



DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER/COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 23, 2026

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

- 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 east wall.
- Chair Garcia called for the roll at 9:00 am. Chair Garcia, Vice Chair Cavanaugh, Trustees Borgeson, Fahey, Friend, were present for the call to order. Trustees Morgan and Rodgers were not present.
- II. Consent Agenda**
- Chair Garcia called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda at 9:01 am. Vice Chair Cavanaugh made a motion and Trustee Fahey requested a second. Yeas: Borgeson, Cavanaugh, Fahey, Friend and Garcia. 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**
- No items on the agenda.
- V. Discussion**
- a. Continued Discussion on Security**
- Speaking are Erin Nelson, Sherry Driver, Trustee Cavanaugh & Chair Garcia.
- Ms Nelson provided a list of duties that Security currently provide to both DCHC and CMHC. Ms Driver also provided a list of duties for the new facilities along with anticipated staffing needs, equipment and costs. A discussion was held based on the information provided. Ms Driver noted there are multiple security issues are required for their accreditation due to the volatile nature of some of their clients. Budget costs for this service were reviewed.
- b. Update on RFP Process for Pharmacy**
- Speaking is Chair Garcia.
- Separate request for proposals (RFP) were solicited for Pharmacy services for DCHC and CMHC. The deadline is Wednesday, April 1st. Teams from each department will review.
- VI. DCHC/CMHC Updates**
- a. DCHC Update**
- Speaking is Erin Nelson.
- Ms Nelson provided an update on Medicaid policies; legislative updates; transition radiology services to a mobile provider; review the need for alcohol and substance abuse support groups for residents; and a Dreamweaver referral. She gave a brief overview of the Age-Friendly Participation program, which using the 4 M's to address needs for long term care residents. DCHC will be hosting a kick-off next month. Ms Nelson provided data regarding

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referral sources, reported the current census and admissions by payer type and a staffing update. She also shared that monthly we are holding a memorial service for the residents to attend for residents who have passed.

b. CMHC Update

Speaking are Sherry Driver and Teri Speck.

Ms Driver shared that staff is waiting for service definitions; they expect to receive in April. She also provided February 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. Dr Buckingham, a new psychiatrist, started after Dr Gillespie retired. Therapy services in clinic. 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) criminal justice center 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. Ms Speck shared a meeting she had with the homeless coordinator and Chief Schmaderer. The meeting was very productive and will lead to future collaboration.

VII. Executive Session

There was no need for an executive session.

VIII. Adjourn

Chair Garcia called for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Fahey seconded it. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Douglas County Health Center.