



REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

June 8, 2026

10:15 a.m.

Apace, 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 Rohrig left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.		X
SAUNDERS	BILL REECE	X	
SEWARD	DARRELL ZABROCKI		X
THAYER	DEAN KRUEGER	X	
YORK	DEB ROBERTSON		X

Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Rohrig left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

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

HOUSEKEEPING / CALL TO ORDER

Yoakum called the meeting to order at 10:15 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. Notification of this meeting and information regarding availability of the agenda was provided through a legal notice in the Lincoln Journal Star, published May 31, 2026.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

Zina Crowder, Professional Partner, was recognized for achieving her 5-year employment anniversary with Region 5 Systems. Although Zina was unable to attend the meeting, the Board acknowledged and thanked Zina for five years of service and contributions.

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

May 11, 2026 Regional Governing Board Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

DeShon reviewed the financial reports as of April 30, 2026.

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

FY27 Budget Plan and Summary:

Tyerman-Harper reviewed the FY27 budget plan. This is on the agenda for a vote today but written approval has not been received from DBH.

Zabrocki made a motion, seconded by Harre, to approve the budget plan as outlined, contingent on receiving written approval from DBH. Chairperson Yoakum asked for a roll call vote.

Voting Aye were Fillmore County, Jefferson County, Lancaster County, Nemaha County, Otoe County, Pawnee County, Polk County, Richardson County, Saline County, Seward County, York County; Absent: Butler County, Gage County, Johnson County, Saunders County, and Thayer County. Motion carried.

FY27 Office Budget:

DeShon reviewed the FY27 office budget. She noted that written approval has not been received from DBH.

Weiss made a motion, seconded by Rohrig, to approve the FY27 office budget, contingent on receiving written approval from DBH. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

FY26 Provider Contract Shifts:

Henning presented provider shifts and amendments for May 2026.

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

FY26 Contractual Agreements:

- Henning presented additional contracts for FY26 related to the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant.
 - KidGlov - To create a digital campaign promoting Narcan training, MedSafe locations, and the Treatment and Current Drug Trend Summit.
 - SOR carry-over funds, expecting to get the contract from DBH in June/July 2026:
 - DHHS/DBH – To fund activities that reduce opioid overdose related deaths and abuse of prescription and illicit opioid and stimulants through the provisions of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities for Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorders.
 - CenterPointe – Increase in funding for treatment services.
 - BAART – Increase in funding for treatment services.
 - J. Chad Professional Training LLC – To provide a four webinar training series on substance use prevention.
 - Rural Health Transformation Project
 - Expand and strengthen BETA training.

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

FY27 Contractual Agreements:

- Henning presented known contracts for FY27.
 - Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - Rental assistance for Rural Transition Age Permanent Housing, Rural Permanent Supportive Housing and Lincoln Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - DHHS
 - Regional contract – Prevention, rental assistance, transition voucher program, behavioral health, coordination, and network management Services.
 - Fund prevention activities for high risk drinking and vaping through statewide Partnerships for Success (PFS) grant.
 - Activities that reduce opioid overdose related deaths and abuse of prescription and illicit opioid and stimulants through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities for Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorders.
 - Provide funding for Projects for Assistance in Transition from homelessness (PATH).
 - Collaborative Projects
 - City of Lincoln – BETA and Youth BETA trainings with Lincoln Police Department
 - BHECN – Workforce development in the behavioral health field.
 - Wellbeing Initiative – Provide consumer coordination activities and promote consumer involvement within Region 5 Systems.
 - PATH
 - CenterPointe – Carry out projects related to PATH.
 - EPC
 - Butler and Saunders Counties – Primary EPC provider is Methodist Fremont.
 - Fillmore, Polk, Thayer, York Counties – Primary EPC provider is Mary Lanning.
 - Remaining 10 Counties in Region 5 catchment area – Primary provider is MHCC.
 - MHCC – contract between MHCC and Region 5 Systems.
 - Opioid Settlement Remediation Funds
 - Bonsai Health – Expand MAT/MOUD services.
 - Don't Panic Labs and Lancaster county human services – Share in annual cost of MyLink which provides resources in Region 5 Systems catchment area.
 - Elevita – Software to provide a public dashboard and other efficiencies for the management of opioid flex funds.
 - GoldFinch – Implement the Billion Pill Pledge.
 - Houses of Hope – Assist in recruitment and onboarding of clinical and direct care staff in their residential treatment.
 - Opioid Flex Funds - \$50,000 this year. Anticipate less requests in FY27.
 - Network Provider
 - The Bridge Behavioral Health – Ending contracts for Social Detox and SUD Respite.
 - Prevention Federal Block Grant Recipients
 - 7 contracts with entities for the management of our Coalition.
 - Lincoln Police Department and Nebraska State Patrol – to conduct compliance checks within establishments, that they are not selling to minors.
 - LMO Consulting – enter multi-county data in the NPIRS system.
 - The Truth Initiative – Provide the EX program, a program that provides education, training and intervention for those smoking/vaping.
 - Evidence-based Practice Contracts
 - 2 Consultants who assist with DBT and MI trainings.

- 2 individuals who provide DBT and MI trainings.
- Suicide Prevention
 - 3 Children and Family Services providers who are working to implement zero suicide transformational framework.

Weiss made a motion, seconded by Zabrocki, to approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

FY27 Prevention Mini-Grant Awards:

Morrissey presented 4 grant applications approved by the state.

- Calvary Church in Wahoo – Todd Becher event.
- Fillmore Central Preschool – Assessment tool.
- SCIP – prevention education materials.
- SCIP – pilot Teen-Intervene Program.

Lang made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve these grants as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services Grant Awards:

Morrissey presented that there was one application to train persons to teach persons with brain injuries or other cognitive challenges how to use phone apps that were created for them.

Weiss made a motion, seconded by Rohrig, to approve this grant as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Opioid Remediation Settlement Fund Blueprint:

Henning presented the document, which is reviewed annually. Page 3 shows Nebraska data. It was a struggle to get specific data per location. Page 7 shows a new process for review and approval of expenditures.

This attachment was updated after the agenda was made available. There was an error on page 2, the incorrect mission statement was originally printed. The final document will have the correct mission statement.

Zabrocki made a motion, seconded by Schwab, to approve this document as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Annual Update of the FY25-27 Strategic Plan:

Kreifels presented FY26 strategic plan update based on the three-year strategic plan that was approved by the Regional Governing Board in June 2024. This document shows the objectives and what actions that occurred to address those areas.

FY26 Preliminary Services Purchased Expense Reimbursement Verification:

Deshon presented this report which is the satisfactory DBH audit report for one of the two months required for FY26.

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

Appointment of Applicants to Behavioral Health Advisory Committee:

Tyerman-Harper presented four applicants for the BHAC. Those four applicants are Benjamin Murry, Marti Rabe, Avery Blum and Nicole Maher.

Harre made a motion, seconded by Lang, to accept all four applicants contingent on background checks. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Regional Administrator's Performance Evaluation and Compensation:

Chairperson Yoakum reported the Executive Committee met on May 11, 2006, to conduct Kreifels' annual performance evaluation. As a result, the Executive Committee recommended a 5% salary increase for Kreifels, effective July 9, 2026.

Rohrig made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to accept the recommendation of a 5% salary increase for Kreifels.

OTHER UPDATES / INFORMATION

Behavioral Health / System Coordination / Legislative Updates:

Emergency System:

- Summit – June 30 – July 1. The focus is the Lincoln Regional Center and access to beds, identify issues, what is working well, and develop a plan with priorities.

Youth Coordination:

- SquareOne's Open House is scheduled for July 13 with full services offered beginning July 14. June 23 and June 24, there will be tours of the facility for any Law Enforcement officers from the Region 5 catchment area. The times will be, 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. both dates.

Statewide Opioid Response:

- Working to set the opioid outpatient treatment rate to be consistent with what is offered across the state.
- Region 5 Systems' employee, Trina Janis, met with 9 of the 16 county attorneys to talk about what Region 5 is doing with the opioid settlement funds, identify any specific needs, offer any technical assistance and inquire on what each county is doing with their funds.

Prevention:

- The Nebraska Attorney General has begun looking into the legalities of vaping devices being sold. It has been identified that Nebraska has devices that have not gone through the federal pre-approval process.
- Received additional suicide funds.
- Working to expense GLS grant funds.

Housing:

- DBH has expressed a question if participants in the RAP program should be participating in a minimum of 3 behavioral health services as a requirement to receive the housing benefits. Region 5 Systems initial findings of currently enrolled RAP participants are 75% do not meet this minimum requirement of participating in 3 services.

Best Places to Work Award:

Michael stated that Region 5 Systems placed first in the Best Places to Work Program for the large employer category. The announcement was made at the Saltdogs game on June 4, 2026, where employees were invited to the celebration and game. As one of the winning employers, Kreifels was asked to throw the first pitch. He brought the autographed baseball and the award to show members.

CCBHC Coverage Map:

For your information.

Site Visit Potential Changes:

Currently, Region 5 audits 2% of services and DBH is wanting to change that to 10%. Awaiting final decision from DBH.

DBH is indicating they have received feedback from the state auditor to increase sample size of files to be audited to match national standards. May require on-site visits in the future.

Post Discharge Medicaid Eligibility Lookback:

DBH is proposing a 12-month lookback, and Region 5 is suggesting a 90-day maximum lookback. This recommendation is based on the requirement from the time of an application for Medicaid, they have 90-days to make a determination of an individual's eligibility.

988 Annual Report:

For your information.

VCRC Survey:

For your information.

FY26 RGB Meeting Attendance:

For your information.

May 11, 2026 RGB Executive Committee Minutes:

For your information.

Consumer / Family Advisory Committee Quarterly Report – Q3

For your information.

FY26 Capacity Utilization Summaries:

For your information.

FY26 Network Management Report:

For your information.

FY 26 Training Plan:

For your information.

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 15 – Network Provider Meeting – 9:00 a.m. via Teams - CANCELLED
- August 17 – Network Provider Meeting – 9:00 a.m. via Teams
- September 2 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m. at Region 5 Systems, 3600 Union Drive Lincoln, NE
- September 14 – RGB Meeting – 10:15 a.m. at Apace, 4433 S 70th Street, Lincoln, NE

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.