

REGION I BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
Governing Board Meeting April 11, 2024, 11:30 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION NEEDED	VOTE
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11:30 A.M. 1. Call to Order

Open Meetings Act Statement

This meeting is being conducted under the guidelines of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall inside the meeting room. *The Governing Board may discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on the agenda items listed. Any agenda item may be moved down at any time at the discretion of the Board Chairman. The Board reserves the right to go into executive (closed) session if such session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.*

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| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | | |
| 3. Introductions | | |
| 4. Roll Call | None | Roll Call |
| 5. Approve Agenda | Motion | Voice Vote |
| 6. Approve Previous Minutes | Motion | Voice Vote |
| 7. Approval of By-Laws | Motion | Roll Call |
| 8. May Mental Health Month Proclamation 2024 | Motion | Roll Call |
| 9. Region 1 R1BHAC membership | Motion | Roll Call |
| 10. County Service Map Dawes County | Informational | |
| 11. Regional Administrators Report | Informational | |
| 12. Financials | | |
| A. March 2024 Shift | Motion | Roll Call |
| B. April 2024 Shift | Motion | Roll Call |
| C. Region 1 Income Statement | Motion | Roll Call |
| D. Region 1 Accts Payable & Open Invoices | Motion | Roll Call |
| E. Region 1 Check Register | Motion | Roll Call |
| F. Region 1 Bank Balances/Balance Sheet | Informational | |
| 13. Questions, Comments by Non-Members | | |
| 14. Adjourn | | |

Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 09, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. This agenda is kept continuously current at the Region I office, 4110 Avenue D, Scottsbluff, NE, and is subject to revision and amendments until 24 hours prior to the meeting.

REGION I GOVERNING BOARD

April 11, 2024

Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Susanna Batterman called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. She acknowledged this meeting will follow the open meetings act, posted on the North wall of the South Conference room.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions: N/A
4. Roll Call: Roll was called with the following Board Members:

Susanna Batterman	(Morrill County)	Present
Bruce Messersmith	(Sheridan County)	Present
Steve Burke	(Box Butte County)	Present
William Klingman	(Deuel County)	Present
Vic Rivera	(Dawes County)	Present
Carl Stander	(Kimball County)	Present
Ken Meyer	(Scotts Bluff County)	Present
Laif Anderson	(Banner County)	Present
Terry Krauter	(Garden County)	Present
Darrell Johnson	(Cheyenne County)	Absent
Hal Downer	(Sioux County)	Absent

Also, in attendance: Holly Brandt, Regional Administrator; Jennifer Kriha, Fiscal Director; Lisa Simmons, Director of Network Services; and Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant.

5. Approve Agenda (Voice Vote)

The agenda was emailed to commissioners and presented in their packets. Motion to approve agenda made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Bill Klingman. All members voting aye. Motion carried.
6. Approve February 2024 Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote)

Motion to approve March 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made by Steve Burke with a second by Bruce Messersmith. Garden county commissioner Terry Krauter, and Banner County commissioner Laif Anderson abstained with all other members voting aye. Motion carried.

7. Annual By-Laws review (Voice Vote)

Final review of Regional Governing Board by-laws. Motion made by Bruce Messersmith to approve the final review of by-laws with a second by Bill Klingman. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

8. May Mental Health Month Proclamation 2024 (Motion)

Lisa Simmons presented in Michelle Fries' absence. Region 1 proclaimed May is mental health month. Region 1 staff have some events planned with one being the "Strike out Stigma" campaign. Region 1 has partnered with Western Nebraska Pioneers on their opening ball game, May 28, 2024. Region 1 is needing a motion to approve the May 2024 Mental Health Proclamation. Region 1 also is requesting each county to sign the document. Irene Guerrero will send out the Proclamation document to counties. Motion made by Bill Klingman with a second by Ken Meyer. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

9. Region 1 R1BHAC Membership (Motion)

Lisa Simmons presented to the board that approval is needed to have one of the four Advisory council members to stay on as a R1BHAC member. In the packets was the application of Bob Davis. Motion made by Ken Meyer to accept the application as presented with a second by Steve Burke. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

10. County Service Map Dawes County (Informational)

Lisa Simmons presented the information on a handout, included in the board packets. The handout consisted of the number of people being served and services available in Dawes County. Currently, there are four providers offering services. Services offered are: Crisis Response – Adult/Youth Mental Health/Substance Use, Emergency Psychiatric Observation, Medication Management-Youth/Adult, Outpatient Therapy-Mental Health/Substance Use-Youth/Adult, Assessment-Mental Health/Substance Use-Youth/Adult, Emergency Community Support-Mental Health/Substance Use, Intensive Community Support-Mental Health-Adult, Community Support-Mental Health/Substance Use-Adult, Recovery Support-Mental Health/Substance Use, 24/7 Crisis Line-Mental Health/Substance Use, PGX.

11. Regional Administrators Report (Informational)

Holly Brandt presented her report to the board. Budget is coming to a completion, Region 1 is currently on boarding the four new providers, Region 1 held a Opioid Settlement Funds Q&A on April 9, 2024. Holly attended a community forum with RWMC. There is a building in Gering that we toured and could possibly be a good place for the crisis stabilization center. Holly and other staff members will tour the old Aurora building on April 29th.

12. Financials

A. March 2024 Shift (Motion)

Jennifer Kriha needed approval for the March 2024 RFP shift of funds into the new providers: ESU #13, Inner Peace Holistic Healing Center, Nebraska Panhandle Counseling Center, Sandhills Center of Hope, and WCHR. Motion was made by Bill Klingman to approve the shift with a second by Laif Anderson. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

B. April 2024 Shift (Motion)

Jennifer Kriha needed approval for the April 2024 shift of funds within the current services. Motion was made by Steve Burke to approve the shift with a second by Bill Klingman. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

*** The Regional Governing board approves financials in one motion (items 12C-12E) ***

C.D.E. (One Motion) Region 1 Income Statements; Accts Payable & Open Invoices; and Check Registers

March 2024 financials were reviewed and presented to the board. Motion made by Bruce Messersmith to approve financials, as presented, with a second by Bill Klingman. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

E. Region 1 Bank Balances/Balance Sheet (Informational)

Jennifer Kriha reviewed the March 2024 bank balances and balance sheet.

13. Questions, Members Comments and Non-Members

Comment from Steve Burke on the LB388, if this bill is passed it could bring more Mental Health funding to the regions.

14. Adjourn – All agenda items were addressed, Chairperson Batterman adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

15. Next Regional Governing Board is scheduled for May 09, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by:


Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant

Date: 5-9-2024


Vic Rivera, Dawes County Commissioner

Date: 5-9-24