

Region 5 Systems Opioid Steering Committee (OSC)

March 10, 2026 – 1:00-3:00

Region 5 Systems / Hybrid

3600 Union Drive

Lincoln, NE

Members Present: (in person) Erik Delaney, Maria Hatfield, Amy Holman, Sandy Morrissey, Rachel Mulcahy, Ben Murry, Simera Reynolds, and Rebecca White

Members Present: (virtual) Chris Allende, Taisa Brumagen, Ryan Carruthers, Cheyenne Drudik, Jessica Loos, Laura Osborne, Traci Reuter, LeAnn Stevenson, Sonya Turco, and Christa Yoakum

Members Absent: Heather Anders, Grant Brueggmann, Makenzie Crew, Jeff Curry, Ryan Dale, Bryan Davis, Oscar Gonzales, Raegan Hain, Kerry Kernen, Stephanie Knight, Jill Kuzelka, Jeri Johns, Vic Johns, Laura McDougall, Dave Miers, Michon Morrow, Brian Peters, Jill Pokorny, Ryan Pospisil, Amy Reynoldson, Dean Rohwer, Will Schmeekle, Kim Showalter, Jeff Sorenson, Ed Thornbrugh, Terra Uhing, Sheila Vinton, and Joseph Wright

Others Present: Donna Dekker, Theresa Henning, Trina Janis, and Joe Pastuszak

Welcome

Trina called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Minutes from January 13, 2026

Following committee review, Rachel Mulcahy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Amy Holman. Motion carried by a majority vote in favor. There were no abstentions.

Outcomes Report

Joe Pastuszak presented the updated outcomes report.

Treatment and Current Drug Trends Summit

Trina shared details about the upcoming one-day summit scheduled for September 1, 2026, at Innovation Campus. The event is expected to draw approximately 150–200 attendees. Food arrangements are currently in progress, and event logistics are currently being finalized. The planning committee will meet again at the end of March to finalize the agenda. More details will be shared as they become available.

Review and Discussion of Proposed Blueprint Changes

The Blueprint is reviewed annually each March. In January, to be respectful of everyone's time, Trina distributed the Blueprint with suggested revisions to the current version. She asked members to review the proposed changes and submit any recommendations by the end of

January. During the meeting, she opened the floor for recommendations and discussion, offering the option to either review the Blueprint page by page or proceed with the suggested changes as presented.

Blueprint will proceed with the suggested changes as presented by Trina.

Obligated Funds Chart

Trina referred to the Obligated Funds chart, asked if there were any questions or comments. The different colored text represents the different grant cycles. Outcomes from the current grant will be presented at the next meeting held on May 12, 2026.

Funding Announcement

Theresa reported that for the next Opioid Settlement Funding cycle, a grant application process will not be used. Instead, funding will be directed toward specific projects aligned with priority areas identified through strategic planning.

- Mobile MOUD – (A-3, A-1) Identified through both summit and strategic planning last year as a “double” priority.
- Residential Substance Use Treatment – (E-2, A-1) Identified through the summit as a priority.
- Billion Pill Pledge - (F-2) Healthcare initiative focused on preventing opioid addiction before it starts. The program works with hospitals to reduce unnecessary opioid prescriptions after surgery, with the goal of removing 1 billion unused opioid pills each year through evidence-based pain management, patient education, and safe disposal.
- Public Dashboard to show funding project outcomes.

Trina updated the committee on Flex Funds. Trina and Theresa audited 24 Oxford Houses. They are currently working on creating a report from the audit. Due to some issues that surfaced during the audits, Oxford created a subcommittee of 5 members to help streamline the process. This subcommittee will receive the application from the oxford houses and review the flex fund applications prior to them being sent to Trina. In addition, they would like to create their own more strict guidelines for Oxford members. They will be meeting March 11, 2026, to create these guidelines and will forward them to Trina for review.

Trina also shared that we are almost out of flex funds. When they are gone, an announcement will be posted to the website at region5systems.net and the application will be taken down. Final audit letters will be shared with the committee in May. Additionally, once a decision has been made regarding FY27 funding Region 5 Systems will determine if additional funds can be allocated to Flex Funds.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2026, 1:00-3:00 Hybrid, 3600 Union Dr. Lincoln, NE 68516