

REGION I GOVERNING BOARD
August 10, 2023
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: N/A

4. Roll Call: Roll was called with the following Board Members:

Susanna Batterman	(Morrill County)	Present
Laif Anderson	(Banner County)	Present
Carl Stander	(Kimball County)	Present
William Klingman	(Deuel County)	Present
Bruce Messersmith	(Sheridan County)	Present
Steve Burke	(Box Butte County)	Present
Ken Meyer	(Scotts Bluff County)	Present *11:38 a.m.
Vic Rivera	(Dawes County)	Present
Terry Krauter	(Garden County)	Absent
Darrell Johnson	(Cheyenne County)	Absent
Hal Downer	(Sioux County)	Absent

Also, in attendance were: Holly Brandt, Regional Administrator; Jennifer Kriha, Fiscal Director; Michelle Fries, Office & Disaster Coordinator; Lisa Simmons, Network Director; Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant.

5. Approve Agenda (Motion)

Motion to approve agenda made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Bill Klingman. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

6. Approve June 2023 Meeting Minutes (Motion)

Motion to approve June 2023 minutes, as presented, made by Steve Burke with a second by Bruce Messersmith. Commissioners Klingman and Rivera abstained with all other board members voting aye. Motion carried.

7. Approve July 2023 Emergency Minutes (Motion)

Motion to approve July 2023 minutes, as presented, made by Steve Burke with a second by Laif Anderson. Commissioners Klingman and Rivera abstained with all other board members voting aye. Motion carried.

8. Roof Repair Update (Informational)

Michelle Fries presented an update on the roof repair. Region 1 has received the scope of work that will need to be completed on the roof. Packets have gone out to Blue Ox, Twin City Roofing, Weathercraft Roofing, and Schank Roofing. Bids should be in house by August 31st, 2023.

A check was received for garage and main roof damages minus the deductible. Insurance has canceled Region 1's policy as of September 30, 2023.

9. Hybrid Work Schedule (Motion)

Holly Brandt presented the hybrid work schedule report to the board. It was emailed to commissioners and is in their packets. Discussion brought to the table; concerns as to why does Region 1 need this building if working remotely? All offices, with the except of two, are being utilized. Motion made by Susanna Batterman, to continue with the hybrid work schedule with a second by Bruce Messersmith. After further discussion, Susanna withdrew her motion, no action taken. This agenda item will be presented in a work session at a later date.

**12:59 p.m. Vic Rivera left meeting

**1:02 p.m. Michelle Fries left meeting

10. FY23 Crisis Response Audit (Informational)

Lisa Simmons presented a letter from DBH to the board stating Region 1 passed fidelity and unit audit for the Crisis Response & PPP programs for FY23. Months reviewed were September 2022 – April 2023.

**1:06 p.m. Lisa Simmons left meeting

11. DHHS Block Grant

Holly Brandt presented to board members the DHHS Block grant that was signed by chair Susanna Batterman. Motion to approve made by Bill Klingman with a second by Bruce Messersmith. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

12. Director's Report (Informational)

Holly Brandt presented her report to the board. Holly informed them of the meetings she has attended and the that Lisa Simmons is working on the contracts which should be going out to Providers this week. Holly is working on the opioid settlement money and preparing documents to be presented to PMHC foundation. Region 1 was selected for part of DBH's SAMSHA audit.

13. FY22 DBH Expense Audit (Motion)

Jennifer Kriha presented to the board members Region 1 FY22 Expense Audit. Initiated on March 22, 2022, and concluded on June 8, 2023. DBH reviewed select expenses tied

to expense reimbursements to Region 1. There was a payback of \$648.00, \$440.00 legal fees and \$228.00 Housing. This was paid back as part of the June 2023 billing.

14. Financials (Motion)

A. Line of Credit Renewal:

Jennifer Kriha presented the line of credit renewal to the board members. This has not been used since 2017. Motion to approve the line of credit was made by Bill Klingman with a second by Bruce Messersmith. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

*** The Regional Governing board approves financials in one motion (items 14B-14D) ***

B.C.D. (Motion) Region 1 Income Statements; Accts Payable & Open Invoices; and Check Registers for June & July 2023 were reviewed and presented to the board. Motion made by Bill Klingman to approve financials with a second by Ken Meyer. All board members voting aye. Motion carried.

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

15. Questions, Comments by Non-Members

16. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

17. Next Regional Governing Board scheduled for September 14, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by:



Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant

Date: 9-14-2023



Steve Burke, Box Butte County Commissioner

Date: 9-14-2023

