REGION 5 SYSTEMS
Supporting Wellness and Recovery in Behavioral Health
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 2, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Region 5 Systems, 3600 Union Drive

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS	ABSENT	PRESENT
AVERY BLUM		X
KENNY HARRE		X
GREG JANAK		X
PAIGE JOSEPH	X	
CORRIE KIELTY		X
JILL KUZELKA		X
NICOLE MAHER		X
REBECCA MEINDERS		X
RACHEL MULCAHY		X
BENJAMIN MURRY		X
LAURA OSBORNE		X
GALE POHLMANN		X
MARTI RABE		X
MICHELE VANA	X	
EVETTE WATTS		X

Roll was called; a quorum was present. Osborne arrived at 10:15 a.m.

Others Present: Traci Cooney, John Danforth, Tami DeShon, Kim Michael, 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 August 19, 2026.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA
There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

INTRODUCTIONS
Due to new members, all attendees introduced themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Kuzelka, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the 5/27/2026 BHAC minutes, FY26 Compliance Management Report, and the 6/8/2026 RGB minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried 13-0.

ACTION / PRIORITY ITEMS

FY27 Contractual Agreements:

DeShon presented the following contracts for approval to move to the Regional Governing Board for ratification:

- Partnership for Success (PFS) grant amendment with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health for an increase of $33,000.
- Region 5 funding amendment with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health for an increase of $175,000.

Pohlmann made a motion, seconded by Kielty, to recommend the Regional Governing Board ratify these contracts as presented. Voting aye: Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried.

- SAMHSA grant for Outpatient Navigation and Engagement (ONE) for $750,000 per year. This is a 3-year grant beginning 9/30/2026 for a 3-year period with extension up to 5 years.

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Meinders, to recommend the Regional Governing Board ratify this contract as presented. Voting aye were Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried.

- Partnership for Success grant with KidGlov for $30,000 for the creation of a Ghost Vape Campaign

Kuzelka made a motion, seconded by Harre, to recommend the Regional Governing Board ratify this contract as presented. Voting aye were Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried.

- CDC Suicide Grant with KidGlov for $9,076 for the creation of a suicide resource in English and Spanish

Murry made a motion, seconded by Maher, to recommend the Regional Governing Board ratify this contract as presented. Voting aye were Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried.

- Plan for One Contracts with Telecare for $50,968 to enhance services and support in residential settings and with Capture for $30,984 to provide one-on-one direct staff in residential settings

Osborne made a motion, seconded by Watts, to recommend the Regional Governing Board ratify these contracts as presented. Voting aye were Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried.

- Rural Health Transformation Project with Joseph Wright Consulting to facilitate two BETA trainings for $10,000.

Murry made a motion, seconded by Pohlmann, to recommend the Regional Governing Board ratify this contract as presented. Voting aye were Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried.

- State Opioid Response Grant with Davin Cole, a speaker at the Treatment and Current Drug Trends Summit, for $5,800 and with Simera Reynolds to provide Narcan training within the Region 5 catchment area for up to $3,000.

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Maher, to recommend the Regional Governing Board ratify these contracts as presented. Voting aye were Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried.

Committee members discussed timelines for approving contracts. Michael referenced Region 5 Systems' "Financial Planning & Management Policy" and advised she would e-mail the policy to the BHAC for reference.

Final FY26 Provider Contract Shifts:
DeShon provided a handout of the FY 26 provider contract shift and explained how funds can be shifted throughout the year. The handout showed each provider, where their contracted funds started, and where those funds ended as of June 30, 2026.

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Murry, to recommend the Regional Governing Board ratify these shifts as presented. Voting aye were Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried

FY26 Opioid Site Visit Summary:
DeShon presented the results of the Opioid Site Visits for FY26.

FY27 Risk Management Plan:
Michael presented the Risk Management Plan for FY27, highlighting the changes to the plan from last fiscal year.

Mulcahy made a motion, seconded by Harre, to recommend the Regional Governing Board approve this document as presented. Voting aye were Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried

FY27 Performance Improvement Plan:
Rourke presented the Performance Improvement Plan. She explained how indicators were identified in the document.

Maher made a motion, seconded by Kuzelka, to recommend the Regional Governing Board approve the Performance Improvement Plan as presented. Voting aye were Blum, Harre, Janek, Kielty, Kuzelka, Maher, Meinders, Mulcahy, Murry, Osborne, Pohlmann, Rabe, Watts; nays none; absent: Joseph and Vana. Motion carried

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION:
Behavioral Health / System Coordination / Legislative Updates:

- Legislative:
    - Directive from the Governor is for state agencies to reduce their budgets by 5% with a potential for another 3%. The Division of Behavioral Health is planning to reduce its carryover funds as to not affect the funding for Regional Behavioral Health Authorities.
    - LB901 passed. This is a tax on gaming devices that would provide 3.75% of its revenue to the Behavioral Health Authorities. The Regions are currently negotiating with DBH on when those funds would be available to the Regions, whether that be quarterly, annually, etc.
    - Interim studies listed on page 29 are in regards to behavioral health.

Outpatient Navigation and Engagement (ONE) Grant:

- Region 5 Systems has been awarded a 5-year grant from SAMSHA for $3.7 million. The grant will focus on the mental health boards to help improve the outcomes of persons ordered to outpatient treatment.
- Interviews have occurred for the Director position with an anticipated start date of October 1. The grant also includes a Coordinator position; recruitment for this position will be facilitated once the Director has been onboarded.

Zero Suicide-Model Fidelity:
- Danforth reviewed the audit tools that will be used with providers beginning this year.

Youth Action Board (YAB) Roster 2026-2027:
- The roster is provided for your information. 11 or 16 counties are currently represented. Osborne encouraged members to recognize and support the youth from their counties that are serving on the YAB.

Social Detoxification and SUD Respite:
- The Bridge Behavioral Health terminated its detox and respite contracts with Region 5 Systems effective 6/30/2026. Region 5 is coordinating and planning with system partners for covering this gap within the system. Region 5 is in discussions with Integrated Behavioral Health Services as a possible provider of both services.

SquareOne:
- There is no set date for the open house. CenterPointe is still working on licensure.

Medicaid Eligibility Lookback:
- There are concerns in the network regarding expectations pertaining to retroactive Medicaid reimbursements and lookbacks of up to 12 months. More dialogue will continue with providers and DBH to ensure there is clear understanding of the requirements.

On-Site Visits:
- Under Title 206, Region 5 Systems is required to do on-site visits. This expectation is now also in the Network Operations Manual. Site visits used to be conducted on-site but with the evolution of EHRs most of the visits are now done remotely. Region 5 will be operationalizing how on-site visits of all provider locations will be done moving forward to ensure services are being provided.

Consumer/Family Advisory Committee Quarterly Report – Q1:
- For your information.

FY27 Capacity Utilization Summaries:
- For your information.

Training Plan:
- For your information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tyerman-Harper reviewed the Treatment and Current Drug Trends Summit that was held on September 2, 2026. Murry discussed the Come-back Era outreach team.

IMPORTANT DATES
- September 10 – Prevention Leadership Coalition – 9:00 a.m. at 3600 Union Drive, Lincoln, NE
- September 14 – RGB Meeting – 10:15 a.m. at Apace, 4433 S. 70th Street, Lincoln, NE
- October 19 – Network Provider Meeting – 9:00 a.m. via Teams
- October 28 – BHAC Meeting – 10:00 a.m. at 3600 Union Drive, Lincoln, NE

ADJOURN
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.