

Region 5 Systems Opioid Steering Committee

November 18, 2025 – 1:00-3:00
Region 5 Systems / Hybrid
3600 Union Drive
Lincoln, NE

Present: (in person) Amy Holman, Simera Reynolds, Sandy Morrissey, Erik Delaney, Jeff Sorenson, Rebecca White, Maria Hatfield, Theresa Henning, Trina, Janis

Present: (virtual) Cheyenne Drudik, Ben Murry, Christa Yoakum, Sonya Turco, Sheila Vinton, Terra Uhing, Jill Kuzelka, LeAnn Stevenson, Joe Pastuszak, Ryan Carruthers

Others present: CJ Alberico, Nick Fredrick, Donna Dekker

Welcome

Trina opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes September 9, 2025

After committee review, Erik Delaney motioned to approve, Simera Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried by majority vote in favor. No abstentions to note.

Goldfinch Obvious Expenditure Presentation

Patrick Madigan and Jill Halcomb presented an overview of Goldfinch and outlined the details of their Billion Pill Pledge funding proposal. After thorough discussion among committee members, it was agreed to table this expenditure. Region 5 Systems will establish clear guidelines on what qualifies as an obvious expenditure versus what should be considered for grant funding. This will be shared with the OSC at the January meeting.

Opioid Grant and Obvious Expenditure Outcomes – Joe Pastuszak

Joe Pastuszak gave an update on outcomes.

Cycle 2 Opioid Settlement Grants Announcement

The Grant Review Committee has completed its review of all applications for this cycle. The committee's recommendations are outlined in the attached handout. Recommendations were forwarded to **BHAC** and **RGB** for approval. Grant recommendations were approved by the RGB on November 10, 2025. Contracts are being finalized and signed, and the grants will begin, January 1, 2026.

Refer to the handout for detailed recommendations.

Review of Opioid Steering Committee Charter

A revised, March 2025, Committee Charter was provided as a handout for everyone to review. Trina will make the recommended changes and present it at the January 13, 2026, meeting.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2026 - 1:00-3:00 Hybrid, 3600 Union Dr. Lincoln, NE 68516