

REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

May 11, 2020
Region V Systems Teleconference
1645 N Street
Lincoln, NE
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Janak, Butler County; Dennis Byars, Gage County; Gale Pohlmann, Jefferson County; Jim Erickson, Johnson County; Christa Yoakum, Lancaster County; Dean Speth, Otoe County; Jan Lang, Pawnee County; John Caverzagie, Richardson County; Janet Henning, Saline County; Doris Karloff, Saunders County; Ken Schmieding, Seward County; Dean Krueger, Thayer County; Bill Bamesberger, York County

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kenny Harre, Fillmore County; Larry Holtzman, Nemaha County; Jerry Westering, Polk County

OTHERS PRESENT: Tami DeShon, C.J. Johnson, Marti Rabe, Amanda Tyerman-Harper, and Gretchen Mills, Region V

OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Byars 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

Byars called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. followed by roll call.

Present: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Henning made a motion, seconded by Pohlman, to approve the May 11, 2020 RGB Agenda.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

Regional Governing Board Minutes: Karloff made a motion, seconded by Pohlman, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020, meeting. There was no discussion.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motioned carried.

Fiscal/Financial Report: Copies of the report were available Monday morning. There was no additional discussion. Lang made a motion seconded by Pohlman, to approve the Financial Report as presented.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motioned carried.

Contract/Amendments:

April Shifts: Johnson explained that with some additional money from the State, only two shifts were recommended in April: 1) from Acute Inpatient to Psych Residential Rehab, \$86,529.00 and 2) from Behavioral Health Integration to Supported Housing, \$30,000.00. The State was asked to rescind earlier requests once the Region found out about the additional funding for projected over produced units. The additional funding is \$780,000. Pohlmann made a motion, seconded by Lang, to ratify the shifts.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motioned carried.

Contract Amendments: Johnson discussed the three contract amendments that are currently pending.

- KidGlov: This amendment will increase spending from \$75,000 to \$90,600 to add social media support for the Partnership for Success website including social media posts, website updates, and monthly meetings.
- Department of Health and Human Services/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Region V Systems will receive \$999,968 which is essentially an extension to the FEMA flood grant to serve adults with mental health or substance abuse issues in 23 Nebraska counties. It will be run through SAMHSA.
- Building Partners: Building Partners have contracts with Region V Systems for providing facilities usage, office space, phone, and informational technology support. The annual (FY 20-21) contract amounts are as follows: Families Inspiring Families (\$16,986), Cause Collective (\$1,368), and Mental Health Association of Nebraska (\$52,578).

Yoakum made a motion, seconded by Karloff, to enter the contracts as presented.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motion carried.

Region V Systems Contractual Agreements: Johnson discussed the four contract agreements that are currently pending.

- Region V/ DHHS – State-to-Region contract money is used for prevention, rental assistance, transition voucher program, behavioral health coordination and network management services. This is an amendment for additional funding for overproduced units. This contract runs from July 1, 2019 – June 20, 2020 and has an increase of \$780,641.29 to bring the total to \$21,502,267.29.

- The DHHS – COVID Crisis Counseling/Outreach Program contract will be used to provide crisis counseling and community outreach in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The contract, in the amount of \$274,398.69, runs from June 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020.
- The DHHS SAMHSA - COVID contract will help expand services to individuals who have been affected by the COVID 19 pandemic and are seeking treatment. This contract, in the amount of \$307,946, runs from May 31, 2020 – September 30, 2021.
- The DHHS – Opioid Use Disorders contract will provide activities to reduce opioid related deaths and abuse of prescriptions throughout the Region. This is an amendment for additional funding. The contract runs from September 30, 2019 – September 29, 2020 and has an increase of \$102,713 to bring the total to \$270,322.

Bamesberger made a motion, seconded by Janak, to move forward on these contracts.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motion carried.

FY 20-21 County Contributions: Johnson stated that the Region is not recommending any increase from last year's county contributions. With the additional funding that was received, the Region was able to cover the county contribution requirement by utilizing other funding. Yoakum made a motion, seconded by Pohlman, to accept the recommendation for the FY 20-21 budget.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motion carried.

Alternative Compliance: Johnson discussed the requests from Blue Valley Behavioral Health, CenterPointe, and Lutheran Family Services to allow alternative compliance, billing in 15-minute increments for community support services when unable to provide three contacts or three hours of service per month. This compliance aligns payment with Medicaid and must be requested annually. Karloff made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve the providers' requests to use Alternative Compliance when billing for community support services.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motion carried.

Regional Budget Plan: Johnson discussed the recommendations made to the Division for the Region's allocation for FY 20-21. Lang made a motion, seconded by Pohlmann to ratify the Regional Budget Plan as it has already been submitted to DBH awaiting final approval.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motion carried.

Site Visit Summary Reports:

- Lutheran Family Services: Johnson shared that all units for the services that were audited were accounted for 100%. There is a fiscal audit pending for LFS medication management. LFS demonstrated substantial compliance with all the minimum standards and contractual requirements.
- St. Monica's: Johnson shared that all units for the services that were audited were accounted for 100%. A fiscal audit is pending for short-term residential, service enhancement, therapeutic community, and emergency flex funds. St. Monica's demonstrated substantial compliance with all the minimum standards and contractual requirements.

Yoakum made a motion, seconded Schmieding by to accept Site Visit Report summaries as presented.

Yes: Butler County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Seward county, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Fillmore County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Polk County, Saline County

Motion carried.

As there were audio problems, Johnson asked the Board to review the information that was provided for the additional agenda items. If there are any questions, email Johnson and he will respond to you and the rest of the Board. With that, Johnson suggested the meeting adjourn.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

- TBD – RGB Executive Committee Meeting
- Weekly – Network Provider Meeting – via conference call
- May 27 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- June 8 – RGB Meeting – 10:30 a.m.