



DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER/COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for Monday, July 27, 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, Morgan and Rodgers were present for the call to order.

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 Fahey requested a second. Yeas: Borgeson, Cavanaugh, 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. Discussion/Action

No items on the agenda.

V. Discussion

No items on the agenda.

VI. DCHC/CMHC Updates

a. DCHC Update

Erin Nelson is speaking.

Ms Nelson provided an update on the HETRA program, positive findings from the 4 M's program Implementation, and the preparation for the next survey. She also noted that the Douglas County Health Center Foundation donated \$1,800 for registration fees for HETRA. She also reviewed the facility capital improvements for the lobby and the west side risers. Staff met with Public Properties and Architects to discuss 3 & 4 room conversion plans for 2027. A new elopement system was installed in July. She provided a technology update for the fax lines, PBX system, auto attendance, emergency notification system on PC's and phones. The ReliAI Fall prevention system is underway.

Ms Nelson also provided the 30 day census and admissions, top payer & referral sources, Admission trend and length of stay and bed availability. She reviewed staffing and turnover. She also shared the details of the 250th birthday party and photos.

Board members shared some ideas to improve the volunteer program.

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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b. CMHC Update

Speaking is Sherry Driver.

Ms Driver provided July 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 the inpatient program, she reviewed the average length of stay and noted the majority of inpatient discharges are to home and family. The readmission rates for 30 day was 4%, the report 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.

For the outpatient program, Ms. Driver continued to review occupancy rates, discharges and length of stay and 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. Participants in voluntary services report only a 9% incarceration within 30 days. 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.

For the outpatient program, Ms. Driver continued to review service screening appointments, Medication Management admissions and appointments, therapist appointments, day treatment admissions, discharges and days of care. Day Treatment is provided to prevent hospitalization or as a stepdown from hospitalization. For Mental Health Diversion Services, 12 new admissions, discharged with a success rate of 72%, total participants 78 for the month and year to date 1,109 (which includes 24 duplicates). She reported 754 participants (72%) have successfully completed the program. Emergency Community Support which is sponsored by Region 6, had 10 new admissions, 15 discharges; 42 total. Familiar Faces 2 new, 1 discharge, 21 active participants and 37 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.

Board members requested additional on reports.

VII. Executive Session

An executive session was not held.

VIII. Adjourn

Chair Garcia called for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn,



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Trustee Morgan seconded it. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Douglas County Health Center, 1st Floor.