

Region 5 Systems Opioid Steering Committee (OSC)

July 14, 2026 – 1:00-3:00

Region 5 Systems / Hybrid

3600 Union Drive

Lincoln, NE

Members Present: (in person) Maria Hatfield, Amy Holman, Laura Osborne, and Simera Reynolds

Members Present: (virtual) Taisa Brumagen, Erik Delaney, Jessica Loos, Rachel Mulcahy, Ben Murry, Nekon Nitbouapha, LeAnn Stevenson, Sonya Turco, and Christa Yoakum

Members Absent: Chris Allende, Heather Anders, Grant Brueggmann, Ryan Carruthers, Makenzie Crew, Jeff Curry, Ryan Dale, Bryan Davis, Cheyenne Drudik, Oscar Gonzales, Raegan Hain, Kerry Kernan, Tyler Keup, Stephanie Knight, Jill Kuzelka, Jeri Johns, Vic Johns, Laura McDougall, Dave Miers, Sandy Morrissey, Michon Morrow, Brian Peters, Jill Pokorny, Ryan Pospisil, Traci Reuter, Amy Reynoldson, Dean Rohwer, Will Schmeekle, Kim Showalter, Jeff Sorenson, Ed Thornbrugh, Terra Uhing, Sheila Vinton, Rebecca White, and Joseph Wright

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

Welcome

Trina called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Minutes from May 12, 2026

Following committee review, Maria Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Simera Reynolds. Motion carried by a majority vote in favor. There were no abstentions.

Outcomes Report

Joe Pastuszak reviewed the Flex Fund data outcomes. The presentation included pie charts showing expense distributions and participant demographics, including gender, race, ethnicity, and veteran status. The data also provided a breakdown of expense categories to illustrate how Flex Fund resources were utilized. Full report will also be posted on Region 5 Systems website.

Audit Report – Recovery Housing – Trina

Trina conducted audits of the 29 recovery homes supported through Opioid Flex Funds, including 26 Oxford Homes, St. Monica's, The Trudge, and Michael House. Overall, the audits went well, with only a few recommendations and minor adjustments identified to improve the recording and tracking of funds. Theresa Henning commended Trina for her hard work in completing the audits.

Presentation Nebraska State Patrol – Tyler Kroenke and Wendy Dye

Tyler Kroenke of the Nebraska State Patrol travels across the country training law enforcement officers on how to respond better to fatal overdoses and overdose incidents in general. In 2022, Tyler and Wendy Dye, OPD Sargent, joined a special task force and began working closely with the DEA to respond to overdose cases throughout the Omaha metropolitan area. Their efforts focus on assisting law enforcement agencies to get up to speed. A key component of their work

is holding drug dealers accountable by advancing investigations up the supply chain to identify and prosecute those responsible for distributing illegal substances.

Tyler discussed current drug trends being observed across the state. His presentation for this meeting focused on local and rural drug trends in the surrounding area. Fentanyl continues to be the predominant drug involved in overdose incidents. Although there has been a decline in both fatal and non-fatal overdoses, fentanyl remains a significant concern. First responders are increasingly finding evidence that Narcan has been administered prior to their arrival, which may be contributing to the reduction in overdose deaths. However, overdose reports can be misleading, as overdose deaths are still believed to be underreported.

Tyler provides his presentation and training programs free of charge to organizations and communities throughout the state of Nebraska. Tyler can be contacted at fataldose@aceinterdiction.com.

National Opioid Settlement Conference

Theresa attended the 1st Opioid Settlement Conference located in Denver Colorado. She brought back some flyers and resources to share with the group if anyone is interested. Next year's conference will be June 15 – 18, 2027 in Tulsa Oklahoma.

Save the date: September 1, 2026

Trina reminded everyone of the upcoming summit. Invites have been sent out so spread the word and send your registration in if you are planning to attend.

Next Meeting

September 15, 2026, 1:00-3:00 Hybrid, 3600 Union Dr. Lincoln, NE 68516