

REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

June 14, 2021
Region V Services
3600 Union Drive
Lincoln, NE
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenny Harre, Fillmore County; Dennis Byars, Gage County; Gale Pohlmann, Jefferson County; Christa Yoakum, Lancaster County; Jan Lang, Pawnee County; Jerry Westring, Polk County; John Caverzagie, Richardson County; Janet Henning, Saline County; John Smaus, Saunders County; Misty Ahmic, Seward County; Dean Krueger, Thayer County; Bill Bamesberger, York County

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Svoboda, Butler County; Jim Erickson, Johnson County; Larry Holtzman, Nemaha County; Dan Crownover, Otoe County

OTHERS PRESENT: Tami DeShon, C.J. Johnson, Patrick Kreifels, Kim Michael, Sandy Morrissey, Marti Rabe, Region V Systems

OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Byars noted the Open Meetings Act information is posted in the meeting room and reminded Board members that the meetings are open to the public and are audiotaped. The agenda is posted for public viewing at region5systems.net. 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 10:38 a.m. followed by roll call.

Present: Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County

Absent: Butler County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Otoe County

Henning made a motion, seconded by Yoakum, to approve the June 14, 2021, agenda. It was agreed that voting would be by consensus to facilitate the lengthy agenda. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

Regional Governing Board Minutes: Pohlman made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve the May 10, 2021, minutes as presented. No action was required regarding the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of the same date. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Copies of the Financial Report were available this morning. DeShon reviewed revenue and expenses through April noting areas where expenditures were over 100 percent and providing rationale

for those overages. DeShon indicated no concerns with the overall budget by year end. With 83.33 percent of the fiscal year expended, expenditures are 80.07 percent, approximately 3.25 percent under budget.

Lang made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the Financial Report as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

FY 21-22 Office Budget: Johnson presented the FY 21-22 Office Budget which was emailed to Board members on June 11 and available this morning. An increase of \$21,000 in general funds was incorporated to balance the budget. Personnel, insurance, and rent / utilities saw the most significant increases. The total Office Budget for FY 21-22 is \$5,789,638.

Harre made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the FY 21-22 Office Budget as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saunders County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Contractual Agreements: Johnson reviewed contracts by the following categories, briefly reviewing each contract, noting the purpose for the contract, services provided, and the contracted amount. Johnson commented that Network Provider contracts showing a decrease are related to the Covid pandemic and Medicaid expansion.

- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
- Network Provider
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
- Southeast Nebraska Disaster Volunteer Database
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Disproportionate Share Hospital Contracts with Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital and the DHHS
- Mental Health First Aid
- Miscellaneous Contracts with University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, H4 Technology LLC, Families Inspiring Families (FIF), Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC, University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Prevention Federal Block Grant Recipients
- Strategic Prevention Framework- Partnerships for Success Sub-Contractors

Pohlman made a motion, seconded by Yoakum, to approve all the aforementioned contracts. There were no questions and no discussion. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

One-Time-Only (OTO) Fund Report: Johnson provided a brief recap of the One-Time-Only funding history. In 2008 the Region received \$4.2 million in carryover from behavioral health reform. The funds have been used for a variety of line items over the years and the remaining balance is \$125,720. Currently it is anticipated that remaining funds may be utilized to hire a consultant to help facilitate focus groups, etc. to determine how best to use reinvestment funding to fill service gaps.

Henning made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve the One-Time-Only report as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Regional Budget Plan: Johnson explained that the Region submitted the annual Regional Budget Plan (RBP) as of April 1. Since then additional federal funding has come into the system though the total amount available is not clear. The Region has not received final approval for the RBP at this time. As noted earlier, provider contracts have been reduced to reflect utilization in the current fiscal year, acknowledging that Covid and Medicaid expansion have had a significant impact. Johnson explained that the unallocated line item funding is being held specifically by service and those funds will be available to providers should they begin to draw down more units than anticipated. This strategy will allow for flexibility and permit the Region to reinvest some of these dollars if they are not required by our providers. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the RBP as submitted with ongoing approval to negotiate and enter any contracts that are consistent with the Region's vision for those funds. Johnson stated that any contracts negotiated before the September Board meeting would be brought forward for ratification.

Yoakum so moved, seconded by Bamesberger. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

FY 21-22 Strategic Plan (Draft): Johnson presented the draft Strategic Plan reviewing the Region's six goals and related objectives. Johnson commented that the plan reflects few changes as the Region is waiting for the Division to release its revised Strategic Plan. The Region strives to align goals and objectives with the same focus areas of the Division.

Smaus made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the FY 21-22 Strategic Plan as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

FY21-22 Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate (CLAS) Grants: Morrissey reviewed the CLAS grant applications, noted the amounts, and discussed briefly what activities would be conducted with the funding. St. Monica's, Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, and School Community Intervention and Prevention (SCIP) were the applicants. A total of \$2,600 was requested.

Bamesberger made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve the CLAS grant application requests as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Site Visit Report Summaries: Johnson presented the following site visit reports:

- Associates in Counseling and Treatment: 100 percent of units audited were verified, and the agency demonstrates substantial compliance with minimum standards and contractual requirements.
- Houses of Hope / TASC / Touchstone: 100 percent of units were verified for Halfway House and Touchstone. TASC services are provided on a non-fee-for-service basis, but files were reviewed to ensure appropriate service provision. The agency demonstrates substantial compliance with minimum standards and contractual requirement.

Pohlman made a motion, seconded by Smaus, to approve and place on file the site visit reports for ACT and Houses of Hope as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Governing Board BHAC Representative: Johnson stated that Pohlman has agreed to accept the nomination to be the Governing Board representative for the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee.

Krueger made a motion, seconded by Yoakum, to approve Pohlman as the BHAC representative. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

BHAC Attendance / Reinstatement: BHAC bylaws require that members attend at least 50 percent of the scheduled meetings. Johnson explained that BHAC attendance was inconsistent this past year due to the pandemic, change in the meeting format and scheduling conflicts. Johnson asked that the Board provide a general amnesty to BHAC members for the current fiscal year acknowledging that the current BHAC members are a committed, involved group and attendance is not typically a concern.

Henning made a motion, seconded by Yoakum, to approve an exception to the bylaws for FY 20-21. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Amendments Related to 457(b) Plan: Michael discussed an amendment to the 457(b) Plan which included a voluntary benefit addition. Michael noted that the documents were prepared with legal counsel and have been reviewed by the Executive Committee which approved moving the amendment forward to the full Board.

Yoakum made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve adoption of the resolution to amend the 457(b) Plan. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

Section 125 Plan – Dependent Care Allowance: Michael presented the draft Section 125 Plan to address a change to the Dependent Coverage section. This document has been reviewed by Region V's attorney who suggested additional changes to the language in the document, as well as the Executive Committee. All changes are highlighted in the document provided.

Smaus made a motion, seconded by Henning, to approve the revised Section 125 Plan as presented. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

FY 21-22 Regional Administrator Compensation: Byars stated that the Executive Committee met on May 10 for the annual review of Johnson's performance evaluation. Based on their satisfactory review, the Executive Committee is recommending that Johnson is eligible for a five percent salary increase, bringing his salary to \$149,664 effective July 1. Byars commended Johnson for his leadership this past year.

Henning made a motion, seconded by Pohlman, to approve Johnson's compensation for FY 21-22. Voting aye were Fillmore County, Gage County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Saunders County, Seward County, Thayer County, York County; nays none. Motion carried.

OTHER UPDATES / LEGISLATION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Behavioral Health / Legislative Updates:

- LR 203: Johnson reported that Senator Flood has introduced LR 203 which proposes to examine the role and mission of the behavioral health regions and the regional centers in relation to Medicaid expansion. Johnson stated that he sees this as an opportunity to move forward with non-Medicaid

funded services such as supported housing and supported employment commenting that these services are essential for individuals seeking to live successfully in the community following treatment.

- **Additional Behavioral Health Funding:** It is unknown at this time how this money will be appropriated. In addition, each fund has specific limitations and time frames.
- **Covid 19 Impact:** No further discussion
- **Medicaid Implementation Impact:** No further discussion
- **Provider Budgets / Medicaid Expansion Approach:** No further discussion

Prevention: Morrissey reported that Prevention Coordination has been successful in getting Narcan and Detera out to law enforcement and other areas. Contact Morrissey with any questions about these products.

Wellness Initiative Quarterly Report: The Region is contracting with Wellness Initiative to fulfill the consumer involvement contract delivery element. Quarterly reports will be provided.

Location for FY 21-22 Board Meetings: Johnson and Kasik will discuss the location for Board meetings for FY 21-22.

Network Continuous Quality Improvement: Kreifels briefly presented the following reports which reflect various data sets collected by the CQI department. Johnson commented that the work of the CQI department is critical to the work that Region V does. Please contact Kreifels at any time for more detailed information or if there are questions after reviewing the data.

- FY 20-21 Q1-3 Assessments – SUD
- FY 20-21 Q1-3 National Outcome Measures
- FY 21-22 Persons Served Recovery Measures – Proposed Targets and Thresholds
- FY 21-22 Draft Network Performance Improvement Plan

FY 20-21 Capacity Utilization Summary Reports (April): Included for informational purposes.

FY 20-21 Network Provider Management Report: Included for informational purposes.

FY 20-21 and FY 21-22 Training Plan: Included for informational purposes.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was additional discussion regarding the additional funding that will be coming into the behavioral health system through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed in March of 2021. Plans are being made to continue discussions with SAMHSA and NACO to determine how to maximize these dollars based on the specific parameters established for each type of grant.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 21 – Network Provider Meeting (cancelled)
- September 1 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- September 13 – RGB Meeting – 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.