

**MINUTES**  
**REGION II HUMAN SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD**

Meeting Date: July 24, 2025

**I. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

- A. Introductions/Roll Call. Brett Nason, Vice -Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:38 AM CDT. Roll call taken with 11 members present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wilson, Arthur Co.  
PJ Jacobson, Dawson Co.  
Kent Lehmann, Frontier Co.  
Glen Hofman, Gosper Co.  
Wayne Christner, Hayes Co.  
Paul Nichols, Hitchcock Co.  
Thad Emerson, Hooker Co.  
Dale Schroeder, Keith Co.  
Lee Wonch, Logan Co.  
Brett Nason, McPherson Co.  
Randy Dean, Red Willow Co.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Billie Muehlenkamp, Chase Co.  
Tom Richard, Dundy Co.  
Dan Vinton, Grant Co.  
Joe Hewgley, Lincoln Co.  
Steve Tucker, Perkins Co.  
Pam Moody, Thomas Co.

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie McCarthy, Regional Administrator & Fiscal Manager, Region II Human Services  
Teresa Ward, Agency/Clinical Director  
Traci Kramer, Operations & Human Resources Director  
Shannon Sell, Prevention System Director/Disaster Behavioral Health Response Coordinator

- B. Announcements. Open Meetings Act, agenda, previous month's minutes and handout materials are posted in the Boardroom. News media receiving meeting notification: North Platte Telegraph, Keith County News, McCook Gazette and Clipper Herald.
- C. Public Forum. None.
- D. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Dale Schroeder and seconded by Paul Nichols to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote, 9/0/2 (Wayne Christner and Thad Emerson abstained). Motion carried.
- E. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Wayne Christner and seconded by Thad Emerson to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote, 11/0, motion carried.

**II. AGENCY/SERVICES PROVIDED BY REGION II HUMAN SERVICES**

A. Agency Services

1. Program Report. Teresa Ward presented the June 2025 Agency Report. Teresa reported that numbers are a little lower this month, however, that seems to be typical for this time of year. The numbers should jump back up in July and August. A graph was distributed to Board members that showed numbers of clients served between 2023 and 2025 in Outpatient, Community Support, Urgent Outpatient, and Emergency Support. Teresa noted that we have a new Youth Care Coordinator as well as a new Community Support worker. Both of these new employees are doing a great job and connecting well with clients. Teresa noted that the food pantries within the region are

- low on food and that other agencies are struggling as well. We will continue to think of ways to help folks in case management services get the things they need.
2. Financial Report. The Agency financial report for June was reviewed.

### **III. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

#### **A. Contracted Services**

1. Program Report. Katie McCarthy presented the Contracted Services Report June 2025 and answered questions. Katie stated there were not any diversions for emergency protective custody in June. Katie noted that Supported Employment continues to stay busy throughout the month. However, Voc Rehab is down two employees right now so this slows down the process for people to be set up with Supported Employment. Katie noted that Goodwill is communicating with the state on a certification process for SOAR and that we will advocate in support of this program if needed. Katie reported that we utilized the monthly Drug Take-Back program in North Platte this month. Flyers, radio ads, newspaper ads, and social media postings continue to notify the public of the monthly collection dates/times.
2. Financial Report. The Contracted Provider financial report for June was reviewed.

#### **B. Systems Coordination**

1. Program Report. Katie presented the June Program Report for System Coordination Services. Katie noted that Prevention and Youth Systems continue to stay busy throughout the month with various trainings and meetings. It was noted that the Prevention Systems Director is working on updating the Regional Disaster Plan. Once finalized, the plan will be reviewed by the Governing Board.
2. Financial Report. The Systems Coordination financial report for June was reviewed.
3. Prevention System Coordination. Shannon Sell, Prevention System Director and Disaster Behavioral Health Response Coordinator, spoke to Board members about all of the trainings and classes provided by Prevention System Coordination. She noted that all classes/trainings can be found on the calendar on the Region's website: [www.r2hs.com](http://www.r2hs.com). Shannon reported that alcohol compliance checks that were recently conducted by the Nebraska State Patrol. Shannon spoke about a new curriculum called Too Good for Drugs that area schools will be implementing for the upcoming school year. Shannon brought examples of Narcan for Board members to see. She noted that we have 988 window clings available for vehicles. We also have medication lock boxes, Deterra drug deactivation kits, and trigger locks available for anyone who wants them. The Board thanked Shannon for her report and her time.

#### **C. Grants**

1. Mental Health First Aid. Trainings continue to be offered to community members, schools and agencies in the region.
2. Opioid Grant. The grant continues to go well and we are able to help a lot of people.
3. CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Grant. This grant continues to focus on promoting safe medication storage and reducing access to lethal means via media campaigns.
4. Financial Report. The Grants financial report for June 2025 was reviewed.

- D. Opioid Settlement Funds. The Board was updated on allocations of the county opioid settlement funds as well as transactions that have occurred with the funds through the end of June. In addition, Katie noted that five organizations were awarded the mini-grant and we're excited about everything these organizations will be doing with the grant funding. Katie reported that we have been working with the Mayor of North Platte as well as Great Plains Health to discuss getting a detox facility going. The state will release an RFA in July to anyone interested in infrastructure funds to start a facility. Katie answered questions from the Board and will provide updates as we know more.

- E. Overall Financial Report. Agency and Behavioral Health Authority. Katie McCarthy reviewed the overall financials through the end of the fiscal year. The region drew down 84.61% of its funding. This was around an 8% increase in drawdown from the prior fiscal year. The contracted providers were only able to draw down 68.52% of their funding due in large part to Medicaid expansion.

- F. Annual Approval of Provider Contracts FY 2025/2026. A motion was made by Dale Schroeder and seconded by Randy Dean to approve the FY 2025/2026 Provider Contracts and to allow Katie McCarthy, Regional Administrator, to sign the contracts when they arrive. Roll call vote 11/0, motion carried.

- G. Audit Letter of Engagement FY 2024-2025. Agency. The Engagement Letter for the 2024-2025 Agency Audit will be sent by RJ Meyer. A motion was made by Lee Wonch and seconded by PJ Jacobson to approve

signing of the Agency Audit Letter of Engagement by Katie McCarthy, Regional Administrator, for FY 2024-2025 when it arrives. Roll call vote, 11/0, motion carried.

H. Regional Administrator's Report

- Katie reported that the Regional Administrators will meet with our Legislative Consultant next week in Kearney. This meeting will be for a planning session because the Governor announced that he wants to do a lot of cuts to the budget.
- Katie updated the Board Members on the health insurance the Region offers. We planned to make a switch this year because the company we were going to switch to provided lower premiums as well as good coverage for employees. However, after final underwriting, we were notified on 6/30/2025, that the new company would no longer be covering us. Mike Boden with NACO went back and forth with the new company and they said we could be covered, however, the premiums were going to be more than double than we were originally quoted. Because all employee's health insurance was set to renew on 07/01/2025, a quick decision had to be made and we were able to get back into the NACO pool on the same health insurance we had before.

**IV. REGION II HUMAN SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD**

- A. Audit Letter of Engagement FY 2024-2025. Governing Board. The Engagement Letter for the 2024-2025 Governing Board Audit will be sent by RJ Meyer. A motion was made by Dale Schroeder and seconded by Glenn Hofman to approve Traci Kramer, Board Secretary, to sign the Governing Board Audit Letter of Engagement for FY 2024-2025 when it arrives. Roll call vote, 11/0, motion carried.
- B. Annual Review of Governing Board Continuity of Operations Plan. With no recommendations for change, a motion was made by Thad Emerson and seconded by Dale Schroeder to approve the Governing Board Continuity of Operations Plan as presented. Roll call vote, 11/0, motion carried.
- C. Investment/Reimbursement Report. Report was distributed for review and there were no recommendations for change.
- D. Review of Bills for Payment. A motion was made by PJ Jacobson and seconded by Dale Schroeder to approve the following bills for payment: Randy Dean \$112.00, PJ Jacobson \$74.20, Pam Moody \$69.30, Billie Muehlenkamp \$63.00, Brett Nason \$52.50, Paul Nichols \$59.50, Dale Schroeder \$28.00, Dan Vinton \$112.00, Mark Wilson \$126.00, Lee Wonch \$21.00, Column Software PBC \$8.65, Keith County News \$7.28, McCook Gazette \$4.71, Brick Wall Catering \$425.00, Region II Human Services \$34,657.58 Roll call vote, 11/0, motion carried.

**V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE** Thursday, August 28, 2025

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 11:41 AM CDT.

*Submitted by Traci Kramer on 07/30/2025*

**MINUTES**  
**REGION II HUMAN SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD**

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

**I. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

- A. Introductions/Roll Call. Dan Vinton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM CDT. Roll call taken with 11 members present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Wilson, Arthur Co.  
Tom Richard, Dundy Co.  
Glenn Hofman, Gosper Co.  
Dan Vinton, Grant Co.  
Wayne Christner, Hayes Co.  
Paul Nichols, Hitchcock Co.  
Thad Emerson, Hooker Co.  
Lee Wonch, Logan Co.  
Brett Nason, McPherson Co.  
Steve Tucker, Perkins Co.  
Randy Dean, Red Willow Co.  
Pam Moody, Thomas Co.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Billie Muehlenkamp, Chase Co.  
PJ Jacobson, Dawson Co.  
Kent Lehmann, Frontier Co.  
Dale Schroeder, Keith Co.  
Joe Hewgley, Lincoln Co.

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie McCarthy, Regional Administrator & Fiscal Manager, Region II Human Services  
Teresa Ward, Agency/Clinical Director  
Traci Kramer, Operations & Human Resources Director  
Jordan Rickett, Director of Network Services & Quality Improvement, Consumer Specialist  
John Bryant, Advisory Committee Chair (*left the meeting at 10:39 AM CDT*)

- B. Announcements. Open Meetings Act, agenda, previous month's minutes and handout materials are posted in the Boardroom. News media receiving meeting notification: North Platte Telegraph, Keith County News, McCook Gazette and Clipper Herald.
- C. Public Forum. None.
- D. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Randy Dean and seconded by Thad Emerson to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote, 8/0/4 (Tom Richard, Dan Vinton, Steve Tucker, and Pam Moody abstained). Motion carried.
- E. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Wayne Christner and seconded by Glenn Hofman to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.
- F. Committee Reports
1. Advisory Committee Report. John Bryant, Advisory Committee Chair, presented the Advisory Committee Report. The Committee met on August 21, 2025 with four members present. An election was held for an officer vacancy. Richard Bartholomew was appointed to fill the Advisory Committee Secretary Position for the remainder of the term. The Advisory Committee reviewed the Program reports and finances for the Agency, Contracted Services, Systems Coordination, and Grants. The Committee also reviewed the Overall Financial Report through the end of the fiscal year and the Operating Budget for FY 2025/2026. The Committee approved the proposed FY 2025/2026 Operating Budget and recommended that the Governing Board approve the Operating Budget. The Board thanked John for his time and his report. John Bryant left the meeting at 10:39 AM CDT.

## **II. AGENCY/SERVICES PROVIDED BY REGION II HUMAN SERVICES**

### **A. Agency Services**

1. Program Report. Teresa Ward presented the July 2025 Agency Report and answered questions. Teresa reported that referrals for Youth Care Coordination are picking back up with school starting. Teresa noted that we are starting to drawdown more mental health youth dollars. One of our provisionally licensed therapists really enjoys working with kids so are getting more referrals for this service. Teresa stated that CARF will be here next week so all the programs are busy preparing for this. CARF is our accreditation body and this survey takes place at least every three years if we are in conformance with all the standards. We will update the Board on the outcome of the survey.
2. Financial Report. The Agency financial report for July was reviewed.

## **III. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

### **A. Contracted Services**

1. Program Report. Katie McCarthy presented the Contracted Services Report July 2025. Katie stated there was a higher number for emergency protective custodies this month, which in turn leads to more referrals in the adult support services. Katie noted that Supported Employment continues to stay busy throughout the month and helps a lot of people. Katie stated that we continue to utilize Wise Choice Healthcare for medication management and this collaboration has worked well.
2. Financial Report. The Contracted Provider financial report for July was reviewed.

### **B. Systems Coordination**

1. Program Report. Katie presented the July Program Report for System Coordination Services. Katie noted that the Prevention System Director is coordinating with facilitators to start a new prevention school curriculum to multiple regional elementary schools. The curriculum is called Too Good for Drugs (TGFD's). It was noted that system coordination directors have been working on updating Program Plans in preparation for CARF.
2. Financial Report. The Systems Coordination financial report for July was reviewed.

- C. Regional Data and Quality Improvement. Jordan Rickett, Director of Network Services & Quality Improvement, joined the meeting to discuss the Regional Data Outcomes we receive from the state. This packet was distributed to Governing Board members, as well as a summary of outcomes for stable living, employment, acute inpatient hospitalization, and admission demographics. The data comes from what is entered into the state's data system. Jordan pointed out that we are at or above the state average for almost all categories. Jordan noted that we are required to meet targets for the new fiscal year, which is different from past years. If we meet or exceed targets, it might be an opportunity to keep what we didn't drawdown at the end of the fiscal year. Jordan answered questions and the Governing Board thanked Jordan for her report.

### **D. Grants**

1. Mental Health First Aid. We are working on getting training dates set up for the fall.
2. Opioid Grant. The grant continues to go well and we are able to help a lot of people. West Central District Health and the Nebraska State Patrol continue to educate the community at different meetings/events on Fentanyl and Narcan.
3. CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Grant. This grant continues to focus on promoting safe medication storage and reducing access to lethal means via media campaigns. The grant year will end on September 14, 2025 so we are waiting to receive the contract and budget template for Year 3 of the grant.
4. Financial Report. The Grants financial report for July 2025 was reviewed.

- E. Opioid Settlement Funds. The Board was updated on allocations of the county opioid settlement funds as well as transactions that have occurred with the funds through the end of July. Katie reported that we have been working with the Mayor of North Platte, Brandon Kelliher, as well as Great Plains Health to discuss getting a detox facility going. The state released an RFA in July to anyone interested in infrastructure funds to start a facility. Mayor Kelliher found out that Lutheran Family Services also planned to submit a proposal for the state RFA. The City of North Platte decided to submit a letter of recommendation/MOU with Lutheran Family Services' proposal this round rather than submitting their own. We will provide the Governing Board with updates as we hear more about this.

- F. Overall Financial Report. Agency and Behavioral Health Authority. Katie McCarthy reviewed the overall financials through the first month of the new fiscal year.
- G. Shift of Funds FY 2024/2025. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Tom Richard to approve the FY 2024/2025 Shift of Funds Request as presented. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.
- H. Operating Budget FY 2025/2026. Governing Board members reviewed the proposed FY 2025/2026 Operating Budget. The budget includes a notable increase in expenses for health insurance due to a 5.35% increase in premiums. In addition, there is a decrease in the Opioid Settlement Funds because we received a lump sum last year and each region is allocated a specific amount moving forward. It was also noted that the Supplemental and ARPA Grant Behavioral Health Workforce Relief Grant have both ended. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Pam Moody to approve the proposed FY 2025/2026 Operating Budget as presented. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.
- I. Review of Region II Behavioral Health All-Hazards Disaster Response and Recovery Plan. Shannon Sell, Prevention Systems Director, has been working with state committees and health departments within the region to update this plan. The purpose of the plan is to provide a framework for organizing the behavioral health response to disasters. The Governing Board reviewed the updated plan.
- J. Regional Administrator's Report
- Katie noted that legislation is coming up. The Governor asked all agencies to submit budgets with a 10% reduction. The Division of Behavioral Health submitted their budget and kept the Region budgets the same without any cuts at this time. We will follow the legislative session closely for any updates related to this.
  - We continue to get things ready to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). An assessment was sent out to organizations in the community to see what services are needed in the area. Katie will keep the Governing Board informed on how the process is going.

#### **IV. REGION II HUMAN SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD**

- A. Annual Review of Advisory Committee Membership. Board members reviewed the Advisory Committee Membership list for 2025 with the officer vacancy filled. A motion was made by Steve Tucker and seconded by Tom Richard to approve the 2025 Advisory Committee Membership as presented. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.
- B. Annual Review of Interlocal Agreement. The Interlocal Agreement was reviewed. There have not been any changes.
- C. Investment/Reimbursement Report. Report was distributed and there were no recommendations for change.
1. Certificate of Deposit Discussion. The certificate of deposit at Western Nebraska Bank will be up for renewal before the next meeting. A handout was distributed to Board members that listed current interest rates for certificates of deposits at several local banks. The current CD will roll over to 1.40%. However, after talking to the VP Loan Officer, they will roll the CD over to a 4.10% interest rate, and it will now be a 12-month certificate of deposit instead of an 18-month CD. After discussing options, a motion was made by Randy Dean and seconded by Tom Richard to approve a 12-month certificate of deposit renewal at a 4.10% interest rate with Western Nebraska Bank. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.
- D. Review of Bills for Payment. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Pam Moody to approve the following bills for payment: Wayne Christner \$67.90, Randy Dean \$112.00, Thad Emerson \$66.50, Glenn Hofman \$49.00, PJ Jacobson \$74.20, Brett Nason \$52.50, Paul Nichols \$59.50, Dale Schroeder \$28.00, Mark Wilson \$126.00, Lee Wonch \$21.00, Region II Human Services \$2,913.20, Brick Wall Catering \$485.00, Column Software PBC \$17.16, McCook Gazette \$4.71, and Keith County News \$7.28. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.

**V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE** Thursday, September 25, 2025 @ NACO West Building in Ogallala

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM CDT.

**MINUTES**  
**REGION II HUMAN SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD**

Meeting Date: September 25, 2025

**I. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

- A. Introductions/Roll Call. Dan Vinton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:18 PM MDT. Roll call taken with 10 members present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Richard, Dundy Co.  
Kent Lehmann, Frontier Co.  
Glenn Hofman, Gosper Co.  
Dan Vinton, Grant Co.  
Wayne Christner, Hayes Co.  
Thad Emerson, Hooker Co.  
Dale Schroeder, Keith Co.  
Lee Wonch, Logan Co.  
Brett Nason, McPherson Co.  
Steve Tucker, Perkins Co.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Wilson, Arthur Co.  
Billie Muehlenkamp, Chase Co.  
PJ Jacobson, Dawson Co.  
Paul Nichols, Hitchcock Co.  
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OTHERS PRESENT: Katie McCarthy, Regional Administrator & Fiscal Manager, Region II Human Services  
Teresa Ward, Agency/Clinical Director  
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- B. Announcements. Open Meetings Act, agenda, previous month's minutes and handout materials are posted in the Boardroom. News media receiving meeting notification: North Platte Telegraph, Keith County News, McCook Gazette and Clipper Herald.
- C. Public Forum. None.
- D. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Steve Tucker to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote, 9/0/1 (Dale Schroeder abstained). Motion carried.
- E. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Dale Schroeder and seconded by Lee Wonch to approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote, 10/0, motion carried.

**II. AGENCY/SERVICES PROVIDED BY REGION II HUMAN SERVICES**

A. Agency Services

1. Program Report. Teresa Ward presented the August 2025 Agency Report and answered questions. Teresa reported that numbers are picking back up after the summer months. We are currently hiring for a Community Support worker for McCook/North Platte and will hopefully fill that position soon. Teresa reported that the Medicare telehealth flexibilities that included a waiver for in-person visits has expired. For behavioral health services, clients are now required to be seen in-person within six months prior to the first telehealth visit, and then at least once every 12 months thereafter. Clinicians are adjusting schedules to make this work with as little inconvenience to clients as possible.
2. Financial Report. The Agency financial report for August was reviewed.
3. Report on CARF Accreditation Survey. The CARF survey was completed at the beginning of September. During the survey, CARF looks at over 2,000 standards that need met for reaccreditation. We are in great shape with recommendations on only three of the standards. We will bring the official report it the Board once it is received.

### **III. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

- A. Contracted Services
1. Program Report. Katie McCarthy presented the Contracted Services Report August 2025. Katie reported that there weren't any Emergency Protective Custody diversions to other hospitals this month. Katie noted we continue to help several families in the Family Support service. Katie reported that the Community Connections program continues to stay busy throughout the month with mentoring activities throughout the area.
  2. Financial Report. The Contracted Provider financial report for August was reviewed.
- B. Systems Coordination
1. Program Report. Katie presented the August 2025 Program Report for System Coordination Services and answered questions. Katie reported that the new prevention school curriculum called Too Good for Drugs (TGFD's) is going well and has been started in multiple elementary schools in the region. Katie noted that Emergency Systems Director continues to take a wide variety of phone calls throughout the month from people in need of help. Housing System Coordination has been looking at how we can help people with housing needs in different ways to draw down funds.
  2. Financial Report. The Systems Coordination financial report for August was reviewed.
- C. Grants
1. Mental Health First Aid. Trainings continue to be offered to community members, schools and agencies throughout the region.
  2. Opioid Grant. Region II continues to collaborate with West Central District Health, Southwest District Health and Community Connections to educate and spread awareness on the dangers of opioid use.
  3. CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Grant. The new grant year for Year 3 began on September 14, 2025. The budget was been approved with an amount increase so we will report on this next month.
  4. Financial Report. The Grants financial report for August 2025 was reviewed.
- D. Opioid Settlement Funds. The Board was updated on allocations of the county opioid settlement funds as well as transactions that have occurred with the funds through the end of August. The state released an RFA in July to anyone interested in infrastructure funds to start a detox facility. The City of North Platte submitted a letter of recommendation/MOU with Lutheran Family Services. The announcement of who will be receiving these funds was supposed to happen at the beginning of September; however, this has now been pushed back to the end of September. We are hoping to hear something soon on what organizations were awarded these funds and will inform the Board once we know more.
- E. Overall Financial Report. Agency and Behavioral Health Authority. Katie McCarthy reviewed the overall financials through the end of August. We are 16.67% through the year and will continue to watch the drawdown closely each month.
- F. Performance Evaluation & Compensation Policy. A new policy has been created for evaluating employee's performance and compensation as a consultation from the CARF survey. After review of the new policy by the Governing Board, a motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Dale Schroeder to approve the Performance Evaluation and Compensation Policy as presented. Roll call vote, 10/0, motion carried.
- G. Update to Online Social Networking Policy. After review of the updated policy by the Governing Board, a motion was made by Thad Emerson and seconded by Tom Richard to approve the update to the Online Social Networking Policy. Roll call vote, 10/0, motion carried.
- H. Regional Administrator's Report
- Katie noted that one of the recommendations we received from our CARF survey was to improve how we share outcomes with clients and stakeholders. We are still waiting for the official report on this recommendation, but we will look at revising reports and explore creative ways to communicate our outcomes to people we serve and work alongside.
  - Katie noted that legislation is coming up. We will follow the legislative session closely for any updates related to behavioral health.

### **IV. REGION II HUMAN SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD**

- A. Personnel Policy Manual. After reviewing the updated manual, a motion was made by Thad Emerson and seconded by Tom Richard to approve the updates to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as presented. Roll call vote, 10/0, motion carried.

- A. Final Certification of County Match FY 2025/2026. The Final County Match Certification was presented to the Board. The preliminary match certification was signed in March and nothing has changed since then. A motion was made by Lee Wonch and seconded by Dale Schroeder to approve and sign the Final Certification of County Match funding for FY 2025/2026. Roll call vote, 10/0, motion carried.
- B. Investment/Reimbursement Report. Report was distributed and there were no recommendations for change.
- C. Review of Bills for Payment. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Tom Richard to approve the following bills for payment: Wayne Christner \$67.90, Randy Dean \$112.00, Thad Emerson \$66.50, Glenn Hofman \$49.00, Pam Moody \$69.30, Brett Nason \$52.50, Paul Nichols \$59.50, Tom Richard \$84.00, Steve Tucker \$40.60, Dan Vinton \$112.00, Mark Wilson \$126.00, Lee Wonch \$21.00, Software PBC \$9.60, McCook Gazette \$8.75, and Region II Human Services \$187.50. Roll call vote, 10/0/1 (Kent Lehmann abstained.) Motion carried.

**V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE** Thursday, December 4, 2025

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM MDT.

*Submitted by Traci Kramer on 10/03/2025*