



# DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER/COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 26, 2026

Douglas County Health Center/Community Mental Health Center  
4102 Woolworth Avenue, Omaha NE 68105

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### I. Call to Order

Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and stated that the meeting was being conducted in compliance with Nebraska's Open Meetings law, a copy of which is located on the back wall.

Chair Garcia called the roll at 9:00 am. Chair Garcia, Trustees Fahey, Friend, Morgan and Rodgers were present for the call to order. Vice Chair Cavanaugh and Trustee Borgeson were not present.

### II. Consent Agenda

Chair Garcia called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda at 9:01 am. Trustee Morgan made a motion and Trustee Rodgers requested a second. Yeas: Fahey, Friend, Garcia, Morgan and Rodgers. Motion passed.

### III. Citizen Comments

Chair Garcia called for members of the audience to be heard regarding any item not on the agenda.

### IV. Action

#### a. Annual Election of Officers

Trustee Friend made a motion to reappoint the same officers as the previous year; Trustee Morgan seconded it. The vote was for Garcia as the Chair, Cavanaugh as the Vice Chair, and DeDe Will was appointed Treasurer and Sherry Sparks was appointed as Secretary. Yeas: Fahey, Friend, Garcia, Morgan and Rodgers. Motion passed.

#### b. DCHC Pharmacy under the Direction of the County Administrator

A resolution was presented to the Board. County Administrator Patrick Bloomingdale provided an overview of Pharmacy reporting for the current budget year. The Board will be discussing the next step in the near future. There will be no budget changes for the remainder of the current budget year.

Trustee Friend made a motion to approve the resolution; Trustee Morgan seconded it. Yeas: Fahey, Friend, Garcia, Morgan and Rodgers. Motion passed.

### V. Discussion

#### a. CMHC Board of Trustees Annual Survey

Sherry Driver explained it is a requirement for the national accreditation for the CMHC to provide a survey to the Board of Trustees. The CMHC staff will review the survey and take all comments in consideration. Paper copies of the survey were provided to the board members.

### VI. DCHC/CMHC Updates

#### a. Admin Update

Speaking is Erin Nelson.

Ms Nelson provided an update on LB 32 regarding expansion of managed care for long-term care, stricter guidelines for surveyors and notification of LTC Advocacy Day on 2/25, which she

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will be attending. She reported on the VA review conducted with positive results; facility updates regarding cell service, heating issues resolved in the Cavanaugh Center and the whirlpool on the west side. She shared that residents are very happy with the in-house dialysis services and the provider will be opening up more chairs in the afternoon. She informed the Board of issues with the windows, HVAC fans and risers on the west side of the building. She is working with Public Properties to determine funding.

Ms Nelson reviewed the 4 M's program, which focuses on what matters to the residents. She also reported on referrals, the current census and staffing as well as the Staff Appreciation event.

### b. CMHC Update

Speaking is Sherry Driver.

Ms Driver announced that the DHHS has released the new service definitions. CMHC staff as well as the Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organization (NABHO) has reviewed the standards and has serious concerns regarding the new standards. They will be working to get those concerns addressed. Ms Driver also reviewed the state assessment program funding.

Ms Driver provided an update on the new service definitions from DHHS for behavior health and substance use. Discussions are being held to clarify and address concerns.

Ms Driver provided December highlights for the psychiatric inpatient unit regarding medical screening, referral sources, legal status, discharge status, inpatient payor majority sources including breakdown of Medicare and Medicaid and primary and secondary diagnoses. For inpatients, she reviewed the average length of stay, inpatient discharges and occupancy. Also presented were the readmission rates for 30 day, which included minimum and maximum days, average days to readmission and the legal status at discharge. She also shared that the majority of patients with severe mental health diagnosis with family and support services.

For the outpatient program, Ms. Driver continued to review occupancy rates, discharges and length of stay. For the outpatient clinic, she provided data for program admissions, triage, nurse, MD/APRN and therapist appointments, Day Treatment Program, Mental Health Diversion Services in collaboration with the Department of Corrections and Emergency Community Support Services and Familiar Faces Program in collaboration with the Department of Corrections. She reported on the admissions for the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) and the number of admissions divided by male and female and their annual income. Regarding the Detoxification program, the average length of stay was reported.

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### VII. Executive Session

There was no need for an executive session.

### VIII. Adjourn

Chair Garcia called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Fahey made a motion to adjourn; Trustee Friend seconded it. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

**Next meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Douglas County Health Center.**



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**Chair Garcia requested that no routine reports be presented due to the timing of the next meeting. He recommended a discussion on the CMHC relocation, the vacated space at DCHC and shared services for the next meeting.**