

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

MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 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:

As required, a copy of the “Nebraska Open Meetings Act” is displayed in this Meeting Room.

1. Roll Call showed the following Board members in attendance: Taylor Boyle (Cass County); 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)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Comments & Correspondence - Governing Board

There were no comments or correspondence from Governing Board members

4. Approval of February 14, 2024, Governing Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Pat to approve the February 14, 2024, Governing Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote except for Don who abstained due to not being present at the February 14, 2024, meeting.

5. Review of ENHSA Financials – Mark Garcia

Mark presented the ENHSA Financials provided in the Board’s packets.

6. Approval of PC Construction Invoice – Trish Bergman

Trish reported that this invoice was for the leg work for the parking structure, and she asked for approval to remit payment.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the PC Construction Invoice. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Approval of Updated Policies- Debbie Herbel

This item was scratched from the agenda

8. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no Attorney comments

9. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Sean did not attend the meeting; his report was sent out prior to review.

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 Student Contracts – Jenni Allen

a. Four (4) Omaha Public Schools

b. Two (2) Council Bluffs Schools

Jenni requested approval of 6 Student Contracts.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the six (6) Student Contracts. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

14. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported that currently 71 students are enrolled at Alpha school; there will be a few transitioning back into their school districts, and new intakes are scheduled. She also mentioned the potential for holding summer school and working on Staff LOIs for the upcoming school year.

The Chair was pleased to announce that Jenni would be receiving an award

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

There were no Comments from the Public

16. 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

17. Approval to apply for vehicle grant, and if awarded, pay a share of cost for vehicle– Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval to apply for a grant opportunity from DHHS Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services providers to purchase or modify a vehicle. If awarded, she expects the Agency cost to be around \$20,000.00.

A motion was made by Taylor to approve applying for the DHHS vehicle grant, and if awarded pay share of cost for the vehicle. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

18. Approval to dispose of three (3) vehicles– Debbie Herbel

- a. Two (2) passenger vans
- b. One (1) wheelchair van

Debbie requested permission to dispose of three (3) vehicles listed above.

A motion was made by Don to approve the disposal of three (3) vehicles. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

19. Approval of Ratification for Letter of Intent – Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval of the Ratification of Letter of Intent provided in the Board's packets.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Ratification of Letter of Intent. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

20. Approval of Purchase Agreement- Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval of the Purchase Agreement provided in the Board's packets.

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

21. Approval of Resolution for sale of 2809 Hancock Street Bellevue, NE 68008– Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval of the resolution for the sale of 2809 Hancock Street, Bellevue, NE 68008. She said there were multiple offers, and the property sold for more than the asking price.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the resolution for the sale of 2809 Hancock Street Bellevue, NE 68008. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

22. Review of Duet Satisfaction Survey– Debbie Herbel

Debbie and Sarah reviewed the Duet Satisfaction Survey.

23. Director's Report– Debbie Herbel

Debbie reported that Duet attended Tuesday's DD Rally at the Rotunda in the State Capitol Building. She shared pictures and a post of Sarah's speech. She was proud of the turnout, stating over 120 people from Duet came to show support.

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

There were no Comments from the Public

25. 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 Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

26. Review and Approval of FY25 Nurturing Healthy Behaviors Plan and Budget – Miles Glasgow

Miles recapped the FY25 Nurturing Healthy Behaviors Plan and Budget provided in the Board's packets. He stated that the Nebraska DHHS Division of Children and Family Services provides funding to support the KidSquad program. The KidSquad program also receives funding from the Buffet Early Childhood Fund, United Way of the Midland, and an anonymous donor. He reviewed KidSquad Services, Program Evaluation, Assessment Tools, and the FY25 Work Plan. During the grant period, KidSquad will impact at least 1,100 children, directly serving at least 70 children and 85 classrooms.

A motion was made by Taylor to approve the FY25 Nurturing Healthy Behaviors Plan and Budget. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

27. Review of FY25 Revised Revenue – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the recommendation from DHHS to the Governor that \$15M be removed from the Division of Behavioral Healthcare budget. Patti included a FY25 Revised March 2024 Regional Funding Chart in the Board's packets stating that the reduction for Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare would be \$4,481,578.00.

Patti thanked the Board members for their support in reaching out to the Senators to influence the appropriations committee.

28. Update on FY25 Regional Budget Plan – Patti Jurjevich

Patti updated the Board on the FY25 Regional Budget Plan. She stated that Region 6 is still working on its reduced budget. The Behavioral Advisory Committee will review a finalized budget plan at the April 3rd meeting, and then it will be brought for approval to the Governing Board meeting on April 10.

29. Review and Approval of FY25 County Matching Funds – Patti Jurjevich

a. Approval for Board Chair to Sign Preliminary FY25 County Match Certification

Patti recapped the Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare Revised County Match Requirement provided in the Board's packets based on the projected reduction to the Behavioral Health Aid. The Board members discussed the impacts of the preliminary county match funds.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the preliminary FY25 flat prior-year county match, with follow up to occur during the May meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

30. Approval of Out of State Travel – Patti Jurjevich

- a. Patti Jurjevich
- b. Kim Kalina
- c. Jennifer Hazuka
- d. Brittany Herrington
- e. Melissa Schaefer

Patti asked for approval of Out of State Travel for the above Staff.

A motion was made by Pat to approve Out of State travel. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

31. Approval Of Monthly Budget Shifts – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the monthly budget shifts provided in the board's packets for review.

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

32. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Patti Jurjevich

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

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

33. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti stated the CARF Site Visit is scheduled for April 18th & 19th, and surveyors will be on site to conduct a review.

Patti recapped the normal reports provided in the Board's packets. She stated they are trying to revise, streamline, and simplify the reports.

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

There were no Comments from the Public

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

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

ENOA

36. Opening of New Horizon paper bids – Trish Bergman

Trish opened New Horizon paper bids. She reported that ENOA received one bid from Enterprise Media Group. She stated that she would review the bid and bring a recommendation back to next month's meeting.

37. Approval of Holistic Home Health Personal Care Contract – Trish Bergman

Trish reported that the Holistic Home Health Personal Care Contract will cover services provided in Douglas County.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Holistic Home Health Personal Care Contract. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

38. Approval of Caring Expertise Homecare Homemaker Contract – Trish Bergman

Trish requested approval of the Caring Expertise Homecare Homemaker Contract, stating it would cover services provided in Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Caring Expertise Homecare Contract. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

39. Approval of Nomination of Beverly Thomson to the ENOA Advisory Council –Trish Bergman

Trish asked for approval for Beverly Thomson’s nomination to the ENOA Advisory Council.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Nomination of Beverly Thomson to the ENOA Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

40. Director’s Report – Trish Bergman

Trish reported that ENOA is patiently waiting and hoping that LB1144 is approved.

Trish also reported that ENOA will hold an open house on May 7th to celebrate its 50th Anniversary, introducing the new foundation and the Spirit of Aging awards.

Trish also reported that she will bring all ENOA’s renewal contracts starting with the next meeting.

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

There were no Comments from the Public

42. Motion to Adjourn out of 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.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Stonys