

Notice
Virtual Meeting of the Nebraska
Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee
(NOSRAC)

Wednesday, June 24 , 2026
at 1:00 pm. CDT/12:00 pm. MDT
Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Offices
1335 H Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. CDT/12:00 p.m. MDT**, the Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a **virtual** meeting.

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The Meeting ID is 842 5541 4686 and the Passcode is 748141.

Members of the Committee or the public may physically attend the meeting at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) offices, 1335 H Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

An agenda of subjects known at this time is included with this notice. The agenda will also be kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Third Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska, during normal business hours. This notice with the agenda and other materials are available on the Committee's webpage at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Settlement-Workgroup.aspx>.

Links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act, are available on the Committee's webpage at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Settlement-Workgroup.aspx>.

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In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 84, Article 14 of the Reissue Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska 1943, as amended, one copy of all reproducible written materials to be discussed is available to the public at the meeting and at the link below for examination and copying.

Since this meeting is being conducted virtually in accordance with § 84-1411(2) of the Open Meetings Act, all members of the Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee (Committee), whether attending virtually or in person, may fully participate.

1. Call meeting to order:

- a.** 1:00 p.m. CDT/12:00 p.m. MDT – Dr. Todd Stull, Chair of the Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee, will call the meeting to order.
- b.** Roll call.
- c.** Indicate that on **May 1, 2026**, a notice of this meeting with the agenda and other materials were provided to the public and all members of the Committee. Notice of this meeting with the agenda and other materials were available for public inspection at 301 Centennial Mall South in Lincoln, Nebraska, and also posted with the following link kept continually current: an electronic copy of the agenda and all documents being considered at the meeting, with a link to the current version of the Open Meetings Act are on the website of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Settlement-Workgroup.aspx>.
- d.** Inform the public about the location of the Open Meetings Act which is accessible to members of the public at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Settlement-Workgroup.aspx> along with a copy of all reproducible written materials to be discussed at this meeting.
- e.** Public comment on any agenda item(s): Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, the Chair of the Committee reserves the right to limit comments on agenda items. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, there is no time limit on comments made by members of the

Committee. Members of the Committee and members of the public may comment on agenda items or listen to the Committee Meeting; however, if the Committee votes to hold a closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, members of the public may not comment or listen during that time. The committee requires any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify their name, including the address and the name of any organization represented by such person in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1412.

2. Consider a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2025.

See attachment pages 4-10.

3. Opioid Settlement Financial updates.

John Meals, DHHS CFO

4. DHHS Division of Behavioral Health updates.

Dr. Thomas Janousek, Director.

5. Nebraska Regional Behavioral Health Authorities update.

6. Public Comments.

7. Discussion of Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2026.

8. Consider a motion to adjourn.

Virtual Meeting of the Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee
December 10th, 2025
Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Offices, 1335 H Street, Lincoln, NE
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes DRAFT

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson Todd Stull called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and welcomed all attendees to the meeting. In accordance with § 84-1411(2)(b) of the Open Meetings Act, a copy of all documents being considered at the meeting, an electronic copy of this agenda, and a current copy of the Open Meetings Act are available at the Nebraska Opioid Settlement Remediation Advisory Committee's webpage at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Settlement-Workgroup.aspx>. The Open Meetings Act is also located at the front of the meeting room.

- a) Chairperson Stull reminded Committee members that for virtual meetings, Committee members may attend virtually or be physically present at the meeting site to be counted for quorum, and to vote.
- b) Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was determined to exist, with 9 voting members present.

Voting Members

Members in Attendance: Ann Anderson-Berry, Mary Ann Borgeson, Amy Holman, Amy Reynoldson, Cory Schmidt, Riley Slezak (late arrival), Jason Scott, Todd Stull, Mike Tefft, Christa Yoakum (late arrival).

Members Absent: Brandon Kelliher, Paul Vrbka.

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Kevin Borchert, Sara Howard, Jerome Kramer, Paul Price.

Non-Voting Members Absent: John Massey, Kevin Spencer, Bill Tielke.

Others in Attendance: CJ Alberico, Holly Brandt, Reecha Dixit, Ingrid Gansebom, Thomas Janousek, Trinia Janis, Patti Jurjevich, Eric Kauffman, Katie McCarthy, Jessica McDevitt, Diana Meadors, Rachel Meier.

- c) Chairperson Stull stated that on November 21st, 2025, a notice of this meeting with the agenda and other materials were provided to the public and all members of the Committee. Notice of this meeting with the agenda and other materials were available for public inspection at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), 301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor in Lincoln, Nebraska. An electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and a link to the current version of the Open Meetings Act were posted on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Settlement-Workgroup.aspx>.
- d) Chairperson Stull informed attendees about the location of the Open Meetings Act, which is accessible to members of the public in the meeting room, and at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Opioid-Settlement-Workgroup.aspx>, along with a copy of all reproducible written materials to be discussed at this meeting.
- e) Public Comment: Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, the Chair of the Committee reserves the right to limit comments on agenda items. Chairperson Stull stated that public comments will be heard on agenda items 4, 5, and 6. Each commenter will have five minutes to speak. Pursuant to § 84-1412(3), any member of the public desiring to address the body shall identify their name, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person.

Public members may sign up on the list at the front of the room or submit their name via the virtual chat box if attending virtually.

2. Consider a motion to approve the minutes from September 3, 2025.

Chairperson Stull opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3rd, 2025, meeting.

Motion was made by Mike Tefft seconded by Amy Reynoldson to approve the minutes as written. Chairperson Stull opened the floor for discussion. Hearing none, the motion to approve September 3rd, 2025, minutes passed with the following results:

Yay=8: Ann Anderson-Berry, Mary Ann Borgeson, Amy Holman, Amy Reynoldson, Cory Schmidt, Jason Scott, Todd Stull, Mike Tefft.

Nay=0

Abstain=0

Absent=4: Brandon Kelliher, Riley Slezak, Paul Vrbka, Christa Yoakum.

3. Jackie Alba, Nebraska Senior Outreach Coordinator at Oxford House, speaks about Oxford Nebraska.

Jackie Alba, Nebraska Senior Outreach Coordinator at Oxford House, gave a presentation on what Oxford House does and what's worked for the organization. Jackie discussed Oxford Houses origin, how their services are provided, as well as the structure, benefits, and success of Oxford House.

Oxford House is approved by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as a Level 1 house.

Part of Oxford Houses' goals in Nebraska is expanding out to Scottsbluff and the Panhandle. However, they moved into the western part of the state very fast, recently, and are looking to stabilize their operations prior to further expansion.

A question was posed on what resources Oxford House would need to expand to the Panhandle and how it would be funded. Oxford House would need one (1) more outreach member to establish a house, and the individual would need to be in Scottsbluff for at least two (2) years. Currently, the organization is receiving funding from the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. Prior to using SOR, Oxford House utilized the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.

Another question was directed at the organization about what Oxford House looks for in a community to support the residents. Jackie stated that Oxford House looks at the population. They look at where they can draw referrals from. They look to see if there are treatment centers nearby. They also look at the recovery community to make sure there are adequate meetings for someone to attend.

Committee member Jerome Kramer stated that he owns the house in North Platte and is the serving community outreach member for the area. Oxford House is looking for a female community member in the area and in rural community since there is a gap in referrals.

A question was posed on how people entered the program. Many individuals enter Oxford House through a variety of ways. Members have entered through the Department of Corrections (DOC), jails, treatment centers, through the homeless shelters, and others enter through word-of-mouth.

Chairperson Stull expressed gratitude for the presentation and the sharing of information and resources to the public. If there are other presentations which can introduce resources or share resources with others, they would be welcomed at the advisory committee meeting.

4. DHHS Division of Behavioral Health updates, Dr. Thomas Janousek, Director.

Director of Behavioral Health, Dr. Thomas Janousek, provided updates to the committee since the last meeting. Previously, the committee was informed of the Request for Applications (RFA) process as the division was amid the evaluation process.

The state manages the Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund which is separate from the funds that the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) and the Local Public Health Departments (LPHD) receive. The Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund is a unique funding source since it is used for infrastructure projects, primarily to build and renovate buildings to establish new programs in communities.

The division served preliminary awards to five (5) organizations. The division focused on organizations who would fulfill the need and core of the settlement dollars. Part of the need includes services such as crisis stabilization withdraws. These programs are needed in areas of the Panhandle and the northern Nebraska area as groups such as law enforcement and hospitals are overwhelmed.

The two (2) biggest projects, where a significant portion of funding is going to, will be addressing these concerns. The two (2) crisis stabilization centers where funding was awarded are Central Wyoming Counseling Center (CWCC) and Heartland Counseling Services.

CWCC is coming from out of state and will be setting up a crisis stabilization withdrawal center in Kimball County, near the Scottsbluff and Panhandle area. There are only two (2) crisis stabilization centers in the state: Grand Island and Lincoln. Another one is coming up in Omaha soon as well.

Heartland Counseling Services is bringing up a crisis stabilization center in South Sioux City.

Including the two (2) entities, the other three (3) entities are:

- Alcoholics Resocialization Conditioning Help (ARCH): They were provided funding for their substance use treatment program; they are based in Omaha.
- Bryan Medical Center: They were provided with funding to renovate, update, and expand their withdrawal management unit in Lincoln.
- CenterPointe: They were provided funding for their short-term residential programing to focus residential substance use treatment.

The total amount of funding to be distributed would be approximately \$10.5 million. Since capital projects are new for DHHS, the state is analyzing viability and sustainability of services following the creation of physical infrastructure. The analysis will establish a firm foundation for the execution of the projects. The establishment of the crisis stabilization center in Scottsbluff will help with the center in Grand Island as they receive many patients from the Scottsbluff area.

DBH Deputy Director of Clinical Operations Jessica (Jessie) McDevitt, who is overseeing the process, expressed appreciation for the providers for their patience. The Regional Administrators are also involved in these discussions since the project will impact each Region. From a state perspective, many different groups are being brought to the table. During the process there has been a fiscal, facilities, and the grant draft writing and reporting requirement groups which has informed the process.

Dr. Janousek also added that part of the requirement for the project was to include a 10% in-kind match to get the project started. This is so the projects are successful with investment, outreach, and effort from the organization and community.

A question was asked concerning the number of beds in the Kimball and South Sioux facilities. At least sixteen (16) beds would be present in both facilities. Dr. Janousek added that in Medicaid, the Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion limits Medicaid funding depending on bed amount due to historical treatment of mental health patients in the U.S.

Chairperson Stull asked about future opportunities for funding. Dr. Janousek discussed the Rural Transformation funding opportunity, which is an opportunity resulting from the Big Beautiful Bill. The fundings source will provide opportunity to fund for crisis stabilization centers and crisis services in the state. Date and opportunity on any future grant are currently TBD until the current disbursement has been made.

Chairperson Stull expressed appreciation for DBH's efforts.

5. Nebraska Regional Behavioral Health Authorities update.

Chairperson Stull stated that one of the committee members suggested that starting the next meeting, a one-page summary will be provided to the committee to share Region activities. This can be an opportunity to provide and share resources to let the group know what treatment options are available in the Region. The committee members can then take that information and utilize it in their area or share it. If there are no updates, the Regions may state that there is no new information. This information can also help inform the timing of the

committee meeting for the next year, so it matches the distribution of the funds.

Vice-Chair Mary Ann Borgeson suggested other entities which have received funding should be sent an invite to these meetings to discuss their activities.

It was noted that this could help address duplication of services and the education of resources in the state.

Regional Updates are provided below.

Region 1: Regional Administrator Holly Brandt has just one new update for the group. Since the last meeting, Region 1 awarded \$100,000 to CWCC to purchase a mobile crisis unit to be used in western Nebraska, Panhandle.

Clarification was requested about CWCC receiving money from DBH for infrastructure, as stated previously, and from Region 1 for treatment. It was confirmed that this was the case, and the Region 1 funds would be combined with the crisis stabilization unit and would be used for crisis response.

Region 2: Regional Administrator Katie McCarthy stated that there have been no new updates since last committee meeting.

Region 3: No updates were provided.

Region 4: Regional Administrator Ingrid Gansebom provided an update to the committee. Region 4 received \$257,499.00 from the Opioid Treatment and Prevention Cash Fund back in July, as stated in the last committee meeting. Region 4 released a grant application at the beginning of October, and they received eight (8) applications. The Region awarded four (4) awards. In the previous application process, they provided awards to some crisis stabilization units as well and those projects are ongoing. For this process they awarded to:

- Local coalition: For education and prevention of opioids with youth and families in Norfolk.
- Women's Empowering Lifeline.
- The Well: They are being awarded dollars for continued implementation and renovation on their building on crisis stabilization and medication assisted treatment (MAT).

The Region purchased some vehicles for providers to help with transportation in the Region as that is a challenge they experience.

Region 5: The Region Administrator for the Region was not present at the meeting but the Opioid Project Manager with Region 5, Trina Janis, was present to update the committee. The Region released a grant back in July. The goal was to award over \$650,000.00 in that cycle. The Region received twenty-six (26) applications. One (1) applicant withdrew, another one (1) did not make it through the risk review process for the Region. Around twenty-four (24) applications were awarded funding to a total of \$2,650,135.00 million. For this application

process, they awarded twelve (12) applications for a total of \$600,000.00. In the chart, which is attached, shows the organization and what they do. Out of the total, fourteen (14) priority areas were recognized, the Region funded for twelve (12) of those areas.

Chairperson Stull added that the one-pagers can be directed to Reecha Dixit, the secretary of the committee, a week before the meeting so members can review the information before the meeting.

Region 6: Regional Administrator, Patti Jurjevich, updated the committee on activities from the Region. Region 6 shared a summary report of the organizations they provided funds, how much they disbursed, and brief outcomes.

It was noted by Chairperson Stull that disbursement of funds from both DHHS and the Regions undergo processes and channels before the distribution is initiated. The Chairperson inquired about the timeline for the disbursement of funds in the next year.

Dr. Janousek confirmed that funds are likely to be disbursed at the end of June and confirmed that the parent fund sits with around \$30 million for next year. However, the specific amount for each entity is unconfirmed.

6. Public Comments.

Joe LeDuc, a member of the public, spoke about their appreciation for the committee, the members, and the priorities of the group based on the activities, conversation, and discussion in the committee meeting.

7. Discussion of Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2026.

Discussion of possible upcoming meeting dates in 2026 was held. Possible dates were discussed that would align with funding disbursement, but no dates were confirmed during this meeting.

Voting member Jason Scott brought and introduced members of the Nebraska State Patrol, Eric Kauffman and CJ Alberico, to the committee. The introduction was made to provide a resource as the Nebraska State Patrol has a pharmaceutical team, their services and resources can be provided to areas in Nebraska that would like subject matter experts in their opioid teams, groups, and committees.

A discussion was had on a potential presentation at the next meeting.

8. Consider a motion to adjourn.

The meeting agenda having been completed, Chairperson Stull has confirmed that a meeting will be held with DHHS, Chair, and Vice-Chair at the beginning of the next calendar year to confirm meeting dates for 2026.

Chairperson Stull asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Jason Scott and seconded by Christa Yoakum . Roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed with the following results.

Yay=10: Ann Anderson-Berry, Mary Ann Borgeson, Amy Holman, Brandon Kelliher, Amy Reynoldson, Cory Schmidt, Riley Slezak, Todd Stull, Paul Vrbka, Christa Yoakum.

Nay=0

Abstain=0

Absent=2: Brandon Kelliher, Paul Vrbka.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.