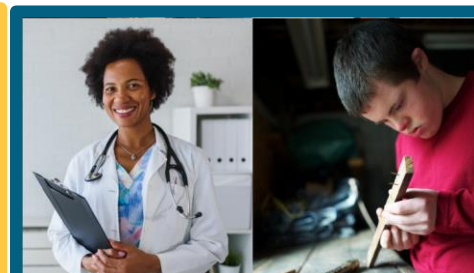


# NE Department of Health & Human Services Division of Behavioral Health

## 2022 Update



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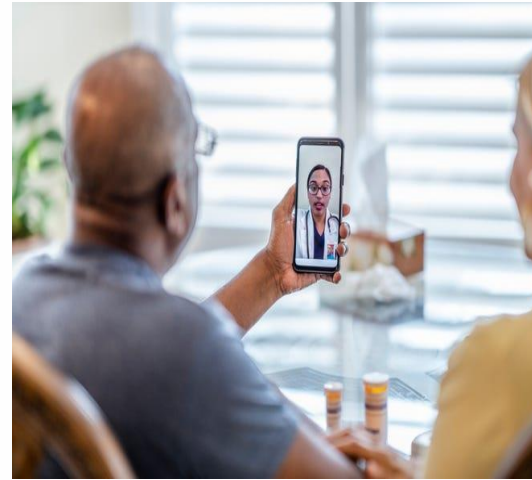
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# Invite and Design the Future for Nebraska's Behavioral Health System

(Thinking differently about how and where we serve)



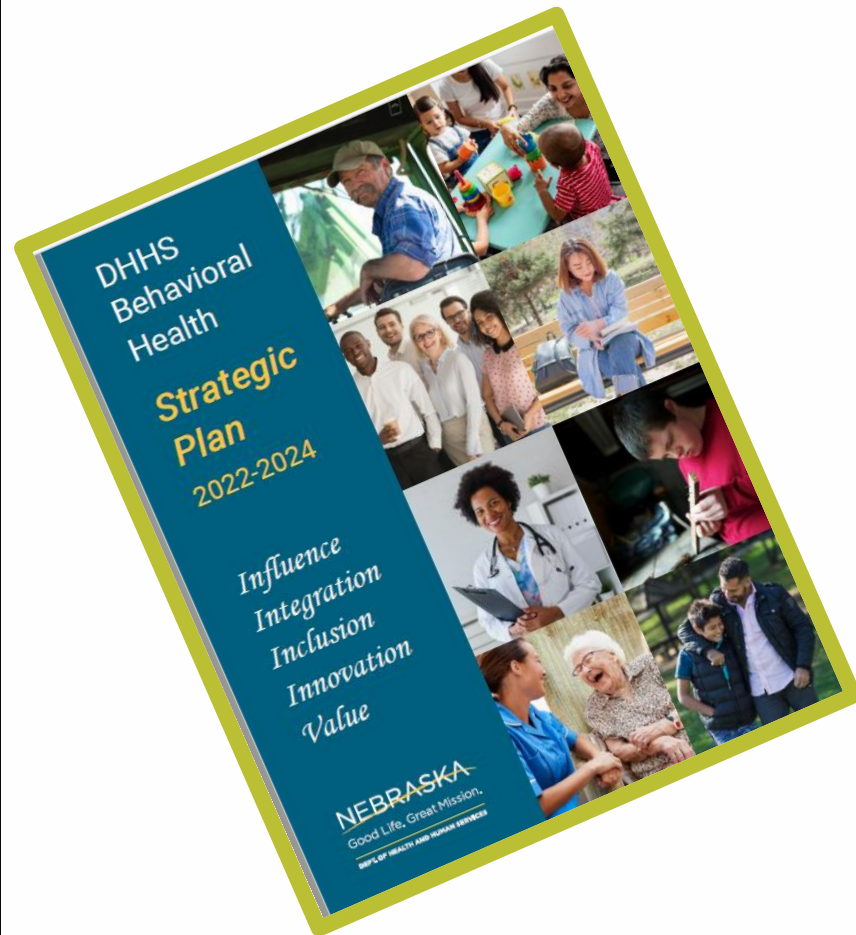
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# Sharing a Healthcare Vision

- Every Nebraskan deserves an opportunity to reach their full potential.
- Nebraskans are healthier.
- There is no health without behavioral health.
- Access to services is simplified.
- Our workforce is diverse and healthy.
- Nebraska - a national leader in service and outcomes.



# Nebraska Strategic Plan 2022-2024



## **Pillar 1:** Enhance Behavioral Health **Influence**

*Goal: BH influences systems and impacts people in positive ways.*

- 3 objectives

## **Pillar 2:** Implement an **Integration** Strategy

*Goal: BH is integrated across public and private systems.*

- 2 objectives

## **Pillar 3:** Promote Stakeholder **Inclusion**

*Goal: Stakeholders are included and contribute to the planning and development of BH system.*

- 2 objectives

## **Pillar 4:** Drive **Innovation** and Improve Outcomes

*Goal: The BH system advances outcomes through innovation.*

- 3 objectives

## **Pillar 5:** Demonstrate and Drive **Value**

*Goal: The public BH system demonstrates and drives value*

- 1 objective

Strategic Plan: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Behavioral-Health.aspx>

# Strategic Plan: Year 1

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 988 Initial Implementation
- Forensic Justice Behavioral Health Reorganization
  - Outpatient Competency Restoration
- Workforce Enhancement
- Alternative Service Delivery
- DHHS Cross-Division Behavioral Health Collaboration
- Healthcare Integration Partnership – NMA
- Open Bed Technology Initiative
- Governor’s Challenge to prevent veteran’s suicide



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# Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

**Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee** balanced between state and local members to provide input and **recommendations regarding remediation spending** from the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund. <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Settlement-Workgroup.aspx>

**Approved uses for settlement funds, can be found in Attachment E.**

<https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Exhibit-E-Final-Distributor-Settlement-Agreement-8-11-21>.

- General categories include but are not limited to:
  - Treatment of OUD and any co-occurring SUD / MH conditions
  - Full continuum of care of prevention, treatment, and recovery services
  - Prevention programs
  - Recovery supports
  - Medication assisted treatment, naloxone overdose prevention
  - Evidence based and evidence informed approaches
  - Criminal justice and law enforcement programs, first responder training, etc.
  - Treatment costs to providers or patients
  - Research
  - Connections to resources



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# Spending Allocation for the Opioid Recovery Fund

- At *least* half of all annual payments received into the Opioid Recovery Fund must be “allocated and tracked to the regional level” (See Distributors Agreement Section V.E.2 and Janssen Agreement Section VI.E.2).
- Advisory Committee may allocate between 50% and 100% of the annual settlement payments received into the Opioid Recovery Fund to the regions (Behavioral Health Regions).
- Allocation between each region is determined by the Advisory Committee. Both the total regional allocations to all regions and the allocations amongst regions may be changed annually by the Advisory Committee so long as at least 50% is allocated regionally each year.
- INITIAL Regional Allocation Percentages are to be based on the allocation percentages to eligible subdivisions found in Exhibit “G” of both settlements.

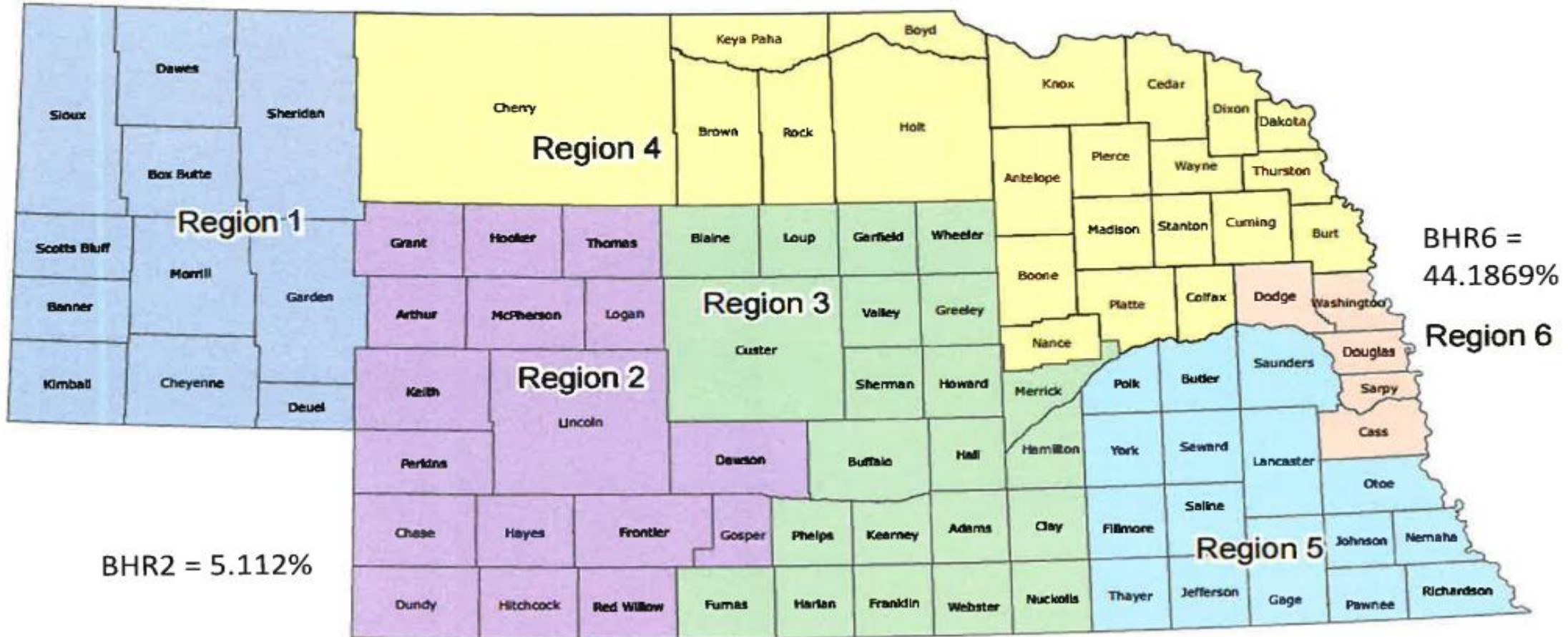
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# Regional Allocations Per Eligible Cities and Countouts Listed in Exhibit G

BHR1 = 5.4767%

BHR4 = 8.5833%



BHR3 = 10.8982%

BHR5 = 25.7421%



# Opportunities for Partnership

- ▶ **Local Needs/Gaps – Data Driven Solutions**
- ▶ **Opportunities for Community, Regional, State, Private/Public Partnerships**
- ▶ **Reshaping and transforming the system through collaboration and financial blueprint**
- ▶ **Engaging those we serve**



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