



REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

May 11, 2026

10:15 a.m.

Apache, 4433 S. 70th 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.

Haxby watched the meeting remotely via Zoom. Because the meeting was not legally advertised as a virtual/hybrid conferencing under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Haxby was recorded as officially absent, did not count toward the quorum, and did not vote on agenda items.

Others Present: Traci Cooney, John Danforth, Tami DeShon, Theresa Henning, Patrick Kreifels, Sandy Morrissey, Erin Rourke, and Amanda Tyerman-Harper, Region 5 Systems

HOUSEKEEPING / CALL TO ORDER

Reece called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Reece 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. Notification of this meeting and information regarding availability of the agenda was provided through a legal notice in the Lincoln Journal Star, published May 3, 2026.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Schwab made a motion, seconded by Lang, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTATION

Will be rescheduled to a later date.

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

Regional Governing Board Minutes 4/13/2026:

Zabrocki made a motion, seconded by Harre, to approve the minutes as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Financial Report:

DeShon reviewed in detail the financial reports, as of March 31, 2026, to the board. Krueger made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the financial reports as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

FY26 Contractual Agreements:

Henning provided an update on four contracts with presenters to provide NAVIGATE training modules to Lutheran Family Services for the implementation of the evidence-based practice for treatment of individuals who experience First Episode Psychosis. Lang made a motion, seconded by Schwab, to approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Provider Contract Shifts:

Henning presented provider shifts and amendments for April 2026. Weiss made a motion, seconded by Zabrocki, to accept the contract amendments as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Draft FY27 Meeting Schedule:

Kreifels presented the draft meeting schedule for FY27. Harre made a motion, seconded by Schwab, to accept the draft schedule as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

2026 Annual Conflict of Interest Report:

A motion was made to accept the conflict-of-interest report, with acknowledgement of Agena's annual acknowledgement form pending. Kreifels will follow up with Agena to obtain the signed conflict of interest form. Lang made a motion, seconded by Weiss to accept the conflict-of-interest report as presented with recognition of Agena's form is pending. All voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

OTHER UPDATES / INFORMATION

Best Places to Work Award:

Kreifels informed the board that Region 5 Systems has placed as a top three employer finalist for the sixth time. On June 4, there will be an awards ceremony to announce which employers are in each of the top three categories. Following the ceremony is a Saltdogs baseball game. An email will be sent to board members from Kim Michael with details and registration link for attendance at the event.

Behavioral Health/System Coordination/Legislative Updates:

- Legislative:
 - Kreifels discussed some potential challenges with DBH. An email will be sent to board members with key points discussed.
 - CCBHC mileage radius – Rural providers must reach 75 miles from their home office. In Lincoln, LFS and CenterPointe must reach 45 miles.
 - Kreifels met with other Regional Administrators and lobbyists to prepare for the 2027 legislative 90-day session. He plans to meet with Senators in one-on-one meetings to discuss in further detail items coming up for the 2027 session.

- Emergency System:

- The Pilot Project continues. MHCC has people waiting to be moved to the Lincoln Regional Center.
- Summit – June 30 - July1. The focus is the Lincoln Regional Center and access to beds, identify issues, what is working well, and develop a plan with priorities.
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment SAMHSA Grant – Region 5 Systems applied for this grant. Potential of \$750,000 per year for 5 years. Region 5 would hire a Project Director and Project Coordinator. The coordinator will oversee patient care to ensure the participant/MHB consumer is receiving what services they need. There will also be a database to track consumer progress. This will be called the ONE project, Outpatient Navigation and Engagement. Notification if awarded or not will be in August 2026.
- Youth Coordination:
 - SquareOne May 28 Open House will be delayed to potentially mid-June. There are a few safety construction adjustments that need to be made.
- Statewide Opioid Response:
 - Working to set the opioid outpatient treatment rate to be consistent with what is offered across the state.
 - Carryover request of \$40,000 was approved. Bringing the award to \$148,471
 - \$118,471 awarded – Still no contract is in place and Region 5 will not move forward until DBH has the contract in place. The funds need to be spent by September 30, 2026.
 - Narcan Training – Contact Trina Janis with Region 5 for information.
 - Drug Summit – September 1, 2026, at Innovation Campus.
 - Opioid Resettlement Funds – A formal blueprint will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- Prevention:
 - The Nebraska Attorney General has begun looking into the legalities of vaping devices being sold. It has been identified that Nebraska has approved devices that have not gone through the federal pre-approval process.
 - Loss Leads are working on real-time data regarding suicides in our area and identifying needs in those areas.
 - Continuing to work on gun security and identifying partners to keep the guns locked up for the public, whether that's law enforcement agencies or public agencies such as local shooting ranges.
- Housing:
 - 236 participants are housed; 58 on the wait list.

Draft FY27 Site Visit Schedule:

Included for your information.

RGB Attendance:

Included for your information.

BHAC Membership Recruitment Flyer:

Provided to share to recruit more members for the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. Region 5 Systems will share on social media, with health districts, and county clerks.

FY26 Capacity Utilization Summaries:

Included for your information.

Network Management Report:

Included for your information.

April 13, 2026 RGB Executive Committee Minutes:

Included for your information.

FY 26 Training Plan:

Included for your information.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 18 – Network Provider Meeting – 9:00 a.m. at Region 5 Systems, 3600 Union Drive Lincoln, NE
- May 27 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m. at Region 5 Systems, 3600 Union Drive Lincoln, NE
- June 8 – RGB Meeting – 10:15 a.m. at Apace, 4433 S 70th Street, Lincoln, NE

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.