

**EASTERN NEBRASKA REGIONAL AGENCY ON HUMAN SERVICES AND REGION 6
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2024

The Chair, Mary Ann Borgeson, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Announcing that a copy of the “Nebraska Open Meetings Act” is displayed in this Meeting Room as required by law.

Location Announcement of Nebraska Open Meetings Act: A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is located on the wall at the rear of the Hearing Room.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll call showed the following Board members in attendance Pat Tawney (Dodge County); Mary Ann Borgeson (Douglas County); Don Kelly (Sarpy County); and Lisa Kramer (Washington County)

The following staff members were also present Debbie Herbel (Duet); Trish Bergman (ENOA); Patti Jurjevich (Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare); and Jenni Allen (Alpha School)

3. Comments & Correspondence - Governing Board

There were no comments or correspondence from Governing Board members

4. Approval of the July 10, 2024, and August 14, 2024, Governing Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Pat to approve the July 10, 2024, and August 14, 2024, Governing Board meeting minutes.

5. Review of ENHSA Financials – Mark Garcia

Mark presented the ENHSA Financials that were provided in the Board’s packets

6. Approval of FY 24/25 Educational Assistance Rates– Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval of the FY 24/25 Educational Assistance Rates.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the FY 24/25 Educational Assistance Rates. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no Attorney Comments

8. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

There was no report from the Lobbyist

9. Request for Executive Session – Debbie Herbel

A motion was made by Don at 3:36 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram, Attorney Mark McQueen, and Debbie Herbel move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Lisa at 4:16 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram, Attorney Mark McQueen, and Debbie Herbel reconvene and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken while in executive session.

10. Director's Report

There was no Director's Report

11. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no comments from the Public

12. Motion to Adjourn out of ENHSA Admin and enter Alpha School

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn out of ENHSA Admin and enter Alpha School. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

Alpha School

13. Approval of FY24/25 Alpha School Budget – Jenni Allen

Jenni asked the Board for approval of the FY24/25 Alpha School Budget.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the FY24/25 Alpha School Budget. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

14. Approval of HVAC Equipment Replacement Bid- Jenni Allen

Jenni asked the Board for approval for a 3 Ton HVAC Equipment Replacement bid, stating that Thermal Services came back with the lowest and best bid.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Thermal HVAC Equipment Replacement bid. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

15. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported 67 students are enrolled at Alpha School, she has 2 or 3 more referrals and is fully staffed.

16. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no comments from the Public

17. Motion to Adjourn out of Alpha School and enter Duet

A motion was made by Pat to adjourn out of Alpha School and enter Duet. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

Duet

18. Approval of Founder Sports Agreement – Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval of the Founder Sports Agreement, stating that this is just an agreement that will allow Duet Kaleidoscope to utilize Founder Sports as a vendor to purchase apparel.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Founder Sports Agreement. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

19. Approval of Accountant Agreement – Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval to us an outside Accountant, Joe Dondlinger, to provide consulting services related to financial reporting and accounting functions of Duet.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Accountant Agreement. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

20. Director's Report– Debbie Herbel

Debbie discussed budget changes; reported on a NASP communication; and gave a Childcare update

21. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no comments from the Public

22. Motion to Adjourn out of Duet and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn out of Duet and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

23. Review and Approval of Budget and Plan for FY25 System of Care II (SOCII) Grant, Year 4 of 5 – Melissa Schaefer and Ramey Stillman

Melissa and Ramey recapped the Budget and Plan for the FY25 System of Care II Grant that was provided in the Board packets. They spoke about the School Mental Health Services Program, which serves students and parents in the following school districts: Arlington, Blair, Conestoga, Elmwood-Murdock, Fort Calhoun, Louisville, Plattsmouth, and Weeping Water in Cass and Washington Counties. They also provided an overview of project goals and accomplishments.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Budget and Plan for FY25 System of Care II grant. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

24. Review and Approval of Budget and Plan for FY25 Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) – Jennifer Sanders

Jennifer recapped the Budget and Plan for the FY25 Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH). Jennifer focused on the criteria/requirements to qualify for PATH, stating that individuals must be diagnosed with a severe mental illness, be homeless, or be at an imminent risk for homelessness. She explained that priority is given to the most vulnerable populations. She stated that award recipients must adhere to specific federal requirements, which state that they must contribute one dollar for every three dollars of federal money received. Providers are required to submit annual data reports through the online PATH data exchange.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Budget and Plan for FY25 Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH). The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

25. Region 6 Crisis Counseling Program – Jennifer Sanders

- a. Update on the Intermediate Services Program (CCP-ISP)

b. Review and Approval of Budget and Plan for the Regular Services Program (CCP-RSP)

Jennifer recapped the handout provided in the Board's packets. She gave an update on the Intermediate Services program and touched on the outreach activities. There was discussion regarding concerns of outreach and connecting disaster survivors with agencies who can assist with the recovery process. She also reviewed the budget and plan for the Regular Services Program.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Budget and Plan for the Regular Services Program. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

26. Update on the Opioid Settlement Funds Feasibility and Impact Analysis – Jennifer Sanders

Jennifer recapped the Opioid Settlement Funds Feasibility and Impact Analysis that was provided in the Board's packets. She provided an overview of the meeting, spoke on the next steps, and provided a tentative schedule of events for the grant application process.

27. Overview of the Suicide Among Males Grant Project – Crystal Fuller

Crystal recapped the Overview of Suicide Among Males Grant Project that was provided in the Board's packets. She touched on grant activities and R6 Strategies. There was also discussion on outreach and the connection with police departments in the rural population.

28. Review and Approval of Final Workplans and Budgets for Partnership for Success (PFS) – Crystal Fuller

Crystal recapped the Final Workplans and Budgets for the Partnership for Success that was provided in the Board's packets. She touched on the Two-Year Budget and Workplan activities that were approved for implementation through September 29, 2025.

A motion was made by Taylor to approve the Final Workplans and Budgets for Partnership for Success. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

29. Approval of Fee for Eide Bailly Testing of a Major Federal Assistance Program – Patti Jurjevich

Patti requested approval for an additional fee associated with the audit work for the FY24 Financial Audit, John with Eide Bailly, stated based on review of the preliminary schedules, they will need to test two programs and explained that it was triggered by the Mental Health portion of the block grant being over \$750,000 in expenditures. There will be an additional cost of \$4,000-\$4,500.00.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the additional fee for Eide Bailly Testing a Major Federal Assistance Program. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

30. Approval of FY25 Final Certification of County Match – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the FY23 Final Certification of County Match that was provided in the Board's packets.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the FY25 Final Certification of County Match. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

31. Analysis of FY24 Funding Utilization – Taren Petersen and Diane Lamb

Taren and Diane recapped the Analysis of the FY24 Utilization that was provided in the Board's packets. They focused on unspent dollars that were left over from the fiscal year, and a review was conducted on services that did not use 80% or more of their allocation and unspent dollars were more than \$10,000.

32. Approval of Policy and Procedure #122, Agency Sponsored Training Cancellation – Patti Jurjevich

A motion was made by Don to approve the Policy and Procedure #122, Agency Sponsored Training Cancellation. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

33. Approval for Out of State Travel – Patti Jurjevich

- a. Lorie Thomas
- b. Kim Kalina

Patti withdrew her travel request for Lorie Thomas and asked for approval for Kim Kalina to travel to Pheonix, AZ on October 14-17, 2024, to attend the Annual CrisisCon Conference.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Out of State Travel for Kim Kalina. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

34. Approval Of Monthly Budget Shifts – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the Monthly Budget Shifts that were in the Board's packets.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Monthly Budget Shifts. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

35. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the Contracts and Amendments that were in the Board's packets.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Contracts and Amendments. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

36. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti reported that normal reports are in the Board's packets. She also reported that Region 6 Health Insurance premiums were to increase by 26%. She reported Scott Stevens is going to check on other Markets, more to come.

37. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no comments from the Public

38. Motion to Adjourn out of Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare and enter ENOA

A motion was made by Don to adjourn out of Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare and enter ENOA. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

ENOA

39. Approval of Tai Chi Updated agreement for Nokomis Watson

Trish reported that there was an update of location on Nokomis Watson's due to it being closed.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Tai Chi Updated agreement for Nokomis Watson. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

40. Approval of Volunteer Agreement for Holistic – Trish Bergman

Trish reported that this agency provides MOW volunteers.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Volunteer Agreement for Holistic. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

41. Approval of 2 Volunteer Services Policies - Trish Bergman

- a. Background Checks
- b. AmeriCorps Seniors Program Background Checks

Trish asked for approval of the Two Volunteer Service Policies due to updates

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Two Volunteer Service Policies. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

42. Approval of Homemaker and Personal Care Contracts for A Book of Life Homecare - Trish Bergman

Trish asked for approval for the Homemaker and Personal Care Contracts for A Book of Life Homecare stating that they provide services in all five counties.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Homemaker and Personal Care Contracts for A Book of Life Homecare. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

43. Approval of Resolution from Platte Valley Bank – Trish Bergman

Trish requested approval for the Resolution from Platte Valley Bank stating that this is adopting Hope and Allison’s signatures as signers.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Resolution from Platte Valley Bank. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

44. Director’s Report- Trish Bergman

Trish reported that normal reports are in the packets.

She announced that Spirit of Aging received a grant for \$15,000 that will cover the cost of Meals on Wheels program for 3 days. ENOA was 1 of 20 recipients across the nation.

Trish reported that ENOA has OAA regulations training next month and mentioned funding issues for MAC.

45. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no comments from the Public

46. Motion to Adjourn out of the meeting

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote