

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

MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 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

The Chair shared a thank you note from ENOA’s Tai Chi instructors

4. Review of ENHSA Financials – Mark Garcia

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

5. Approval of Security Camera Bids – Debbie Herbel

Debbie explained that the cameras for the building would like to be replaced. ARPA Funding will pay for the cameras. Patti, Trish and Debbie would like to recommend Midwest Security Systems.

Midwest Security Systems is local and the ease of use of the system – a server will be installed and will allow all Director’s will be able to view the building remotely 24/7. Maintenance cost – cameras are covered for 5 years; labor is covered for the 1st year; service calls thereafter

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Midwest Security Systems proposal. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no attorney comments

7. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Sean reported governor’s farewell address in April – Property Tax session 7/25/24 – there were over 104 pieces of legislation introduced. The governor’s proposed bill included proposed taxes on goods and services. It was short of votes due to a filibuster – a new amendment was introduced that places a

property tax cap on cities and counties. They are trying to pay for these property taxes through budget cuts – the goal is \$750M. A \$25M cut was introduced that would affect services and rates for ENHSA. Amendments to LB34 will come into effect starting tomorrow. MAB – plea to pause and analyze bills

8. Request for Executive Session – Debbie Herbel

There was no need for Executive Session

9. Director's Report

There was no Director's Report

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

Alpha School

12. Approval of (2) two Staff Contracts – Jenni Allen

Jenni was happy to report that Alpha is fully staffed she made her last offers to a teacher and an assistant teacher.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the (2) two staff contracts. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

13. Request for Executive Session- Jenni Allen

A motion was made by Pat at 3:50 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram, and Jenni Allen move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Pat at 4:06 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram, and Jenni Allen reconvene and reopen the meeting to the public. The Motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken while in executive session.

14. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported that 67 students will start at Alpha tomorrow. (6) six new kids will be joining. Jenni and the staff at Alpha are excited for the new school year to start.

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

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 Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

17. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Criminal Justice-Behavioral Health Information Sharing Software – Vicki Maca

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

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

18. Appointment of Julie Nielsen, Sarpy County Representative, to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC), 8/14/24-8/13/27 – Patti Jurjevich

A motion was made by Don to approve Julie Nielsen, Sarpy County Representative, to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

19. Ratification of Approval to Open Two Certificate of Deposit Bank Accounts – Patti Jurjevich

Patti requested ratification of approval for opening two certificates of deposit bank accounts.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Ratification of Approval to Open Two Certificate of Deposit Bank Accounts. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

20. Resolution for Out of State Travel for Jennifer Hazuka – Patti Jurjevich

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

21. Approval Of Budget Shifts for Month Ending July 31, 2024– Patti Jurjevich

A motion was made by Don to approve the Budget Shifts for Month Ending July 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

22. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Patti Jurjevich

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

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

23. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

DOJ Report – state of NE has not reached an agreement with the DOJ – individuals with a serious mental illness living in substandard living conditions – 1700 people – waiting for a list of assisted living

from DBH to understand the regions. The timeline for the state to respond is unknown – it could possibly take years. Patti spoke to Threshold and there is no supported housing available – there is a 400 person wait list. Living conditions are deplorable and they want them integrated into the community – the living situation is unknown.

Tarren is going to be at next month's meeting to discuss FY24 utilization

DBH – eliminating deputy director of finance – due to efficiencies along with DD – eliminating deputy director of finance in DD

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

No comments from the public

25. 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

26. Approval of Policies – Trish Bergman

- a. Public Affairs
- b. Nutrition
- c. Procurement

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

27. ARPA Funding approval for North Bend Senior Center – Trish Bergman

A motion was made by Don to approve the North Bend ARPA funding. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

28. Approval of Livathome LL Caregiver Support Program Contract and BAA – Trish Bergman

Trish reported that Livathome LL Caregiver Support will support all 5 counties.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Livathome LL Caregiver Support Program. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

29. Approval of Room2Fit Personal Care Contract – Trish Bergman

Trish reported that Room2Fit Personal Care Contract would support 4 counties excluding Cass County.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Room2Fit Personal Care Contract. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

30. Approval of Tai Chi Contract – Brenda Elson – Trish Bergman

A motion was made by Don to approve the Tai Chi Contract for Brenda Elson. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

31. Request for Executive Session – Trish Bergman

This request was moved to the end.

32. Director's Report- Trish Bergman

Trish reported that the proclamation for Carol Gleason is in Mary Ann's packet for signature. She reported that all the normal expense reports are also in the Board's packets for review.

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

There were no comments from the public

34. 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 Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Duet

35. Approval of Resolution to Sell 1531 N 18th Street Omaha, NE 68110 – Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval of the resolution to sell 1531 N 18th Street Omaha, NE 68110.

A motion was made by Don to approve the resolution to sell 1531 N 18th Street Omaha, NE 68110. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

36. Approval of Resolution to Sell 6316 Whitmore Street Omaha, NE 68152- Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval of the resolution to sell 6316 Whitmore Street Omaha, NE 68152.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Resolution to Sell 6316 Whitmore Street Omaha, NE 68152. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

37. Approval of Lease for the Behavioral Health Clinic at 11340 Blondo Street Omaha 68164 – Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval to lease the space at 11340 Blondo Street Omaha, NE 68164 for the Behavioral Health Clinic.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Lease for the Behavioral Health Clinic at 11340 Blondo Street Omaha, NE 68164. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote with the exception of Pat in Dodge County who abstained.

38. Approval to List 1807 Collins Street Bellevue, NE 68005 – Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested to list 1807 Collins Street in Bellevue, NE 68005

A motion was made by Pat to approve listing 1807 Collins Street Bellevue, NE 68005. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

39. Approval of Ratification for Midwest Protection Services Monitoring Agreement – Debbie Herbel

Debbie requested approval of the ratification for Midwest Protection Services Monitoring Agreement, stating that this is a continuation for the monitoring system at the Daycare.

A motion was made by Don to approve the ratification for Midwest Protection Services Monitoring Agreement. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

40. Approval of Cox Assignment and Assumption Agreement for 2020 N 72nd Street – Debbie Herbel
Debbie requested approval of the Cox Assignment and Assumption Agreement for 2020 N 72nd Street, stating that this is for Duet to take over the Cox Agreement from the previous owners of the Daycare.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Cox Assignment and Assumption Agreement for 2020 N 72nd Street. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

41. Approval of Duet Policies – Debbie Herbel
Debbie requested approval of the Duet Policies, stating that these were updates directly reflecting what the State Regulations require.

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

42. Approval of 1st Credentialing Agreement – Debbie Herbel
Debbie requested approval of the 1st Credentialing Agreement, stating that 3 of the current Behavioral Specialists will become credentialed with their current licensure and will be able to bill for services provided.

A motion was made by Don to approve the 1st Credentialing Agreement. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

43. Approval of Duet FY24/25 Budget – Debbie Herbel
Debbie presented the Duet FY24/35 Budget, she highlighted some of the areas of struggle and discussed plans of improvement.

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

44. Review of Quarterly Incident Report – Debbie Herbel
Debbie included the Quarterly Incident Report for review in Board members packets.

45. Director's Report– Debbie Herbel
Debbie reported that Duet is still cleaning up after the storm, she told the Board members that 75 people in services were displaced, but since have returned to their homes.

46. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)
There were no comments from the public

47. Motion to Adjourn out of the Meeting
A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn out of Duet and enter back into ENOA. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

A motion was made by Lisa at 5:09 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram, and Trish Bergman move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Don and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Lisa at 5:45 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram, and Trish Bergman reconvene and reopen the meeting to the public. The Motion was seconded by Pat and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken while in executive session.

A motion was made at 5:46 p.m. by Lisa to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.