



**REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**

April 13, 2026

10:15 a.m.

Apace, 4433 S. 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE

**ROLL CALL**

COUNTY	BOARD MEMBERS	ABSENT	PRESENT
BUTLER	SCOTT GRIESS	X	
FILLMORE	KENNY HARRE		X
GAGE	EMILY HAXBY	X	
JEFFERSON	DANIELLE SCHWAB		X
JOHNSON	LES AGENA	X	
LANCASTER	CHRISTA YOAKUM		X
NEMAHA	MICHAEL WEISS		X
OTOE	DAN CROWNOVER		X
PAWNEE	JAN LANG		X
POLK	JERRY WESTRING	X	
RICHARDSON	JOHN CAVERZAGIE		X
SALINE	RAY ROHRIG		X
SAUNDERS	BILL REECE		X
SEWARD	DARRELL ZABROCKI		X
THAYER	DEAN KRUEGER		X
YORK	DEB ROBERTSON		X

Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Others Present: Traci Cooney, Tami DeShon, Theresa Henning, Patrick Kreifels, Kim Michael, and Erin Rourke, Region 5 Systems

**HOUSEKEEPING / CALL TO ORDER**

Yoakum called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION**

Yoakum 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 [www.region5systems.net](http://www.region5systems.net). Notification of this meeting and information regarding availability of the agenda was provided through a legal notice in the Lincoln Journal Star, published April 5, 2026.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Weiss made a motion, seconded by Schwab, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **SQUAREONE PRESENTATION**

Ashley Chism with CenterPointe gave a presentation to introduce the SquareOne project.

### **ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS**

#### **Regional Governing Board Minutes 3/9/2026:**

Lang made a motion, seconded by Reese, to approve the minutes as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.

#### **Financial Report:**

DeShone reviewed the financial reports in detail to the board.

Weiss made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the budgets as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.

#### **FY26 Contractual Agreements:**

Henning presented contract agreements for the following:

- New contract agreement with Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to cover FY27 Mental Health First Aid training costs to the community. Lang made a motion, seconded by Schwab, to approve this contract with DBH as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.
- Six trainers to provide Mental Health First Aid trainings to the community. Weiss made a motion, seconded by Zabrocki, to approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.
- Three contracts with consultants for DBT training, June Jam speakers, and Motivational Interviewing trainers. Lang made a motion, seconded by Rohrig, to approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.
- Contract to assist in providing services under Plan for One for a consumer from LRC. Weiss made a motion, seconded by Krueger, to approve this contract as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.

#### **Provider Contract Amendments:**

- Henning presented provider shifts and amendments for March 2025. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Harre, to accept the contract amendments as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.

#### **2026 Network Provider Executive Director Survey:**

- Kreifels presented the results from the survey, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement and explained that he offered individual discussions with Providers if they would like to discuss the results.

#### **2026 Network Stakeholder Survey:**

- Kreifels presented the results of the survey, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement.

#### **2026 BHAC Survey:**

- Kreifels discussed the results of the survey, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement.

#### **2026 RGB Survey:**

- Kreifels discussed the results of the survey, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement.

Lang made a motion, seconded by Zabrocki, to accept the survey results as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.

**BHAC Resignation:**

Kreifels informed the Board that Ms. Kelsey Schwab has submitted her resignation to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. Schwab made a motion, seconded by Rohrig, to accept Ms. Schwab's resignation. All present voted aye. Motion carried 12-0.

**OTHER UPDATES / INFORMATION**

**Behavioral Health/System Coordination/Legislative Updates:**

- CCBHC - 3 months into the convergence. CenterPointe has begun receiving reimbursements, but Lutheran Family Services has had some challenges.
- Service Definitions - Concerns from Providers that the changes will increase the cost of doing business. Definitions are set to go into effect July 1, 2026.
- Rural Health Transformation Award - Information provided on a grant that rural areas can receive to assist in the hiring and retention of practitioners.
- Nursing Home Stabilization Contract - Persons with severe mental health, severe behavioral health and severe physical health conditions are often left waiting in emergency rooms and acute care. This will provide additional support to nursing homes to transition those consumers into their facilities.
- RideCare – Support to rural law enforcement to transport people in crisis to the VCRC. There is not yet a contract in place with the provider.
- LB722 - Submitted and passed final reading. Now awaiting the Governor's signature.
- LB901 - This is in regards to gaming devices. Owners will now be taxed with 3.75% of that tax being put into the Behavioral Health Services fund.
- Emergency System - Mini BETA training in Auburn on April 17 for law enforcement officers from Nemaha, Otoe, Johnson and Pawnee counties. Summer BETA will occur in June.
- June 30-July 1 – All regions, DBH, LRC, and community partners will come together for a summit to discuss the challenges faced with getting into and discharged from LRC.
- Region 5 Systems is applying for an AOT SAMSHA grant – Application due April 20.
- Youth System Coordination - SquareOne set to open May 28 with a grand opening event.
- Opioid Settlement Funds - SOAR settlement funds of \$118,471 approved to purchase additional lock boxes, additional med safes, additional Narcan trainings and community education. DBH unable to approve the Nebraska Prevention Collegiate Alliance request due to not meeting SAMSHA guidelines. Treatment and Current Drug Trends Summit – still in the planning phase.
- Prevention - Lancaster County Youth Action Advisory Committee and Youth Action Board will come together and talk about potential legislation for next year.
- Housing - Continuing to acquire the full 10 approved units.

**YAB Recruitment Flyer:**

- For your information. Recruiting for members.

**FY26 Capacity Utilization Summaries:**

Included for your information.

**VCRC Marketing Video:**

- A link will be e-mailed to the Governing Board of a short video created by IBHS to introduce the VCRC facility and program.

**RGB Attendance:**

Included for your information.

**March 9, 2026 RGB Executive Committee Minutes:**

Included for your information. Yoakum will reach out to Polk County to discuss attendance by the designated RGB representative.

**FY 26 Training Plan:**

Included for your information.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- April 13 – RGB Executive Committee Meeting (following full RGB meeting)
- April 29 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m. at 3600 Union Drive Lincoln, NE
- May 11 – RGB Meeting – 10:15 a.m. at Apace, 4433 S 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE
- May 18 – Network Provider Meeting – 9:00 a.m. – Teams
- May 28 – SquareOne Grand Opening (time TBD)

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.