



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 27, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Region 5 Systems, 3600 Union Drive

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS	ABSENT	PRESENT
GREG JANAK		X
PAIGE JOSEPH		X
CORRIE KIELTY		X
JILL KUZELKA		X
MEINDER, REBECCA		X
MULCAHY, RACHEL		X
LAURA OSBORNE		X
KENNY HARRE		X
GALE POHLMANN		X
MICHELE VANA		X
EVETTE WATTS		X

Roll was called; a quorum was present. Osborne arrived at 10:30a.m.

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

HOUSEKEEPING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INTRODUCTIONS

Janek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Janek noted that Open Meetings Act information is posted as required. Notification of this meeting and information regarding availability of the agenda was provided through a legal notice in the Lincoln Journal Star, published May 13, 2026.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Presentation – Michelle Nunemaker, Lutheran Family Services

Ms. Nunemaker provided information on their newly acquired mobile clinic and how they foresee it’s operation. After providing information, members were able to move outdoors to see the van in-person.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pohlmann made a motion, seconded by Vana, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the 4/29/2026 BHAC minutes, FY26 Compliance Management Report and the 5/11/2026 RGB minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

Contractual Agreements:

- FY26
 - 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.

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Kiely, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

- FY27
 - 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.

Harre made a motion, seconded by Meinders, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

- 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).

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Pohlmann, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

- Collaborative Projects
 - City of Lincoln – 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.

Osborne made a motion, seconded by Kuzelka, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

- PATH
 - CenterPointe – Carry out projects related to PATH.

Meinders made a motion, seconded by Joseph, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

- 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.

Keilty made a motion, seconded by Vana, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

- 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.

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Watts, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

- Network Provider
 - No changes to contracts this year.

Osborne made a motion, seconded by Harre, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

- 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.

Pohlmann made a motion, seconded by Kuzelka, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. Watts, Vana, and Osborne abstain. All others present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

- Evidence-based Practice Contracts
 - 2 Consultants who assist with DBT and MI trainings.
 - 2 individuals who provide DBT and MI trainings.

Vana made a motion, seconded by Osborne, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

- Suicide Prevention
 - 3 Children and Family Services providers who are working to implement zero suicide transformational framework.

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Joseph, to recommend the Board approve these contracts as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Provider Contract Shifts:

- Henning presented provider shifts for May 2026. Pohlmann made a motion, seconded by Keilty, to accept the contract amendments as presented and move to the Board for approval. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

FY27 Budget Plan and Summary:

- **Tyerman-Harper touched on a few items in the hand out.**
 - Revenue – Overall \$18,795,921, which reflects an increase of \$213,435.
 - Total match required - \$2,409,170, of which, \$963,668 must be collected from county tax dollars.
 - \$1,113,668 in county matching funds was requested.
 - There are no rate increases.
 - Minor increases in mental health block grant and substance use block grant funds.
 - Federal SUD funds were moved to Detox and Respite-SUD.

- CCBHC's went live January 1, 2026, which enabled \$348,000 to be redirected to FFS services that experienced overproduction in FY26.
- LFS will be providing Coordinated Specialty Care for persons experiencing first episode psychosis. \$188,654 will be leveraged with Medicaid funding to cover this program.
- Capacity Access Guarantee funds of \$170,000 with BVBH were redirected from NFFS to FFS based on utilization.
- TASC was reduced by \$155,965 following negotiations with DBH. TASC was reduced from 8 FTE to 6 FTE.
- Region 5 is still awaiting approval of the contract from DBH.

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Pohlmann, to recommend the Board approve the budget plan, pending approval from DBH. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Opioid Remediation Settlement Fund Blueprint:

- 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.
Kuzelka made a motion, seconded by Mulcahy, to recommend the Board approve this document as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Prevention Mini-Grant Awards:

- Lathrop 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.

Osborne made a motion, seconded by Vana, to recommend the Board approve these grants as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services Grant Awards:

- Lathrop 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.
Pohlmann made a motion, seconded by Harre, to recommend the Board approve this grant as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

Annual Strategic Plan Review:

- 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:

- This document has been revised by DBH regarding an error previously caught by this committee.
Pohlmann made a motion, seconded by Osborne, to move this letter to the Board for approval as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

FY27 BHAC Election of Officers:

- Members agreed to continue serving another term.
Harre made a motion, seconded by Pohlmann, to keep the current officers for a second term. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

BHAC Membership:

- Tyerman-Harper presented four applicants for the BHAC.
Harre made a motion, seconded by Mulcahy, to accept all four applicants contingent on background checks. All present voted aye. Motion carried 11-0.

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION:

Behavioral Health / System Coordination / Legislative Updates:

- Legislative:
 - Kreifels presented a document that shows the CCBHC's and where they are located. There was a map included showing the service area. They are to serve people within 45/75 miles of their approved hub.
 - Rural Health Transformation Funds – Region 5 Systems is awaiting a contract for funds to provide BETA training to Law Enforcement.
 - Nursing home and Crisis Dispatch services are being contracted with out of state contractors.
- Youth Coordination:
 - SquareOne was set to have their opening May 28. That has been delayed due to a few necessary capital construction modifications. Potential open house to occur over the next 1-3 months.
- Statewide Opioid Response:
 - Carry-over funds of \$158,430, which doubles the SOR contract.
 - Approved for the OTP rate increase.
- Prevention:
 - Partnership for Success carryover was awarded and we will have through September to spend the funds.
 - June Jam – Runs this coming Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.
 - Retirement Open House for Morrissey is July 24. Further information to come.
- Housing:
 - Expecting Notice of Funding to occur in June/July 2026 and will require a bid.
- RQIT
 - Rourke explained an analysis and data retrieved regarding DBT treatment and it's effects on hospital stays.

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 requesting a 90-day maximum lookback.

988 Annual Report:

- For your information. Pohlmann asked if specific data can be retrieved such as age ranges, veteran status, etc. Tyerman-Harper will try to get more specific details and present at the next meeting.

VCRC Survey:

- For your information. We will follow up with this committee at the next meeting with fliers or cards that can be dispersed to law enforcement agencies in their counties.

FY26 Attendance Log:

- For your information.

FY26 Terms of Service Summary:

- For your information.

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- For your information.

FY26 Capacity Utilization Summaries:

- For your information.

Training Plan:

- For your information.

OTHER BUSINESS

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 8 – RGB Meeting – 10:15 a.m. at Apace, 4433 S 70th St, Lincoln, NE
- June 15 – Network Provider Meeting (via Teams)
- August 13 – Prevention Leadership Coalition – 10:00 a.m. at Region 5 Systems, 3600 Union Dr, Lincoln, NE

ADJOURN

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.