

REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD

REGION V SYSTEMS MINUTES

November 8, 2021
Region V Services
3600 Union Drive
Lincoln, NE
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Byars, Gage County; Christa Yoakum, Lancaster County; Jan Lang, Pawnee County; John Caverzagie, Richardson County; Dean Krueger, Thayer County; Bill Bamesberger, York County

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Svoboda, Butler County; Kenny Harre, Fillmore County; Gale Pohlmann, Jefferson County; Jim Erickson, Johnson County; Larry Holtzman, Nemaha County; Dan Crownover, Otoe County; Jerry Westring, Polk County; Janet Henning, Saline County; John Smaus, Saunders County; Ken Schmieding, Seward County

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

The Governing Board convened at 10:50 a.m. without a quorum. No formal action could be taken. Necessary motion items will be brought forward to the February meeting. If an important issue arises that needs resolution sooner than February, an emergency meeting may be called.

The following items were briefly discussed:

- **Safer Federal Workforce Task Force COVID-19 Workplace Safety; Guidance for Federal Contractors and Subcontractors: Executive Order 14042:** Region V has sought legal advice regarding Executive Order 14042 and will implement this mandate for Region V staff per that advice. The intent of a motion for this mandate was to establish policies and procedures related to that implementation. At this time the Region has decided not to pass this requirement through to subcontractors until the Region has a contract in place with this language.
- **Outcomes Measures:** Kreifels commented that Region V will begin conducting annual Outcomes meetings with Network Providers. The first meeting is scheduled for this afternoon.
- **Meeting with Regional Administrators:** Johnson stated that he and other Regional Administrators (RA) are meeting this afternoon with Nikki Swope, fiscal representative for the Nebraska Legislature. RAs believe that a significant amount of unallocated funding is available at the Division, and funds will be reviewed with Swope.
- **Legislative Updates:** Johnson stated that there are a significant number of bills to be introduced. Many of these bills will not make it out of committee due to the number of issues confronting the Legislature for this session.
- **Opioid Settlement Dollars / American Rescue Act:** When questioned about these various funds, Johnson commented that there is a lot of confusion due to different requirements for the different funding sources. Johnson suggested that questions best be addressed to Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director.
- **Region V CARF Accreditation:** Johnson reported that Region V recently had its national survey, conducted remotely, through CARF. Region V is accredited for FYI, Prevention, and Network Management programs. There are over 2,000 standards that an agency has to meet and there were no recommendations. One of the surveyors stated that she has done hundreds of CARF surveys and Region V is now her #1 agency for its performance.
- **Location / Format for Upcoming Meetings:** At this time future meetings will be held at Region V Services. The Region is investigating whether or not the Board can hold meetings via Zoom. Per state statutes it appears that is a possibility if certain stipulations are met.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. followed by an Executive Committee meeting.
- **Important Dates:**
 - November 15 – Network Provider Meeting
 - January 26 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
 - February 14– RGB Meeting – 10:30 a.m.