

# **REGION II HUMAN SERVICES GOVERNING BOARD**

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

Meeting Date: January 22, 2026

### **I. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

- A. Introductions/Roll Call. Meeting was called to order by Dan Vinton, Chairman, at 10:56 AM CST. Roll call was taken with 12 members present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: PJ Jacobson, Dawson Co.  
Glenn Hofman, Gosper Co.  
Dan Vinton, Grant Co.  
Paul Nichols, Hitchcock Co.  
Thad Emerson, Hooker Co.  
Dale Schroeder, Keith Co.  
Joe Hewgley, Lincoln 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: Mark Wilson, Arthur Co.  
Billie Muehlenkamp, Chase Co.  
Tom Richard, Dundy Co.  
Kent Lehmann, Frontier Co.  
Wayne Christner, Hayes Co.

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie McCarthy, Regional Administrator & Fiscal Manager, Region II Human Services  
Teresa Ward, Agency/Clinical Director  
Traci Kramer, Operations & Human Resources Director

- 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.

### **II. REGION II HUMAN GOVERNING BOARD – ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2026**

- A. Region II Human Services (Behavioral Health) – Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made by Thad Emerson and seconded by PJ Jacobson to retain the same officers as 2025 and to cease nominations (Chairman-Dan Vinton, Vice-Chair-Brett Nason, Secretary/Treasurer-PJ Jacobson). Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.
- B. Approval of Signature Holders. A motion was made by Paul Nichols and seconded by Thad Emerson to retain the same signature holders from the previous year (Dan Vinton, PJ Jacobson, and Dale Schroeder). Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.
- C. Appointment of Executive Committee/Steering Committee. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Dale Schroeder to reappoint Executive Committee/Steering Committee members from the previous year. Committee members will be Pam Moody, PJ Jacobson, Dan Vinton, and Brett Nason for 2026. Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.

*11:02 AM CST Election of Officers complete.*

### **III. REGION II HUMAN SERVICES (Behavioral Health Authority)**

- A. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Glenn Hofman to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote, 11/0/1 (Dale Schroeder abstained.) Motion carried.
- B. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Dale Schroeder and seconded by Steve Tucker to approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.

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

- A. Agency Services
  - 1. Teresa Ward presented the December 2025 Agency Report and answered questions from the Board. Teresa reported that Youth Care numbers increased this month. Other programs experienced lower volumes, which is typical for December due to the holidays. Teresa also reported that the agency transitioned to an Open Access model in January for new outpatient therapy intakes. This change has gone remarkably well, with positive feedback from stakeholders, staff, and clients, who appreciate the increased flexibility in accessing therapy appointments. Implementing an Open Access model is a key component of becoming a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) and supports the agency's progress should it move forward in that direction.
  - 2. Financial Report. The Agency financial report for December was reviewed.

### **V. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

- A. Contracted Services
  - 1. Program Report. Katie McCarthy presented the Contracted Services Report for December 2025. Katie noted that the Supported Employment numbers are a little lower due to having less staff and receiving fewer referrals. They will look at hiring if referrals increase. Katie reported we utilized several Letters of Agreement in December.
  - 2. Financial Report. The Contracted Provider financial report for December was reviewed.
- B. Systems Coordination
  - 1. Program Report. Katie presented the December 2025 Program Report for System Coordination Services. Prevention System Coordination continues to stay busy offering trainings throughout the region. A new Director of the Division of Public Health for DHHS has been appointed so we will work closely with the new director throughout the fiscal year for prevention services. Youth Systems Coordination and Emergency Systems Coordination continue to remain busy throughout the month.
  - 2. Financial Report. The Systems Coordination financial report for December was reviewed.
- C. Grants
  - 1. Mental Health First Aid. Trainings continue to be offered to community members and agencies in the region.
  - 2. Opioid Grant. We continue to help a lot of individuals with this grant that either have no insurance or are under-insured. The new grant year began in October, however, we haven't been able to bill because we didn't have the contract. We received the contract this week so have started billing again.
  - 3. CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Grant. This grant continues to offer trainings and resources aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of suicide of Nebraska men, ages 25-64 years old. Teresa and Katie gathered available data on this grant prior to the meeting. Teresa noted that suicide data tends to run 2-4 years behind nationwide so we are limited on the availability of outcome data at this time. However, we do know that the people contemplating suicide are reaching out for help, so this reinforces that training community members and professionals remains one of the most effective prevention strategies. Katie also shared data from the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. The calls from FY 2023 to FY 2025 increased from 8,100 to 10,600. Also, the majority of suicide-related calls were resolved through collaboration, with only one call resulting in a death.
  - 4. Financial Report. The Grants financial report for December 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 December. There isn't anything new to report this time.
- E. Overall Financial Report. Agency and Behavioral Health Authority. Katie McCarthy reviewed the overall financials through the end of December. We are 50% through the year. Katie noted that the housing-related assistance drawdown is a little lower than normal.

- F. Shift of Funds Review FY 2025/2026. Katie informed the Governing Board that a shift was made to Community Support Substance Use Disorder and Outpatient Youth Mental Health. The state acknowledged this shift.
- G. Regional Administrator's Report
- Katie gave an update on LB722 that was introduced by Senator Quick related to housing assistance funds to be used for low-income adults with serious mental illness or substance use disorder. The bill went to select file this week so Katie will keep the board informed on status of this bill. There will be a hearing at the end of the month for LB722. Senator Quick introduced a bill last year to allow housing-related assistance funds to be used for low-income adults with a serious mental illness or substance use disorder. Prior to this, it was only allowed for serious mental illness. Additional cleanup language is needed in the bill, including provisions to allow payment of landlord litigation-related costs for individuals with a substance use disorder.
  - Katie reported that the NACO Health and Human Services Committee set up a breakfast meet and greet for the Regional Administrators, Developmental Disabilities Directors and Agency on Aging Directors to meet and connect with Senators next week.
  - Katie reported that we will be releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Peer Support. This is a service requirement to become a CCBHC. We will keep the Board informed as the process moves forward.

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

- A. Request for Direct Contracting for Intensive Outpatient (SUD). A bill was put in place last year that we wouldn't have to release a Request for Proposal if it's an existing service. Currently, we contract with Lutheran Family Services for Intensive Outpatient services (IOP). We have received feedback from our case management staff that they are having a hard time getting clients into Lutheran Family Services for IOP. We have reached out to LFS about this. Currently, we have funds available to contract with another provider who is willing to provide Intensive Outpatient services for substance use disorder and this will open up options for clients. Wendy Hageman, LIMHP, LADC, with Modern Therapy Associates is willing to contract with the region to provide this service. A motion was made by Glenn Hofman and seconded by Dale Schroeder to approve direct contracting for Intensive Outpatient (SUD). Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.
- B. Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. As of January 2026, the agency remains covered by the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), but our employees are no longer eligible for FMLA leave at this time due to the agency having fewer than 50 employees. This update was made in the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual and distributed to Governing Board members. A motion was made Randy Dean and seconded by Joe Hewgley to approve the update to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as presented. Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.
- C. Review of Agency Support Needs. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Thad Emerson to move into closed executive session for discussion of personnel needs at 11:36 a.m. CST. Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.
1. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Joe Hewgley to return to open session at 11:54 a.m. CST. Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.
  2. A motion was made by Randy Dean and seconded by Lee Wonch to assist the agency with its request for a one-time transfer of funds in the amount of a \$175,000. Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.
- D. Investment/Reimbursement Report. Report was distributed and there were no recommendations for change. Traci noted the Certificate of Deposit at Equitable Bank will mature next month. This will be added to the agenda for February.
1. Annual Designation – Designated Depository Bank for 2026. A motion was made by Dale Schroeder and seconded by Paul Nichols to approve First National Bank as the designated depository bank for 2026. Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.
- E. 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, Pam Moody \$138.60, Billie Muehlenkamp \$63.00, Brett Nason \$52.50, Paul Nichols \$59.50, Steve Tucker \$59.50, Dan Vinton \$112.00, Mark Wilson \$126.00, Lee Wonch \$21.00, Region II Human Services \$1,685.00, Column Software PBC \$9.05, McCook Gazette \$10.74, Region II Human Services \$8,164.50, and Brick Wall Catering \$425.00. Roll call vote, 12/0, motion carried.

## **VII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE** Thursday, February 26, 2026

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 12:05 AM CST

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Meeting Date: February 26, 2026

#### **I. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

- A. Introductions/Roll Call. Dan Vinton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:35 CST. Roll call taken with 14 members present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Billie Muehlenkamp, Chase Co.  
PJ Jacobson, Dawson Co.  
Tom Richard, Dundy Co.  
Kent Lehmann, Frontier Co.  
Glenn Hofman, Gosper Co.  
Dan Vinton, Grant Co.  
Wayne Christner, Hayes Co.  
Paul Nichols, Hitchcock Co.  
Thad Emerson, Hooker Co.  
Dale Schroeder, Keith Co.  
Micaela Wuehler, Lincoln Co.  
Lee Wonch, Logan Co.  
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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 Dale Schroeder and seconded by Glenn Hofman to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2026 meeting. Roll call vote, 9/0/5 (Billie Muehlenkamp, Tom Richard, Kent Lehmann, Wayne Christner and Micaela Wuehler abstained). Motion carried.
- E. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by PJ Jacobson seconded by Paul Nichols to approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.

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

- A. Agency Services
1. Program Report. Teresa Ward presented the January 2026 Agency Report and answered questions. Teresa noted that we are one month into implementing Open Access. Charts were provided to Board Members showing an increase in Mental Health Assessments. In addition, an indirect positive effect with Open Access is that Community Support units have increased. With Open Access, assessments can be completed quickly, allowing for timely authorization of Community Support services and immediate billing. Staff have adjusted well, and the transition to the Open Access model has been

successful. Teresa reported that Open Access shifts are consistently full, no-shows have decreased, and no clients in need of an appointment have been turned away. We will continue to monitor outcomes over the next few months.

2. Financial Report. The Agency financial report for January was reviewed.

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

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

1. Program Report. Katie McCarthy presented the Contracted Services Report January 2026 and answered questions. Katie reported that it was a busy month for emergency protective custodies and that other regions also saw a spike this month. Katie noted there has been a decrease in referrals for supported employment in our area. We'll be looking at this and will also be talking about it at the state level.
2. Financial Report. The Contracted Provider financial report for January was reviewed.

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

1. Program Report. Katie presented the January 2026 Program Report for System Coordination Services. Katie reported the Prevention System Director is coordinating a new series of Circle of Security Parenting Classes in North Platte, scheduled to begin in February. Katie stated that we got creative in how we can help people in Housing System Coordination. The Housing Director has streamlined a process with Bruce Furniture to assist clients who lack resources to obtain necessary items. A form will be submitted with price parameters, and Bruce Furniture will work directly with the client to select the needed items.
2. Financial Report. The Systems Coordination financial report for January was reviewed.

#### **C. Grants**

1. Mental Health First Aid. Trainings continue to be offered to community members, schools and agencies throughout the region and several trainings have been scheduled for this summer.
2. Opioid Grant. The budget was been approved and there are carryover funds. We won't get the funds until May and they have to be spend by September, so that adds some limitations to what we can do. We will check into things and update the Board as we know more.
3. CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Grant. Year 3 of this grant began October 1, 2025. We are still waiting on the distribution of funds for this grant from the Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition board.
4. Financial Report. The Grants financial report for January 2026 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 January. There isn't anything new or out of the ordinary to report.

- E. Overall Financial Report. Agency and Behavioral Health Authority. Katie McCarthy reviewed the overall financials through the end of January. We are 58.33% through the year. Modern Family Associates will be added to the drawdown next month for SUD Intensive Outpatient services. Katie also distributed a handout showing changes in finances related to staff changes, general liability insurance, and No-Shows/Cancellation rates before and after implementation of the Open Assess model.

- F. Annual Report FY 2024/2025. Report was mailed out to Board members prior to the meeting for their review. The Annual Report includes a report from each program provided by Region II Human Services, Systems Coordination, Contracted Programs and the Compliance and Privacy Reports. Board members reviewed the full scope of services provided throughout the year. The format of the report was updated this year and included charts and graphs highlighting key statistics. Katie McCarthy presented an overview and emphasized the positive outcomes and progress achieved by providers and contracted providers. Board members commented on the amount of work accomplished throughout the year in all programs. This report will be submitted to the state and be posted on our website. Copies will also be made available in the waiting rooms at each clinic location so clients may review the report. This was a suggestion from the recent CARF survey. Katie will develop a summary and goals for the Management Report to be presented to the Governing Board next month.

- G. Organization Charts – Annual Review. Katie presented updates to the Organizational Charts. A motion was made by Lee Wonch and seconded by Dale Schroeder to approve the updated Organizational Charts as presented. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.

#### H. Regional Administrator's Report

- Katie provided an update on LB722, which was introduced by Senator Quick and relates to housing assistance funds for low-income adults with serious mental illness or substance use disorder. The bill was advanced to select file this week. Katie will continue to keep the Board informed on the status of the bill.
- Katie reported that a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released for Peer Support. This is a service requirement to become a CCBHC. Any applications received will be brought to the Advisory Committee, and this item will be added to the Governing Board agenda for April.
- Rural Health Transformation Funds – Nebraska received a preliminary notice of award from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approximately \$218.5 million to be spent over five years. Some areas of focus include secure transport options for behavioral health emergencies, integrative primary care, and the creation of crisis stabilization centers. An in-person meeting with the Division of Behavioral Health is scheduled for next week. Board members asked Katie to raise the topic of funding for transportation for emergency protective custodies.
- Katie reminded Board members of the Department of Justice (DOJ) findings and investigation last year regarding the segregation of people with serious mental illness in assisted living facilities and nursing homes. It was noted that the Division of Behavioral Health had to eliminate some of the services they planned to implement due to budget reductions.
- Budget allocation: Katie reported the budget allocation charts were received from the state. There are significant changes to the Block Grant Funds, which is consistent across all regions. The Block Grant amount was increased, but it can only be used in certain ways. The Prevention Budget was initially decreased, however, after discussions with the state, the revised allocation charts were received with the Prevention Budget reinstated. The state will also work with the region regarding the utilization of the Block Grant Funds.

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

- A. Policy Update. Board members reviewed the revised policy on use of private vehicles for transport of persons served. A motion was made by Lee Wonch and seconded by Randy Dean to approve the updates to the policy as presented. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.
- B. Wind/Hail Deductible Buy-Back. The Wind/Hail Deductible Buy-Back option was discussed with Board Members. Information on coverage and cost implications for both buildings was provided. Board members asked questions regarding this information. No motion was made on this item and no action was taken at this time.
- C. Investment/Reimbursement Report. Report was distributed and there were no recommendations for change.
  1. Certificate of Deposit Discussion. The certificate of deposit at Equitable Bank is up for renewal. After discussing options, a motion was made by Randy Dean and seconded by Tom Richard to approve transferring the funds from the maturing certificate of deposit into the CDARS program at Equitable Bank at the 52-week rate of 3.50% APY. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.
- D. Review of Bills for Payment. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Tom Richard to approve the following bills for payment: Randy Dean \$116.00, Thad Emerson \$68.88, Glenn Hofman \$50.75, PJ Jacobson \$76.85, Pam Moody \$71.78, Brett Nason \$54.38, Paul Nichols \$61.63, Dale Schroeder \$29.00, Steve Tucker \$61.63, Dan Vinton \$116.00, Lee Wonch \$21.75, Column Software PBC \$9.05, Keith County News \$4.55, and Brick Wall Catering 356.00. Roll call vote, 14/0, motion carried.

#### **V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE** Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 1:00 PM MDT in Ogallala, NE

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 11:47 PM CST

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Meeting Date: March 26, 2026

### **I. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

- A. Introductions/Roll Call. Dan Vinton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM MDT. Roll call taken with 10 members present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: PJ Jacobson, Dawson Co.  
Glenn Hofman, Gosper Co.  
Dan Vinton, Grant Co.  
Wayne Christner, Hayes Co.  
Paul Nichols, Hitchcock Co.  
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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 Glenn Hofman and seconded by Micaela Wuehler to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2026 meeting. Roll call vote, 9/0/1 (Steve Tucker abstained). Motion carried.
- E. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Brett Nason and seconded by Steve Tucker to approve the agenda as presented. 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 February 2026 Agency Report. Teresa noted that numbers have increased in both youth and adult case management services. Open Access continues to go well. Teresa stated that during this week alone, we had 28 walk-in appointments. Because of open access, the Community Support program is able to get clients authorized for the service quicker so this has been helpful.
  2. Financial Report. The Agency financial report for February was reviewed.

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

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

1. Program Report. Katie McCarthy presented the February 2026 Contracted Services Report and answered questions. Katie noted that the SOAR program with Supported Employment will transition out of service once all current referrals have been completed. We have used Behavioral Health Specialists several times for Letters of Agreement and might look at contracting directly with them next year. Katie reported that we submitted a proposal to the state to contract with Family Matters Counseling for intensive outpatient services as well as providing other outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services to incarcerated individuals. The state approved this and Family Matters Counseling will begin seeing incarcerated individuals in April. Katie reported that we submitted a Request for Proposal for Peer Support. This is a service requirement to become a CCBHC. Any applications received will be brought to the Advisory Committee, and this item will be added to the Governing Board agenda for April.
2. Financial Report. The Contracted Provider financial report for February was reviewed.

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

1. Program Report. Katie presented the February 2026 Program Report for System Coordination Services and answered questions. Katie noted that a Mental Health First Aid training was held for Central Nebraska and Dawson Public Power staff. This was well attended by around 150 staff members. Another follow-up training will be scheduled for April. Katie reported that Housing System Coordination continues to go well. We discussed client furniture and housing supply needs with staff to ensure we are effectively assisting individuals in need.
2. Financial Report. The Systems Coordination financial report for February 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. We purchased more medication lock boxes with this grant and will have these available to distribute to individuals within the community.
3. CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Grant. Coordination of virtual Question Persuade Refer trainings have been scheduled utilizing this grant and we will also be doing several media campaigns.
4. Financial Report. The Grants financial report for February 2026 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 February. Katie noted that the Family/System Navigator will be starting a new group for friends and family members of someone struggling with opioid use disorder. The group will start in person in North Platte. If the group goes well, we will expand to Zoom and to other locations.

E. Overall Financial Report. Agency and Behavioral Health Authority. Katie McCarthy reviewed the overall financials through the end of February. We are 66.67% through the year. Modern Family Associates and Family Matters Counseling will be added to the drawdown next month.

F. Shift of Funds Review FY 2025/2026. This item was tabled.

G. Preliminary County Match Certification, DHHS. Board members reviewed the FY 26/27 County Match Worksheet. In addition, a few charts were distributed that showed the duplicated count of individuals seen in services provided by an agency, as well as the unduplicated count of individuals seen in services for a 12-month period. After discussion, a motion was made by PJ Jacobson and seconded by Micaela Wuehler to approved the Preliminary Certification of County Match for FY 26/27 with a 1% increase in county match. Roll call vote, 9/0/1 (Glenn Hofman abstained). Motion carried.

H. Management Report 2025. The Management Report for 2025 was mailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Katie noted this is a synopsis of the Annual Program Report that was discussed last month. The board reviewed the report, including the action taken on goals for last year and looked at the new goals for 2026. A motion was made by Randy Dean and seconded by Lee Wonch to approve the Management Report for 2025. Roll call vote, 10/0, motion carried.

#### **I. Regional Administrator's Report**

- Katie reported that we are waiting for revised service definitions to come back from the state. This might change service delivery for some of our programs once changes are finalized.

- Katie informed Board members about we have done in response to wildfires within our region. Our Disaster Response Team was activated by two of the local health departments within our region. As a result, our Disaster Behavioral Health Response Coordinator, Agency/Clinical Director and additional disaster response team members were on-site in Brady, Gothenburg, and Ogallala last week and this week to support behavioral health needs. We also distributed resources and contact information to the Emergency Managers throughout our region, as well as to schools in affected areas and Governing Board members representing impacted counties. We will continue to assess community needs and respond accordingly. If anyone becomes aware of additional mental health needs, please reach out to Katie so we can coordinate services.

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

- A. Annual Review of Governing Board By-Laws. By-laws were mailed to Board members for their review. A motion was made by Steve Tucker and seconded by Paul Nichols to approve the Governing Board By-Laws with no changes. 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 PJ Jacobson to approve the following bills for payment: Wayne Christner \$70.33, Randy Dean \$116.00, Thad Emerson \$68.88, Glenn Hofman \$50.75, PJ Jacobson \$76.85, Kent Lehmann \$46.40, Billie Muehlenkamp \$65.25, Brett Nason \$54.38, Paul Nichols \$61.63, Tom Richard \$87.00, Dale Schroeder \$29.00, Dan Vinton \$116.00, Lee Wonch \$21.75, Column Software PBC \$9.60, Keith County News \$9.10, McCook Gazette \$4.05, and Region II Human Services \$225.00. Roll call vote, 10/0, motion carried.

#### **V. SET NEXT MEETING DATE** Thursday, April 23, 2026

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM MDT.