

REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

September 9, 2019
Region V Systems
1645 N Street
Lincoln, NE
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Janak, Butler County; Kenny Harre , Fillmore County; Gale Pohlmann, Jefferson County; Jim Erickson, Johnson County; Christa Yoakum, Lancaster County; Larry Holtzman, Nemaha County; Dean Speth, Otoe County; Jan Lang, Pawnee County; Jerry Westring, Polk County; John Caverzagie, Richardson County; Janet Henning, Saline County; Ken Schmieding, Seward County; Dean Krueger, Thayer County; Bill Bamesberger, York County

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Byars, Gage County; Doris Karloff, Saunders County

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Day, Blue Valley Behavioral Health; Sheri Dawson, Tamera Gavin, Linda Wittmuss, Department of Health and Human Services; Tami DeShon, C.J. Johnson, Patrick Kreifels, Phyllis McCaul, Kim Michael, Gretchen Mills, 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

Janak called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., followed by roll call and approval of the agenda.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Pohlmann made a motion seconded by Lange to approve the September 9, 2019 RGB Agenda

Roll Call: Yes: Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Thayer, York

Abstain: Lancaster, Polk, Seward

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motioned carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Janak presented certificates of recognition and appreciation to Theresa Henning, Lisa Moser, Linda Pope, Susan Lybarger, and Jon Kruse. Janak briefly discussed their roles and responsibilities and many contributions to Region V Systems and thanked them for their service.

DHHS PRESENTATION: Sheri Dawson, Tamera Gavin, Linda Wittmuss

Dawson presented a Division of Behavioral Health organizational flowchart and 2017-2020 Strategic Plan and Goals. Wittmuss discussed the Governor's Dashboard in relation to stable living arrangements and employment status at discharge. She also discussed EPC admissions. Gavin presented information about waitlists. She also spoke about the strengths of the Region and opportunities for the Region.

Regional Governing Board Minutes: One change needed to be made to the June 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Dean Speth was listed as representing Nemaha County and Larry Holtzman was listed as representing Otoe County; a correction will be made for this transposition. Pohlmann made a motion, seconded by Bamesberger, to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2019, meeting, with corrections.

Roll Call: Yes: Butler, Fillmore, Jefferson, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Thayer, York

Abstain: Johnson, Lancaster, Polk, Seward

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

Fiscal/Financial Report: DeShon presented the financial report through July, reviewing revenue and expenditures and providing rationale for areas where spending exceeds budget projections. She reported on the audit, that the Region finished the year under budget (\$280,000), and more information will be presented at the November meeting. Henning, made a motion, seconded by Harre, to approve the Financial Report as presented.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

One-Time-Only Fund Report: Johnson briefly explained the history of the fund. After 11 years there is \$431,000 remaining with priority areas including: Reducing Census at Regional Centers; Providing Crisis Care; Developing Services for Special Populations; Expansion of Private Provider Panels; and Enhancing Consumer Involvement. The useful process of carry-over of funds was discussed. Lang made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the One-Time-Only Fund Report as presented.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

June/Upcoming October Contract Amendments: Johnson presented the June Contract Shifts in a handout. Johnson reminded the Board that these are shifts that had been previously authorized via Region V procedure per Board approval. Krueger made a motion seconded by Pohlman to ratify the June Contract Shifts as presented.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

Johnson presented the future shifts that have an October deadline. Henning made a motion, seconded by Lang to authorize the Region to make shifts as necessary.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

CABHI NO-COST EXTENTION: CABHI is a federal grant for homelessness, contracting with SAMSA that the Region has had since 2015. The Region was approved for a \$135,000 no-cost extension. Harre made a motion, seconded by Pohlman to approve entering a contract with SAMSA to carry out the no-cost extension of the CABHI grant.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

BHAC Membership Recommendations: A brief explanation of the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee's role, how applicants are recruited (e.g. recruitment comes from county coalitions, Facebook, Region V website, and board recommendations) and the six applicants' vitae were summarized by Johnson. Yoakum made a motion seconded by Henning to approve the slate of applicants contingent on their background checks.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

BHAC Bylaws-Revision: Michael outlined the following changes to the BHAC bylaws to consider: Adding counties to Article I Section 2; clarifying language for Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-804[2]; language change in Article II Section 3; Addition of Section 7 to Article IV regarding the audio recording of public meetings. Michael explained that the language changes were to keep current with new terminology. Pohlmann made a motion seconded by Caverzagie to approve the revisions to the BHAC Bylaws as presented.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

Site Visit Report Summaries: Johnson reviewed summaries of the site visits for Associates in Counseling and Treatment, HopeSpoke, Houses of Hope/TASC/Touchstone, Lutheran Family Service and the Mental Health Crisis Center. Bamesberger made a motion seconded by Lang to approve the Site Visit Report Summaries as presented.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

Contract – FEMA Counseling Grant – Nebraska Strong Recovery Project: Johnson discussed the original 90-day FEMA grant awarded to provide crisis counseling and community outreach to the following counties following the floods: Butler, Nemaha, Richardson, Saline, and Saunders. This grant was extended into a nine month grant and full-time staff have been hired. Schmieding made a motion, seconded by Henning to ratify the contract with Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services and the Division of Behavioral Health as presented.

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

Absent: Gage, Saunders

Motion carried.

OTHER UPDATES / LEGISLATION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Behavioral Health / Legislation Updates: Jon Day, the Executive Director of Blue Valley Behavioral Health, a provider with 11 satellite locations serving rural counties, discussed current challenges for providers regarding Capacity Access Guarantee (CAG) funding which is under review by DHHS. Day presented this information to let the Board know what action steps were being taken and asked for the Board's support moving forward.

Emergency System: No further discussion.

Systems of Care: No further discussion.

Network CQI – Complaints, Appeals and Critical Incidents FY 19 Q1-Q3: Kreifels noted that the presentation by DHHS summarized the CQI Governor's Dashboard reports, and reminded the Board that Region's CQI reports also include consumer recovery rates, ineligibles, and denials. Contact him with any questions.

FY 18-19 Capacity Utilization Summary Report: Provided for informational purposes.

FY 18-19 Compliance Management Report: Provided for informational purposes.

Training Schedule: Provided for informational purposes.

FY 19-20 Schedule of Meetings: Provided for informational purposes.

FY 19-20 Site Visit Schedule: Provided for informational purposes.

OTHER BUSINESS: There will be a motion to add Christa Yoakum, the new Lancaster County Board representative, to the Executive Committee.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 16 – Network Provider Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- October 23 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- November 4 – RGB Meeting – 10:30 a.m.