

REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Janak, Butler 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; Roger Glawatz, Seward County; Dean Krueger, Thayer County; Bill Bamesberger, York County

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Johnson, Fillmore County; Dennis Byars, Gage County; Gale Pohlmann, Jefferson County; Les Agena, Johnson County; Todd Wiltgen, Lancaster County; Doris Karloff, Saunders County

OTHERS PRESENT: C.J. Johnson, Tami DeShon, Paul Van De Water, Kim Michael, and Betsy Bergman, Region V Systems

OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Janak noted the Open Meetings Act information is 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 Vice Chair Greg Janak at 10:31 a.m., followed by roll call.

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

Bohling made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve the agenda as presented. There was no discussion.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STAFF RECOGNITION:

This was delayed until the next meeting.

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

Regional Governing Board Minutes: Henning made a motion, seconded by Bamesberger, to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2018, meeting. There was no further discussion. No action was required regarding the Executive Committee minutes of the same date.

Roll Call: Yes: Butler County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County, Saunders County,

Motion carried.

Fiscal/Financial Report: Van De Water presented the financial report through January (handout) reviewing revenue and expenditures. Van De Water noted several areas that were over budget such as advertising (recruitment), subscriptions, equipment, and insurance. Many of these are one-time payments (such as insurance) and are on track for the year. The Regional budget stood at 53.6 percent, approximately \$234,000 under budget. Bohling asked about the process for replacing vehicles. Van De Water explained we had 10 vehicles when we first purchased them and downsized to 4, based on staff needs. Last time Region V downsized, staff were allowed first chance to purchase, based upon book value. Management will discuss vehicle replacement needs while assessing the FY 18-19 budget. Region V did purchase a used vehicle a couple years ago. Speth made a motion, seconded by Bohling, to approve the Financial Report as presented.

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Absent: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County; Saunders County

Motion carried.

Contracts: Johnson reported that the three contracts on the agenda are identical and each provides for \$3,958.33 payable to Region V Systems. The contracted entities are: Four Corners Health Department, Public Health Solutions and Southeast District Health Department. Because Region V is statutorily responsible for responding in the event of a disaster, these databases are maintained to provide a pool of workers in specialty areas such as nursing, information technology (IT) support, or behavioral health skills. Johnson noted that current technology enables the databases to be sorted by specialty and calls made automatically to the selected recipients through Phonevite. Henning made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve the contracts with the three public health entities as presented.

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Absent: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County; Saunders County

Motion carried.

FY 17-18 Site Visit Summary Reports: Johnson reviewed site visit report summaries for Blue Valley Behavioral Health, The Bridge Behavioral Health, and Lutheran Family Services. All agencies achieved 100 percent for the unit audits and all expenses were verified for those services that are paid for on a non-fee-for-service (NFFS) / expense reimbursement basis. Motion to approve the site visit summaries made by Davidson and seconded by Henning.

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Absent: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County; Saunders County

Motion carried.

BHAC Membership Recommendations: All applicants were screened by the BHAC Membership Subcommittee, received successful background checks, and were moved forward by the BHAC for approval. Johnson read through the qualifications of each and recommended approval to join the BHAC. Michael inquired whether Kuzelka is eligible, as she works for Public Health Solutions. Johnson stated that she is eligible because Public Health Solutions is not one of the main contracted providers, and she can abstain from any vote that affects Public Health Solutions. When asked how long BHAC members can serve, Michael responded BHAC members can serve up to three, three-year terms. Johnson stated that we now have 14 members and can have up to 20. Bohling made a motion, seconded by Krueger, to approve Jill Kuzelka, Corrine Jarecke, and Rebecca Meinders for BHAC membership.

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Absent: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Lancaster County; Saunders County

Motion carried.

OTHER UPDATES / LEGISLATION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Behavioral Health / Legislation Updates: Johnson reported it is likely we will not be able to purchase units at the end of the year above and beyond a provider's contract. DHHS has asked the Regions if there are non-service programs that could be cut back (such as SOAR) instead of services. Region V will evaluate.

Emergency System: Johnson stated November and December had the largest number of EPCs seen in years, and he does not have a theory as to why it ballooned temporarily. It has now leveled out. Johnson was asked to explain the difference between EPC and CPC. EPC is when a person is mentally ill and dangerous. CPC is when someone is intoxicated and a danger to themselves or others. When placed under CPC, instead of booking into jail, law enforcement transports the individual to The Bridge. The individual can leave once they have a "zero" blood alcohol count (BAC) or until a responsible person picks them up. If their BAC is over 2.0 or 2.5, they will transfer them to the hospital.

Midway through last year, Medicaid informed providers that it will no longer reimburse for Civil Protective Custody (CPC). Region V pays \$99,000 a year toward CPC to The Bridge. Region V filled the funding gap for The Bridge at the end of last year because of this change, but did not increase CPC funding for FY 17-18. UNL is now paying \$42,000, since game days increase the number of CPCs. LPD also contributed \$50,000 for FY 17-18 and is evaluating if it can continue. Janak requested clarification as to how The Bridge's contract is not considered an increase. Johnson indicated Region V filled the gap, but the *contracted* amount was not increased.

Continuous Quality Improvement: Network Compliance Fidelity Review Report: Network Providers met all contractual requirements for FY 16-17.

Network Performance Improvement Summary: With the development of CQI, Region V has implemented a performance improvement plan process for when a provider is not meeting certain standards. This has brought accountability and clarity to the process.

FY 19 Regional Budget Plan: DHHS wants all completed contracts returned to the state by July 1. Because of the earlier turnaround requirement for documents, the budget plan for next fiscal year will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

FY 17-18 Capacity Utilization Summary Reports: Capacity utilization summaries through January were presented for informational purposes. We have an overage and may need funding from other Regions. Johnson said a couple Regions will have unspent funding we can draw from.

Annual Acknowledgement Report: A summary was presented listing conflicts of interest as reported by RGB members. Janak suggested the acknowledgement summary should include board activity for any entities Region V contracts with. The acknowledgment summary was passed around for any potential additions.

Gold Award: Recycle Lincoln Leadership Program: Johnson announced Region V was awarded a Gold Level recycling award from the Recycle Lincoln Leadership Program. Gold Level is attained when 40% or more of paper is recycled.

Management Report: Provided for informational purposes.

Training: Provided for informational purposes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Johnson mentioned we will have our site visit from CARF soon.
- Johnson stated we recently received final FY 18-19 budgets from Network Providers. The budgets will not be taken to the Network Providers meeting; instead, providers can attend the BHAC to make comments for the record.
- The next meeting will be held at Region V Services. There will be a reminder of the location change in the packets next month.
- Van De Water reminded the board to include the “start” address on the mileage sheets.
- Bohling asked for a follow up to the conversation last month regarding EPCs and what is being discussed in the Legislature. Johnson explained the bill was intended to allow most licensed individuals in mental health to place someone on an EPC. It is still in committee and probably won’t come out this session. Johnson spoke in opposition of the bill since it needs more detail and will increase the number of EPCs the way it is.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 19 – Network Provider Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

March 28 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

April 9 – RGB Meeting – 10:30 a.m.