

**REGION I GOVERNING BOARD**  
**May 11, 2023**  
**Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, Scottsbluff, Nebraska**  
**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: Susanna Batterman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction:
4. Roll Call: Roll was called with the following Board Members:

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

Also, in attendance were: Holly Brandt, Regional Administrator; Jennifer Kriha, Fiscal Director; and Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant;  
At the start of the meeting no Quorum was established.

5. Approve Agenda (Motion)  
Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Carl Stander. Ratify when other members present. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.
6. Approve March 2023 Meeting Minutes (Motion)  
Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Susanna Batterman. Ratify when other members present. Board member Vic Rivera abstained with all other members voting aye.  
\*\*11:37 a.m. Commissioner Laif Anderson arrived  
\*\*11:40 a.m. Commissioner Terry Krauter arrived  
\*\*11:44 a.m. Commissioner Bill Klingman arrived  
Quorum established at 11:45 a.m. Ratify Agenda & Minutes, motion was made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Laif Anderson. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

7. Performance Evaluation (Executive Session)

- a. A motion to go into executive session at 12:16 p.m. to discuss performance evaluation for Holly Brandt; Regional Administrator. Motion made by Bill Klingman with a second by Bruce Messersmith. All members voting aye. Motion carried. A motion to close executive session at 12:50 p.m. to go back to regular meeting, motion made by Bill Klingman with a second by Vic Rivera. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

8. R1 May Mental Health Month Proclamation (Informational)

Region 1 proclamation May Mental Health Month. Region requesting board members approve for Chairperson Susanna Batterman to sign proclamation document. Motion made by Bruce Messersmith to approve with a second by Carl Stander. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

\*\*11:45 a.m. Frances Thomas joined meeting

9. Stepping Up Counties (Informational)

Two documents were presented by Frances Thomas; Region 1 Justice System Coordinator. Introducing the Stepping Up Initiative program. Frances would like the board members to take the document back to their county board to approve getting the awareness out to reduce the number of people with mental illness in our county jail system, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in the Panhandle of Nebraska, the State of Nebraska and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials to participate in Stepping Up.

\*\*12:13 p.m. Frances Thomas left meeting.

10. Director's Report (Informational)

Holly Brandt presented her report to the board. Holly informed them of the meetings she has attended and DBH will be having a Strategic planning on May 24, 2023.

\*\*1:10 p.m. Commissioners Vic Rivera and Carl Stander left meeting

11. Financials (Motion)

A. Preliminary Local Match Certification:

Jennifer Kriha presented the Preliminary Local Match document to the board members. Jennifer needs approval from members. Motion to approve was made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Bill Klingman. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

B. April 2023 Quarterly Shift:

Jennifer Kriha presented the shift of funds to the board members. Motion to approve shift was made by Bill Klingman with a second by Bruce Messersmith. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

\*\*\* The Regional Governing board approves financials (items 11C-11E) in one motion\*\*\*


C. D.E. (Motion) Region 1 Income Statements; Accts Payable & Open Invoices; Check Registers both March & April 2023 were reviewed and presented to the board. Motion made by Bruce Messersmith to approve financials with a second by Bill Klingman. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

E. Region 1 Bank Balances/Balance Sheet (Informational) – Jennifer Kriha reviewed the March & April, 2023, bank balances and balance sheet.

12. Questions, Comments by Non-Members

13. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant

Date: 6-15-2023

  
Bruce Messersmith, Sheridan County Commissioner

Date: 6-15-2023

