

REGION I GOVERNING BOARD
October 14, 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. Introduction
New Region 1 staff employee; Thad Leecth, Information System Coordinator. Thad will be taking over for Debbie Wells when she retires at the end of October.
4. Roll Call
Susanna Batterman: Present
Bruce Messersmith: Present
Steve Burke: Present (Arrived at 11:46 a.m.)
Vic Rivera: Present
Carl Stander: Present
William Klingman: Present (Arrived at 11:47 a.m.)
Terry Krauter: Absent
Robert Post: Absent
Charlie Knapper: Absent
Darrell Johnson: Absent
Hal Downer: Absent

Also in attendance were: Holly Brandt, Regional Administrator; Jennifer Kriha, Fiscal Director; Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant; and Amy Leininger, attorney with Simmons Olsen Law Firm.

*no quorum until 11:46 a.m., with the arrival of board members, Steve Burke and Bill Klingman.

5. Approve Agenda
Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Carl Stander. Motion carried.
Susanna Batterman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Steve Burke; N/A, Bill Klingman: N/A, Terry Krauter: Absent, Bob Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Absent, Darrell Johnson: Absent, Hal Downer: Absent
6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
Motion made by Bruce Messersmith to approve September 2021, meeting minutes with a second by Vic Rivera. Motion carried.
Susanna Batterman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Steve Burke; N/A, Bill Klingman: N/A, Terry Krauter: Absent, Bob Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Absent, Darrell Johnson: Absent, Hal Downer: Absent

7. Executive Session Landlord Discussion: (move to discussion after item #11)

Motion to closed session for protection of public interest for the purpose of conducting a strategy session with respect to litigation landlord matter.

Motion made by Bill Klingman to accept motion to close session with second by Bruce Messersmith, with no action taken. Executive Session 11:56 a.m. with Board members, Holly Brandt, Jennifer Kriha and Attorney Amy Leininger all present.

Motion made by Bill Klingman to resume meeting at 12:14 p.m. with second by Bruce Messersmith.

Motion made by Bill Klingman to approve the direction of counsel to move forward with litigation in the landlord matter with a second by Vic Rivera. Motion Carried.

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

*Amy Leininger left meeting at 12:20 p.m.

8. November Meeting Change date:

Holly requested that November 2021, meeting date change due to Region 1 office being closed in observance of Veteran's Day on November 11, 2021. New date suggested for November 18th at 11:30 a.m.

Motion to approve November meeting date to the 18th.

9. New Policy #2058 Job Posting:

Presented by Holly Brandt, this policy is for internal and external use.

Motion made by Vic Rivera to approve Policy #2058 as reviewed and accepted with a second by Bruce Messersmith. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Steve Burke; N/A, Bill Klingman: N/A, Terry Krauter: Absent, Bob Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Absent, Darrell Johnson: Absent, Hal Downer: Absent

10. Homeless Awareness Week Declaration:

Presented by Holly Brandt, this will take place in November 2021. Flyer will be sent out electronically to all members. CCP worker Don Lease will take the lead and "Blessing Bags" will be put together to give out to the homeless.

11. Director's Report:

Holly Brandt presented her director's report to the board. She talked about the different meetings she has been attending. Continues to work on the new 988 hotline call in, reviewing draft form. Region is working on a new service Recovery Support, Holly has received approval on the budget modification through BJA for the Stepping Up Grant to give funding to Scotts Bluff County Detention Center to hire new entry or discharge specialist. Working on the Scottsbluff County PEER support program. Also, Holly proposed a reinvestment project back in April 2021, for PGX. It is for consumers to get testing done on what medication works best with them. This will be offered at WCHR.

* Quorum was established at 11:49 a.m. Ratify agenda items #5, 6, 8, & 9, motion made by Steve Burke with a second by Bruce Messersmith. Motion carried

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Steve Burke; Yes, Bill Klingman: Abstain, Terry Krauter: Absent, Bob Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Absent, Darrell Johnson: Absent, Hal Downer: Absent

12. Financial Reports

12A. October 2021 Quarterly Shift:

Jennifer Kriha presented the need of approval for the October 2021, quarterly shift. Motion made by Bruce Messersmith with a second by Bill Klingman. Motion carried. Susanna Batterman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Steve Burke: Yes, Bill Klingman: Yes, Terry Krauter: Absent, Bob Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Absent, Darrell Johnson: Absent, Hal Downer: Absent

**The Regional Governing board approved the financial statements (Items 12B-12D) in one motion.

12B. Region 1 Income Statement

12C. Region 1 Accounts Payable Open Invoice

12D. Region 1 Check Register

Jennifer Kriha discussed and presented the financials to the board through the end of September 2021.

Motion made by Bruce Messersmith to approve the financial reports, agenda items 12B-12D, with a second by Steve Burke. Motion carried.

Susanna Batterman: Yes, Vic Rivera: Yes, Bruce Messersmith: Yes, Carl Stander: Yes, Steve Burke: Yes, Bill Klingman: Yes, Terry Krauter: Absent, Bob Post: Absent, Charlie Knapper: Absent, Darrell Johnson: Absent, Hal Downer: Absent

12E. Bank Balances and Balance Sheet

Jennifer Kriha presented September 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 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Irene Guerrero, Administrative Assistant



Date

Signed by:



Bruce Messersmith,
Sheridan County Commissioner

11-18-2021

Date

