

REGION I GOVERNING BOARD
February 11, 2021
Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
MINUTES

Roll was called with the following Board members:

1. Call to Order

Batterman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introductions

***This meeting is being held under the Open Meetings Act via zoom as per the Governor's directive.

4. Roll Call

Susanna Batterman: Present in office
Bruce Messersmith: Present in office
Robert Post: Present in office
William Klingman: Present in office
Carl Stander: Present in office
Terry Krauter: Present via zoom
Darrell Johnson: Present via zoom
Vic Rivera: Present via zoom
Charlie Knapper: Present via zoom
Steve Burk: Absent
Hal Downer: Absent

- William Klingman joined meeting at 11:37 am

Also in attendance via zoom were Sheri Dawson, Director; Tamera Gavin, Deputy Director; Linda Wittmass, Deputy Director; Division of Behavior Health, Present in the office were: Holly Brandt, Regional Administrator; Michelle Fries, Office Manager/Disaster Coordinator; Jennifer Kriha, Fiscal Director and Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant Lisa Simmons, Network Manager attended via zoom

5. Approve Agenda

Motion made by Bruce Messersmith to approve agenda with a second by Darrell Johnson. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Yes, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent Steve Burk: Absent

6. Approve Minutes of Previous meetings

Motion made by Carl Stander to approve previous meeting minutes with a second by Terry Krauter.

Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Yes, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent, Steve Burk: Absent

7. DBH Presentation:

Sheri Dawson, Linda Wittmuss and Tamara Gavin presented an informational PowerPoint containing an overview on DBH organization and data, Governor Pete Ricketts' Vision Grow Nebraska, priorities and mission. Dashboard and graphs were reviewed and discussed. COVID-19 Disaster Recovery information discussed.

*Sheri, Linda and Tamera left meeting at 12:37 pm.

8. Nebraska Strong CCP Update:

Michelle Fries presented this item as informational, data and graphs were shown to board members on the progress that is being made with this service. This program is the result of COVID-19 they are seven months into the grant with it ending in June 2021. Staff have been great and have accomplished several things for the surrounding communities.

9. DBH Audit for FY19:

Jennifer Kriha presented as informational, report was discussed Region 1 will pay back \$1,885 for Housing. One recommendation – ensure housing support expenses paid are for the year in which funding is available. FY20 audit will be presented at the 2021 March RGB meeting.

10. RIBHAC Chair Resignation:

Lisa Simmons presented that Jeff Courtier, chair of RIBHAC, has given his resignation due to Jeff moving out of state. Letter of resignation was presented during meeting. Betsy Vidlak will run March 2021, RIBHAC meeting.

Motion made by Bill Klingman to accept resignation from Jeff Courtier with a second by Bruce Messersmith. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Yes, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent, Steve Burk: Absent

11. Review of BY-LAWS:

Regional Governing Board By-laws annual review. Discussion was made to change the number required for a quorum from 6 to 5.

Motion made by Bill Klingman to approve changing the quorum to 5, with a second by Bruce Messersmith. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: N/A, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent, Steve Burk: Absent

*Bob Post left meeting at 1:04 pm.

12. Slate of Officers:

Motion made by Messersmith to keep current officers for another year. Chair; Susanna Batterman; Vice, Bill Klingman, Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Post. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: N/A, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent, Steve Burk: Absent

13. Selection of Executive Committee & Policy Review Committee:

Motion by Bruce Messersmith made for Executive Committee as follows: Susanna Batterman, Bill Klingman and Bob Post with a second by Klingman. Motion carried
Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent, Steve Burk: Absent

Policy Review consist of Terry Krauter, Bruce Messersmith and Susanna Batterman. Motion by Klingman with a second by Messersmith. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent, Steve Burk: Absent

14. Appointment of Fiscal Director:

Motion was made by Klingman to retain Jennifer Kriha as Fiscal Director with a second by Messersmith. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent, Steve Burk: Absent

15. Appointment of Regional Administrator:

Motion was made by Messersmith to retain Holly Brandt as Regional Administrator with a second by Klingman. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent, Steve Burk: Absent

16. ECS Discussion:

In January's RGB, meeting it was approved for Cirrus House take over the southern tier ECS services. Region 1 is currently covering the central tier, Region 1 currently has two employees and will now go to 1 ½ staff. RFP will be sent out to the surrounding areas to pick up the ECS service, in hopes to start in July for fiscal year 2022.

Motion was made by Klingman to put RFP out with a second by Messersmith. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Hal Downer: Absent, Steve Burk: Absent

17. Code of Conduct:

Requirement of CARF to have all board members sign this form, to be filed for Region 1's records.

18. Conflict of Interest:

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19. Director's Report

Holly Brandt presented this item as informational. Brandt reviewed all meetings she Attended: staff and management meetings, RA meetings, COVID-19 meetings, etc.

- *Vic Rivera left meeting at 1:28 pm.
- * Lisa Simmons left meeting at 1:40 pm.

20. Financial Reports

20A. Emergency Shift

Jennifer Kriha, fiscal director, presented the February 2021 emergency shift to the board members for approval.

Motion made by Messersmith to approve the February 2021 emergency shift with a second by Klingman. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Absent, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Absent, Hal Downer: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Steve Burk; Absent

**The Regional Governing board approved the financial statements for January 2021 (items 20B-20D) in one motion.

20B. Region 1 Income Statement

20C. Region 1 Accounts Payable Open Invoice

20D. Region 1 Check Register

Motion made by Klingman to approve the financial reports, agenda items 20B-20D with a second by Messersmith. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Darrell Johnson: Yes, William Klingman: Yes, Vic Rivera; Absent, Terry Krauter: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Robert Post: Absent, Hal Downer: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Yes, Steve Burk; Absent

20E. Bank Balances and Balance Sheet


Jennifer Kriha presented the January 2021 bank balances and balance sheet to the board as informational only.

13. Questions, Comments by Non-Members

14. Adjourn

Chairperson Batterman adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,


Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant

3-11-2021
Date

Signed by: 
Bob Post, Banner County Commissioner

3-11-2021
Date