

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

December 6, 2023

The Chair, Mary Ann Borgeson called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. 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:

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1. Roll Call showed the following Board Members in attendance: Taylor Boyle (Cass County); Mary Ann Borgeson (Douglas County); Angi Burmeister (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. Comments & Correspondence - Governing Board

There were no Comments & Correspondence from Governing Board members

3. Approval of November 8, 2023, Governing Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the November 8, 2023, Governing Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Presentation of FY23 ENHSA Financial Audit – John Shurtliff, Eide Bailly LLP

John Shurtliff, CPA presented the ENHSA Audit Report that was included in the Board’s packets. He thanked Hope for all his hard work on gathering information for the audit process.

5. Review of ENHSA financial statements – Hope Houessoukpe

The Chair thanked Hope and wished him good luck in his future and in finalizing his CPA License.

Hope reported on the documentation that was provided in the Board’s packets.

6. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no Attorney Comments

7. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Sean reported on two key issues Workforce Development and Property Taxes.

8. Director’s Report

There was no Director's Report.

9. Executive Session

The Chair requested an emergency item for an executive session to be added for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Lisa to add an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

There were no Comments from the Public.

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

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

Alpha School

12. Approval of 1 student contract – Jenni Allen

Jenni requested approval of 1 student contract with Omaha Public Schools.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the 1 student contract with Omaha Public Schools. The motion was seconded by Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

13. Approval of Fire Alarm Repair– Jenni Allen

Jenni requested approval to have General Fire come out and perform repairs on the fire alarm system.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Fire Alarm Repair. The motion was seconded by Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

14. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported that there are currently 72 kids on the Alpha School roster. She said things are going well at Alpha School.

Jenni reported on the Hear Program, which is ARPA funded, she stated that the Staff really enjoying participating.

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 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 Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

17. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Housing Recovery Support – Taren Petersen

- a. Review of RFP Process and Funding Recommendations
- b. Approval of RFP Recommendation

Taren recapped the request for proposal Housing Recovery Support, she reported that the review committee recommended that Heartland Family Service be awarded the contract for Recovery Support for Region 6 Housing Programs. Heartland Family Services will be awarded \$120,406.00 for a partial year in FY24, with \$188,207.00 being awarded for FY25.

A motion was made by Angi to approve the Request for Proposal for Housing Recovery Support recommendation of Heartland Family Service. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

18. Review and Approval of State Opioid Response (SOR) Plan and Budget – Crystal Fuller

Crystal recapped the State Opioid Response Plan and Budget that was provided in the Board's packets for review. She explained that the budget and work plan are for the second year of this grant project, which runs from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. She stated that Region 6 is carried forward with the same workplan items from year one and the total allocation for Region 6 has also remained the same.

A motion was made by Angi to approve the State Opioid Response Plan and Budget. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

19. Re-Appointment of Michaelle Vega-Hernandez, Consumer Advisory Team, to Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, 1/1/24-12/31/24 – Patti Jurjevich

Patti asked for approval of the re-appointment of Michelle Vega-Hernandez, Consumer Advisory Team, to Behavioral Health Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the re-appointment of Michelle Vega-Hernandez, Consumer Advisory Team, to Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

20. Approval of Revised Policy and Procedure #112, Use of Technology and Communication Systems – Patti Jurjevich

Patti asked for approval of the revised Policy and Procedure #112, Use of Technology and Communication Systems.

A motion was made by Angi to approve the Revised Policy and Procedure #112, Use of Technology and Communication Systems. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

21. Approval of Budget Shifts – Patti Jurjevich

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

22. Quarterly Financial Statements for Period Ending September 30, 2023 – Patti Jurjevich

Patti reported on the Quarterly Financial Statements for Period Ending September 30, 2023, that was provided in the Board's packets.

23. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the request for contracts and amendments provided in the packets to be reviewed by the Board members.

24. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped all the normal reports that were included in the packet for the Board members to review.

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

There were no Comments from the Public

26. 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 Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ENOA

27. Approval of Business Associate Agreement for Freedom in Home Service – Trish Bergman

Trish requested approval of the Business Associate Agreement for Freedom in Home Service.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Business Associate Agreement for Freedom in Home Service. The motion was seconded by Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

28. Approval of ENOA – Grievance Process Policy – Trish Bergman

A motion was made by Angi to approve the ENOA - Grievance Process Policy. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

29. Approval of Right at Home contract for Caregiver Support Program respite services– Trish Bergman

Trish requested approval for the Right at Home contract for Support Program respite services to serve all 5 counties.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Right at Home contract for Caregiver Support Program respite services. The motion was seconded by Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

30. Approval of Nomination of Anne Marcotte to the ENOA Advisory Council – Trish Bergman

Trish requested approval of the Nomination of Ann Marcotte to the ENOA Advisory Council

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

31. Director’s Report – Trish Bergman

Trish reported that the normal reports are included in the Board’s packets for review.

Trish reported the State monitoring visit will occur in January and that she set up a Pension meeting for employees to learn about the pension plan.

Trish also reported that there is a new Alzheimer’s Specialist position at ENOA.

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

There were no Comments from the Public

33. Motion to Adjourn out ENOA and enter Duet

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

Duet

34. Request for Executive Session – Debbie Herbel

A Motion was made by Lisa at 4:50 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. Motion was seconded by Angi and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A Motion was made by Lisa at 5:20 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 Angi and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken while in executive session.

35. Approval of Resolution for CIR Litigation – Debbie Herbel

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Resolution for the CIR Litigation. The motion was seconded by Angi and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

36. Approval of Resolution to deny the General Drivers and Helpers Union Local No. 554's last, best, and final offer – Debbie Herbel

A motion was made by Angi to approve the Resolution to deny the General Drivers and Helpers Union Local. No. 554's last, best, and final offer. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

37. Director's Report – Debbie Herbel

There was no Director's Report

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

There were no Comments from the Public

39. Motion to recess out of Duet and enter ENHSA Admin

A motion was made by Angi at 4:51 p.m. to recess out of Duet and enter ENHSA Admin. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Angi to add an emergency item of hiring a ENHSA CFO, Mark Garcia, and authorize Attorney Mark McQueen to sign necessary documents to complete the hiring process. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

40. Motion to Adjourn out of meeting

A motion was made at 5:25 p.m. by Lisa to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.