

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**November 12, 2025**

The Chair, Mary Ann Borgeson, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., announcing that a copy of the “Nebraska Open Meetings Act” was displayed in the meeting room as required by law.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

Also present were Dennis Loose (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 Board members

4. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes

- a. September 6, 2025
- b. Special Meeting 9/25/25
- c. October 8, 2025
- d. Special Meeting 10/29/25
- e. Special Meeting 11/6/25

A motion was made by Don to approve all the above Governing Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Review of ENOA Financials – Hope Houessoukpe

Hope presented the ENOA Financial Statements, there was brief discussion regarding the policy timelines for reimbursement from the State.

6. Review of Duet & Alpha Financials – John Burns

John reviewed the Duet and Alpha Financials

7. Approval of Snow Bid for ENHSA/Region 6 Administration Building – Trish Bergman

Trish presented the snow bid for the ENHSA/Region 6 Administration Building.

A motion was made by Don to approve the snow bid for ENHSA/Region 6 Administration Building. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

8. Ratification of the Final Loan Arrangements between Region 6 and Duet – Patti Jurjevich & Dennis Loose

Dennis and Patti reviewed the final loan agreements between Region 6 and Duet.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Ratification of the Final Loan Agreement between Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare and Duet. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

9. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no attorney comments for the board

10. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Sean reported on LB 382 stating that there was a projected budget shortfall of about \$432 million for the two-year 25-27 budget period. Nebraska will have to pay more from its own fundings to contribute to the shortfall.

11. Director's Report

There was no Director's Report

12. Request for Executive Session

It was determined that no executive session was necessary

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

There were no comments from the public

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

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

### **Alpha School**

15. Approval of Student Contracts – Jenni Allen

Jenni requested approval for one (1) student contract.

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

16. Approval of the transition of Alpha program fiscal responsibilities to the ENOA Finance Team – Jenni Allen & Trish Bergman

Jenni and Trish presented the proposal of shifting the Alpha program fiscal responsibilities to the ENOA finance team. Following discussion, the item was tabled for further review.

A motion was made by Don to table this item. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

17. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported that enrollment currently stands at 70 students, with 10 students transitioning back. She noted that preparations are underway for the annual Thanksgiving meal with all students.

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

There were no comments from the public

19. Motion to Adjourn out of Alpha School and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

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

**Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare**

20. Presentation of FY25 Financial Audit – John Shurtliff, Eide Bailly LLP

John Shurtliff of Eide Bailly LLP presented the FY25 financial audit.

21. Approval of 2026 Insurance Plans – Mike Boden

- a. Health Insurance, BCBS
- b. Dental Insurance, BCBS
- c. Vision Insurance, VSP Vision Care
- d. Life Insurance, Madison National Life
- e. Long Term Disability Insurance, Madison National Life
- f. AD & D, Madison National Life

The following 2026 insurance plans were discussed, and rates are good for a period of 18-months, effective through July 2027

A motion was made by Don to approve the 2026 Insurance Plans. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

Attendance note: At 4:45 p.m. Don Kelly, Sarpy County Board Member, excused himself from the meeting.

22. Review and Approval of Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Plan and Budget – Crystal Fuller

Crystal recapped the Region 6 PATH Program Funding: Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare received \$209,373 from the Nebraska DHHS PATH grant to support services for individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Community Alliance will provide outreach, case management, referral, and treatment services under subcontract. The budget covers personnel (\$103,900), fringe (\$28,940), travel (\$5,400), supplies (\$1,200), contractual (\$49,638), and other costs (\$20,295).

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

23. Update of the Stepping Up Initiative – Vicki Maca

Vicki reported on the Stepping Up Initiative, a national program supporting data-driven strategies to reduce the number of individuals with mental illnesses in local jails. Current efforts include the FUSE initiative, Medicaid services for eligible incarcerated young adults under Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (implemented in Nebraska on

October 19, 2025), the Information Sharing Project, and implementation of the Stepping Up framework with the Cass County Sheriff's Office beginning November 2025. Planning is underway, with a kickoff meeting held November 6, 2025, and data collection occurring on three of the four Stepping Up key measures.

#### 24. Approval of Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Revised Bylaws – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the summary page for the Bylaws revisions and mentioned it included updates to committee membership by removing language specifying the number of members and the requirement for Regional Governing Board representation. Revisions also clarified quorum requirements and added language referencing compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, updated the order of business, and strengthened conflict of interest provisions by requiring annual disclosure forms. Additional edits included general clean-up and replacing "Chairman" and "Chairperson" with "Chair."

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Revised Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

#### 25. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the Contracts and Amendments

A motion was made by Pat to approve the contracts and amendments. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### 26. Quarterly Financial Statements for Period Ending September 30, 2025 – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the quarterly financial Statements that were provided in the Board's packet.

#### 27. Ratification to Open Certificate of Deposit Bank Account – Patti Jurjevich

Patti requested to open a Certificate of Deposit Bank Account at Pinnacle Bank.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve opening a Certificate of Deposit Bank Account at Pinnacle Bank. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

#### 28. Approval of Out of State Travel – Patti Jurjevich

Patti requested approval for out of state travel to NACo Legislative Conference February 21-24, 2026.

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

#### 29. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti reported that routine reports were included in the meeting packets for review. She discussed budget cuts impacting the CCBHC and noted that the opioid reports are not yet finalized.

30. Request for Executive Session – Patti Jurjevich

The Chair moved this item to the end of the agenda

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

There were no comments from the public

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

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

**ENOA**

33. Approval of Agreements – Trish Bergman

- a. Dean Evans – Chore Agreement
- b. Johnston’s Lawncare & Snow Removal – Chore Agreement

Trish presented agreements for approval, including a chore agreement with Dean Evans and a chore agreement with Johnston’s Lawncare & Snow Removal.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the chore agreement with Dean Evans and the chore agreement with Johnston’s Lawncare & Snow Removal. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

34. Approval of Tai Chi Contract for Marie Sedlacek – Trish Bergman

Trish presented the Tai Chi Contract for Marie Sedlacek for approval.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Tai Chi Contract for Marie Sedlacek. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

35. Approval of Out of State Travel for Katelyn York – Trish Bergman

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Trish requested out of state travel for Katelyn York to attend the CaseWorthy Forward User (MOW Software) Conference on March 9-11, 2026, in Nashville, TN.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the out-of-state travel for Katelyn York. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

37. Director’s Report – Trish Bergman

Trish reported over 600 client referrals were received for participation in the ENOA Christmas program. She also reported that the State Unit on Aging is doing their monitoring visit soon.

38. Request for Executive Session – Trish Bergman

The Chair moved this item to the end of the agenda

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

There were no comments from the public

40. Motion to Adjourn out of ENOA and enter Duet

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

**Duet**

41. Review and Approval of Sealed Snow Bids for Duet Residential Properties- Dennis Loose

Dennis reported that Duet only received two sealed Snow Bids for the Residential Properties. No action was taken on this agenda item.

42. Approval of Listing Agreement, Offer Letter, and Purchase Agreement for 9524/26 Maple Street – Dennis Loose

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Listing Agreement, Offer Letter, and Purchase Agreement for 9524/26 Maple Street. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

43. Approval of Lease Addendum for 9814 and 9850 M Street – Dennis Loose

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Lease Addendum for 9814 and 9850 M Street. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

44. Approval of My25 Agreement for 6440 and 6430 N 66th Street – Dennis Loose.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the My25 Agreement for 6440 and 6430 N 66th Street. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

45. Approval of Out-of-Town Travel for Catherine Manning to travel and stay in Grand Island for the Area Certification Review – Dennis Loose

A motion was made by Lisa to approve Out-of-Town Travel for Catherine Manning to travel and stay in Grand Island for the Area Certification Review. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

46. Approval of Lease Agreement for 2020 N 72nd Street – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval of the Lease Agreement for 2020 N 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. He explained that while Duet is awaiting finalization of the sale, the purchasers of the daycare would like to occupy the space. PJ Morgan developed a lease agreement to accommodate this interim period until the sale is finalized.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the lease agreement for 2020 N 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

47. Ratification of Addendum for the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment at 4333 S 87th Street – Dennis Loose

Dennis explained that the bank is requiring the purchasers to complete a Phase 1 environmental assessment on this property prior to finalizing the sale.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the ratification of addendum for the phase 1 environmental assessment at 4333 S 87<sup>th</sup> Street. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### 48. Director's Report - Dennis Loose

Dennis reported that the state reviewers for CDD visited one of the Duet homes in Bellevue and conducted a review. He was pleased to report that the review went very well and no deficiencies were cited.

#### 49. Request for Executive Session

A motion was made by Lisa at 5:45 p.m. that the Board, with Attorney Chris Jerram, and Patti Jurjevich re-enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare to go into Executive Session to discuss a Region 6 personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

At 6:01 p.m., a motion was made by Lisa that the Board, with Attorney Chris Jerram and Patti Jurjevich, to reconvene from Executive Session and reopen the meeting to the public, adjourn the Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare board meeting and thereafter enter into ENOA. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken during Region 6 executive session.

At 6:01 p.m., a motion was made by Lisa that the Board, with Attorney Chris Jerram and Trish Bergman, to go into Executive Session to discuss an ENOA personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

At 6:07 p.m., a motion was made by Lisa that the Board, with Attorney Chris Jerram and Trish Bergman, to reconvene from Executive Session and reopen the meeting to the public, adjourn the ENOA board meeting and thereafter enter into Duet. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken during the ENOA executive session.

A motion was made by Lisa at 6:07 p.m. that the Board, with Attorney Chris Jerram and Dennis Loose, and move to go into Executive Session to discuss a Duet personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

At 6:28 p.m., a motion was made by Lisa that the Board, with Attorney Chris Jerram and Trish Bergman, to reconvene from Executive Session and reopen the meeting to the public and thereafter adjourn the Duet board meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken during the Duet executive session.

#### 50. Approval of Hiring of New Duet Executive Director and Contract

A motion was made by Lisa to Approve Hiring of the New Duet Executive Director and Contract. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

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

There were no comments from the public

52. Motion to Adjourn out of the meeting

A motion was made by Lisa to at 6:28 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote