

REGION I BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
Governing Board Meeting February 08, 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. Annual Meeting | | |
| a. Appointments | | |
| 1. Regional Administrator | Motion | Roll Call |
| 2. Fiscal Director | Motion | Roll Call |
| b. Election of Officers | | |
| 1. Chair | Motion | Roll Call |
| 2. Vice Chair | Motion | Roll Call |
| 3. Secretary/Treasurer | Motion | Roll Call |
| 4. Establishing Executive Committee | Motion | Roll Call |
| 8. Review of By-Laws | Informational | |
| 9. Cheyenne County Services | Informational | |
| 10. Hybrid Work Schedule | Motion | Roll Call |
| 11. Regional Administrators Report | Informational | |
| 12. Financial | | |
| A. January 2024 Shift | Motion | Roll Call |
| B. Region 1 Income Statement | Motion | Roll Call |
| C. Region 1 Accts Payable & Open Invoices | Motion | Roll Call |
| D. Region 1 Check Register | Motion | Roll Call |
| E. Region 1 Bank Balances/Balance Sheet | Informational | |
| 13. Questions, Comments by Non-Members | | |
| 14. Adjourn | | |

Next regularly scheduled meeting is March 14, 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

February 8, 2024

Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Susanna Batterman called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions:
4. Roll Call: Roll was called with the following Board Members:

Susanna Batterman	(Morrill County)	Present
Steve Burke	(Box Butte County)	Present
Ken Meyer	(Scotts Bluff County)	Present (Joined meeting @11:39 am)
William Klingman	(Deuel County)	Present (Joined meeting @11:42 am)
Vic Rivera	(Dawes County)	Present
Laif Anderson	(Banner County)	Present
Carl Stander	(Kimball County)	Present
Bruce Messersmith	(Sheridan 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; Michelle Fries, Office & Disaster Coordinator; Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant.

5. Approve Agenda (Voice Vote)

Motion to approve agenda made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Terry Krauter. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.
6. Approve January 2024 Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote)

A correction on RGB meeting minutes, misspelled (Brandt's) name. Correction was made in minutes. Motion to approve January 2024 minutes, with correction, made by Steve Burke with a second by Bruce Messersmith. Bruce Messersmith and Terry Krauter abstained with all other board members voting aye. Motion carried.
7. Annual Meeting (Motion)
 - a. Appointments:
 - i. Regional Administrator –Motion made by Bruce Messersmith to retain Holly Brandt as Regional Administrator with a second by Terry Krauter. Motion ceased all board members voting aye. Motion carried.

- ii. Fiscal Director - Motion made by Terry Krauter to retain Jennifer Kriha as Fiscal Director with a second by Steve Burke. Motion ceased, all board members voting aye. Motion carried.

b. Election of Officers

- i. Chair - Motion made by Bruce Messersmith to nominate Susanna Batterman as Chair. Motion made by Vic Rivera to nominate Ken Meyer. Ken Meyer declined, and a motion was made by Vic Rivera to nominate himself. Motion to cease nominations made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Steve Burke. A paper ballot vote was taken with Michelle Fries counting votes: 5 votes for Susanna Batterman and 4 votes for Vic Rivera. Susanna Batterman was elected as chairperson for another year with all board members voting aye. Motion carried.
- ii. Vice Chair - Motion made by Ken Meyer to nominate Bill Klingman as Vice-Chair, with a second by Bruce Messersmith. Motion made by Susanna Batterman to nominate Bruce Messersmith as vice chair with a second by Bill Klingman. Motion to cease nominations made by Bill Klingman with a second by Bruce Messersmith. A paper ballot vote was taken with Jennifer Kriha counting votes: 5 votes for Bruce Messersmith and 4 votes for Bill Klingman. Bruce Messersmith was elected as vice chairperson with all board members voting aye. Motion carried.
- iii. Secretary / Treasurer - Motion made by Terry Krauter to nominate Vic Rivera as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion to cease nominations made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Ken Meyer. Roll call with all board members voting aye, except Susanna Batterman voting no. Motion carried.
- iv. Establishing Executive Committee – Motion made by Steve Burke to elect the 3 elected officers as the Executive committee; Susanna Batterman, Bruce Messersmith and Vic Rivera seconded by Bill Klingman. A motion by Susanna Batterman to nominate Laif Anderson. Paper Ballot was conducted votes tallied as such: 6 Vic Rivera, 5 Laif Anderson and 8 Bruce Messersmith. Newly appointed Executive Committee: Susanna Batterman, Bruce Messersmith and Vic Rivera.

8. Annual By-Laws review 1st Reading (Informational)

Annual reading of the Regional Governing Board by-laws. This was the first reading of the by-Laws with one update to be made. Article 5 Committees, section 1.1 “the advisory committee shall have a minimum of eleven (11) members”, the advisory committee would like to change a minimum of 11 members to say up to 11 members. The governing board accepted a change in verbiage; Holly will take it to the advisory committee in March. A 2nd reading will be conducted at the March 2024, RGB meeting.

At that time, Holly will also present names of the advisory committee that have served longer than 6 years.

9. Cheyenne County Services (Informational)

Holly Brandt presented the information from a handout was in the board packets. Handout consisted of the number of people being served, the services we have available in the Cheyenne county. Services we offer in Cheyenne county are youth transitional services (YTS), professional partner program, mental health outpatient, substance use outpatient, mental health assessment, substance use assessments, medication management, supported employment, community support for mental health, and substance use, emergency community support, and crisis response. 988 is available in all counties and along with crisis response. 988 informational cards were given to the commissioners to hand out in their counties.

10. Hybrid Work Schedule (Motion)

Michelle Fries presented the new CARF standards to the board members that came out in January 2024. The new CARF standards mentioned workforce development management, retaining qualified and engaged workforce, and making sure the new part of the standard is the well-being of staff from an organizational leadership. After further discussion a motion was made Bruce Messersmith to retain the current hybrid work schedule "as is" with a second by Carl Stander. Roll call was made with six members voting no and three voting yes. Motion denied, did not pass.

Vic Rivera made a motion starting March 1, 2024, all Region 1 employees shall perform their work duties full-time from their offices and exceptions shall be approved by the board of directors. After further discussion, Vic Rivera amended his first motion to read as follows; beginning May 1, 2024, all Region 1 employees shall perform their work duties full time from their offices at the Region 1 building with a second by Bill Klingman. All board members voting aye except for Bruce Messersmith and Susanna Batterman. Motion carried.

11. Regional Administrators Report (Informational)

Holly Brandt presented her report to the board. There will be a hearing on the \$15 million budget cut on Monday, February 12 at 1:30 pm. Holly will be attending the hearing. RA's have another bill before the legislature, it's LB 943 and are requesting \$8.1 million to be put into the budget. Irene sent out a letter for board members to send to Senator Erdman, with a due date of Friday, February 9th at noon. The opioid settlement money and grant process will go live on March 15, 2024. The applications will be available to the community to apply for at that time. There will be advertising and a couple of Q&A meetings with anyone who wants to apply and may have questions. The applications are due back May 20th and will be reviewed by the committee. The ones for recommendation for funding will be presented to the board at the June RGB meeting.

12. Financials

A. January 2024 Shift Request (Motion)

Jennifer Kriha needs approval for the shift. Motion was made by Bill Klingman to approve the shift, as submitted, with a second by Terry Krauter. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

*** The Regional Governing board approves financials in one motion (items 12B-12D) ***

B.C.D. (Motion) Region 1 Income Statements; Accts Payable & Open Invoices; and Check Registers for January 2024 were reviewed and presented to the board. Motion made by Bill Klingman to approve financials, as presented, with a second by Bruce Messersmith. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

* Dawes commissioner asked Jennifer if he could have a rough draft of the FY25 budget, Jennifer will send budget out to Mr. Rivera around the 2nd week in March.

E. Region 1 Bank Balances/Balance Sheet (Informational) – Jennifer Kriha reviewed the January 2024 bank balances and balance sheet.

13. Questions, Members Comments and Non-Members

Chairperson, Ken Meyer let the members know there is space available in the old Aurora building and Holly should reach out to Andrew Dick to see if there is space available to rent for the Region 1 offices/staff.

14. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

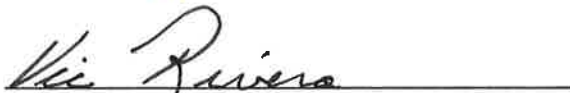
15. Next Regional Governing Board scheduled for March 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by:



Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant

Date: 3-14-2024



Vic Rivera, Dawes County Commissioner

Date: 3-14-24