Nebraska Division of Behavioral Health
State Advisory Committee on Mental Health and Substance Use Services (§ 71-814)

November 12, 2026 – In Person Meeting
Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A • Lincoln, NE 68528

Meeting agenda and materials will be posted on the DBH website page Public Participation and State Committees URL
http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/behavioral-health-public-participation.aspx

I. **Open Meeting – 9:00 a.m.** — Victor Gehrig, Secretary – Chair Pro Tem
- Open Meetings Law & Housekeeping — Inform — Chair Pro-Tem Gehrig
- Quorum for Committees - Attendance — Roll Call — Jeri Keller-Heuke

II. **Membership Business – 9:10 a.m.** — Chair Pro-Tem Gehrig
- a. Member Introductions
- b. Committee By-laws
- c. Past Meeting Minutes Review & Approval
- d. Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2027
- e. 2027 Meeting Schedule

III. **Public Comment – 10:00 a.m.**
- a. Each person wishing to speak at the meeting needs to sign up on the Public Comment Sign-in Sheet.
- b. Each person will be called on from the Public Comment Sign-in Sheet and afforded five minutes.
- c. Public comments may be sent to the Division of Behavioral Health, Attention: John Trouba.

IV. **Break – 10:10 a.m.**

V. **Office of Consumer Affairs Administrator – 10:20 – 10:40 a.m.** — Stacy Pfeifer

VI. **Rural Health Transformation – DBH Initiatives – 10:40 – 11:10 a.m.** — Paige McDowell

VII. **Director's Update – 11:10 – 12:00 p.m.** — Thomas Janousek

Lunch – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

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IX. **2026 SAMHSA Block Grant Implementation Reports – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**
- a. Expenditure Reports — Valerie Standeven
- b. Synar Report — Zack Hicks, PIE
- c. Annual Performance and Data Indicators Report — Betty Jean Usher-Tate

Discussion and Recommendations

X. **For the Good of the Order Roundtable – 2:30 p.m.** — Chair Pro-Tem Gehrig

XI. **Meeting Wrap Up – Next Meeting to be Scheduled Per Item II.e.** — Chair Pro-Tem Gehrig
Future Meeting Topics and Next Meeting as determined in Membership Business.

XII. **Adjourn** — Chair Pro-Tem Gehrig