



MAY R1BHAC MINUTES

05/07/2026 | Meeting Called to Order at 1:02 p.m. by Amanda Booth

In Attendance

RIBHAC Members: Bob Davis, Susanna Batterman, Pam Goding, Valerie Coop, Amanda Booth

Via zoom: Lisa Simmons, Betsy Vidlak, Carrie Howton

A quorum was established at the May meeting.

Region 1 Staff: Holly Brandt, Jeanne McKerrigan, and Irene Guerrero Via zoom: Kim Burry

Introduction: N/A

Approval of May 2026 Agenda (motion) Voice Vote

A motion to approve the May 2026 agenda was made by Susanna Batterman with a second by Pam Goding. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval to Ratify April 2026 Agenda (motion) Voice Vote

A motion to ratify April 2026 agenda made by Pam Goding with a second motion by Valerie Coop. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval to Ratify March 2026 Minutes (motion) Voice Vote

A motion to ratify March 2026 minutes made by Susanna Batterman with a second motion by Bob Davis. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Approval of April 2026 Minutes (motion) Voice Vote

A motion to approve April 2026 minutes made by Bob Davis with a second motion by Pam Goding. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

May Mental Health Proclamation (motion) Voice Vote

Holly Brandt, RA, presented the May Mental Health Proclamation document. The proclamation was sent to the eleven counties within the region, requesting their participation. To date, Region 1 has received eight signed county proclamations. The proclamation will also be presented to the RGB Commissioners for signature on May 14, 2026.

A motion was made by Bob Davis to approve the May Mental Health Proclamation, with a second by Pam Goding. All members voting aye. Motion carried.



Extension Letter From CARF (Informational)

Received an extension for CARF accreditation survey. Expected timeline: August–September.

Stakeholder Survey (Informational)

The committee reviewed the stakeholder wellness survey completed by Public Health. A random Region 1 staff participated on behalf of the organization.

Discussion included:

- Areas where the organization compares favorably to others
- Existing policies regarding tobacco use, emergency response, and workplace safety
- Potential opportunities for improvement in employee wellness and stress management
- Employee participation in a workplace step challenge
- Existing walking path opportunities within the building
- Public Health wellness services available to staff

Disaster Response Update (Informational)

- The “Avel eCare” support sessions are now scheduled from May through October.
- Sessions are available virtually and free to participants.
- Promotional flyers and outreach materials are being finalized.
- Table tents with mental health resource information have been distributed to restaurants and businesses in Garden County and Morrill County.

Staff will monitor participation and adjust outreach efforts as needed.

Crisis Stabilization Update (Informational)

The committee discussed ongoing crisis stabilization efforts. Construction funding reimbursements have reportedly been delayed pending architectural drawings. Approximately \$800,000 in expenses remain unreimbursed.

Further updates are expected at the next meeting.

Questions from members and non-members

Discussion: Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The committee discussed changing the Advisory Committee meeting schedule from monthly to quarterly meetings.

Discussion points included:

- Other regional boards generally meet less frequently
- Current meetings have been relatively short
- Quarterly meetings may improve attendance and efficiency
- Email updates could be provided between meetings



- Bylaw revisions would be required

Members generally supported moving toward quarterly meetings. Staff will revise the bylaws and present proposed changes at the next meeting for formal review and approval.

No formal action was taken.

Lisa Simmons – informed the team that she is transitioning out of employment with Region1 and is unable to vote.

Next Meeting

Adjournment at 1:22 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

- **Motion by:** Pam Goding
- **Second by:** Susanna Batterman

Next Meeting 06/04/2026 at 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Region 1 South Conference Room