



DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER/COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for Monday, June 22, 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, Trustees Borgeson, Friend and Morgan were present for the call to order. Vice Chair Cavanaugh and Trustees Fahey and Rodgers were not present.
- II. Consent Agenda**
- Chair Garcia called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda at 9:01 am. Trustee Friend made a motion and Trustee Fahey requested a second. Yeas: Borgeson, Friend, Garcia and Morgan. Motion passed.
- III. Citizen Comments**
- Chair Garcia called for members of the audience to be heard regarding any item not on the agenda.
- IV. Discussion/Action**
- Jessica Woodard is speaking.
- Ms Woodard reviewed the survey.
- a. Accreditation Commission for Health Care Survey for CMHC-Accreditation Findings**
- b. Annual Board of Trustees Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Education 2026**
- Ms Woodard reviewed survey process.
- V. Discussion**
- a. Approval of CMHC Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Plan-Additional Measures for Preventative Maintenance with Biomed and Nebraska Credentialing**
- Staff reviewed the executive responsibilities for quality and patient safety.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in The Daily Record, a legal newspaper. The notice advised that an agenda kept current was available for public inspection in the Office of the Administrator of Douglas County Health Center.



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Verification

Organization

- b. Approval of Appointment of Infection Prevention and Control Leadership Appointment for CMHC and DCHC

VI. DCHC/CMHC Updates

a. DCHC Update

Erin Nelson is speaking.

Ms Nelson provided an update on the Medicaid and Medicare rates and changes to the VA Reimbursement rate and therapy benefits. She shared that in the next 5 years, there will be a 22% increase in the 75 and older age group and presented some areas that are being looked at To handle this.

Regarding facility capital improvements, flooding has stopped after the work being done at Nebraska Medicine. The elopement system will be replaced. The PBX system for the City and Coun automated system to direct calls; it will continue to provide a live operator as needed. In Addition, the notification system will be extended to computers, phones, county cell phones and en Reli AI, will be installing fall prevention monitoring system in one neighborhood as a pilot site.

Ms Nelson also reported that the Douglas County Health Center Foundation are working on Fundraising to replace the current pavilion which includes some other enhancements. DCHCF continue to raise funds to replace current pavilion; they are at 6% of their goal.

DCHC celebrated work anniversaries; forty-nine (49) employees celebrated anniversaries, five (5) years up to 55 years (in 5 year intervals!) totaling six hundred eighty (680) years of service!!! This is only half of our employees; we'll celebrate the other half this fall. Staff celebrated with soft serve ice cream made by DCHC employees served to all employees on all three (3) shifts. Ms Nelson spotlighted an employee with 55 years of service who started as a candy striper at the hospital. DCHC residents and employees also celebrated America's 250th Birthday with a petting zoo, a live band and lunch.

b. CMHC Update

Speaking is Sherry Driver.

Ms Driver provided May highlights for the psychiatric inpatient unit regarding medical screening referral sources, legal status including historical data, 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, the majority of inpatient discharges are to home/family. The readmission rates for 30 day was 4%, which included minimum and maximum days, and the legal status at discharge. She also shared that the majority of patients with severe mental health diagnosis are discharged with family and support services.



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For the outpatient program, Ms. Driver continued to review service screening appts, medication Management admissions and appointments, therapist appointments, day treatment admissions, Discharges and days of care. For Mental Health Diversion Services, 11 new admissions, Discharged with a success rate of 86%, total participants 73 for the month and year to date 1,097 (which includes 24 duplicates). She reported 746 participants (72%) have successfully completed The program. Emergency Community Support had 12 new admissions, 17 discharges; 49 total For May 1,473 to date (with 135 duplicates); Familiar Faces 4 new, no discharges, 19 active Participants and 33 served to date. Intensive Outpatient Program 29 participants in May, 5 new & 8 discharges for Criminal Justice Center. In Recovery Therapeutic Community Jail Secure 10 13 discharged, 19 served in May occupancy rates, discharges and length of stay. 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 Driver noted that research shows direct transfer from north to south most likely to complete and be successful in the program. There were no significant changes in staffing.

VII. Executive Session

There was no need for an executive session.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Omaha Douglas Civic Center, Legislative Chambers.