons, Johnson asked the Board to provide a resolution opposing this bill.

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Absent: Butler County

Motion carried.

OTHER UPDATES / LEGISLATION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Behavioral Health / Legislation Updates: Johnson related the following:

- The Governor's budget proposal does not include a reduction in funding for the Regions.
- The Region sponsored over 400 youth who attended the annual Red / White game and signed the drug-free agreement.
- Network Providers have traditionally been required to attend 80 percent of Network Provider, BHAC, and RQIT meetings. Network Providers asked the BHAC to determine whether or not Network Provider attendance should continue to be required at BHAC meetings. There was lengthy discussion, but the BHAC voted to relieve Network Providers of attending that meeting. It was observed that Network Providers could be invited to attend any meeting where a specific issue was to be addressed and / or they would be readily available via electronic communication should clarification be needed.
- The Journal Star will begin a series of reports on follow up for behavioral health reform.

Emergency System: The ninth annual BETA (Behavioral Health Threat Assessment) was recently completed with 65 law enforcement officers in attendance. This year attendees included the Lincoln Fire Marshall as well as members of the State Patrol. Over the course of nine years over 700 law enforcement officers have been trained. In addition a mini-BETA was held in Gage County this year which was well received. Rural law enforcement is not able to send their officers out of County for four days. More mini-BETA trainings are being planned.

Annual Opinion Survey: Michael commented that the Annual Opinion Survey will be emailed within the next two weeks.

Continuous Quality Improvement: CQI Reports will be presented on a quarterly basis in the future.

FY 17-18 Capacity Utilization Summary Reports: Capacity utilization summaries through December are presented for informational purposes. Wiltgen questioned Lutheran Family Service's over utilization and whether or not funds would be available to reimburse agencies for over producing units. Johnson commented that in the past Region V has always been able to purchase over produced units. This year the Region appears to be on track to have a deficit of .5 million. Other Regions' funding may be tapped to make up that deficit if they do not appear to be on track to use their funding.

Annual Acknowledgement Form: Board members were asked to complete and hand in their Annual Acknowledgement Form if they have not already done so.

Management Report: Provided for informational purposes.

Training: Provided for informational purposes. Johnson commented over 7,000 individuals have been training in QPR, i.e. suicide prevention.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 26 – Network Provider Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

February 28 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

March 12 – RGB Meeting – 10:30 a.m.