

Opioid Steering Committee
JULY 8, 2025, 1:00-3:00
Hybrid Meeting
Region 5 Systems 3600 Union Dr, Lincoln, NE

Opening:

Trina opened the meeting at 1:01 at Region 5 Systems and Online. New committee member names were mentioned and Trina welcomed everyone to the meeting.

New Business:

Flex Funds – (\$125,000)

Trina reported, as of June 30, 2025, \$122,652.42 of the \$125,000 approved for the past fiscal year has been used to support over 159 individuals. The funds have helped; secure recovery housing, provide phones, minor car repairs, transportation to treatment, store personal belongings while in recovery, and help with AC emergency repair for the Women and Children's treatment center at the Indian Center. These funds are making a meaningful impact in the lives of those seeking or currently recovering from Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

An additional \$125,000 for FY 25-26, will enable us to continue providing this vital assistance throughout the coming year – particularly in regions where no other support is available.

The committee discussed the following:

- Modifying the application to collect additional data such as zip code, gender, ethnicity, age, and whether they are a veteran (utilizing VA funding as an option).
- Collect data from people already served. Do we see any trends?
- Equitable disbursement of funds - are there areas being overlooked that could use assistance as well.

****Erik Delaney motioned to approve \$125,000 flex funding; Bullet Splichal seconded the motion. Voice vote and online responses approve (1 abstention); motion passes.*

Indian Center, Inc. – HVAC System Replacement (\$29,087.60)

The requested funds of \$29,087.60, will be used to cover the cost of removing the old HVAC system and installing a new unit at the Indian Center, which houses St. Monica's Women Are Sacred inpatient treatment program. Since St. Monica's utilizes approximately 20% of the facility, the request reflects 20% of the total project cost. The Indian Center has already received \$12,000 in emergency funds so this amount would be subtracted from the requested amount. Committee members mentioned other agencies/organizations where more funding may be available.

****Erik Delaney motioned to approve 20% of the overall cost, minus \$12,000 emergency funds already received, with a cap of \$30,000. Bullet Splichal seconded the motion. Voice vote and online responses approve (3 abstentions); motion passes and will move forward to the BHAC Committee, then Regional Governing Board for final approval.*

My LNK APP – (\$6,000) ½ cost of App fee.

This app allows free access to resources from nearly 400 organizations and 700 programs. Trina will email analytics on app usage to committee members.

****Ryan Carruthers motioned to approve, Amy Holman seconded the motion. Voice vote and online responses approve (1 abstention); motion passes.*

Upcoming Events

- **FY 25-26 Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Cycle** – now open; deadline is July 25, 2025. We are seeking 2 committee members for grant review process. Let Trina or Theresa know if you are interested.
- **Nebraska DHHS Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund Grant** – Now open, deadline is August 1, 2025 <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/opioid-treatment-infrastructure-cash-fund-RFA.aspx>
- **Nebraska Drug Overdose Awareness Week: August 24 - 31, 2025**

Overdose Awareness Events:

- **August 27, 2025 (7-8:30pm)** - *Overdose Awareness & Remembrance Event* ([flyer](#)) – CenterPointe Wellbeing Garden 2202 S. 11th St. Lincoln NE
- **August 26, 2025** – VA Suicide/Overdose Event

Next Meeting:

Sept. 9, 2025 - 1:00-3:00 Hybrid