

Health & Human Services Committee Meeting
Douglas County, Nebraska
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

The meeting convened at 10:00 A.M. in Room 903, Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the wall near the entrance of the room. A notice of the meeting was published in the April 17, 2019, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioners present at the meeting were Jim Cavanaugh. Others present included Patrick Bloomingdale, Diane Carlson, Catherine Hall, Leia Baez and Joe Lorenz, Administration; Mike Meyers, Corrections; Jeff Magill and Jerry Leahy, Public Properties; Dan Esch, Clerk/Comptroller; Jean Hartnett, Health Center; Sherry Glasnapp, Community Mental Health Center; Constance Meirendorf, Larry Storer, Luis Jimenez; and Kim Bollow, County Clerk/Comptroller's Office. Commissioner Cavanaugh chairs the committee.

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Douglas County Website:

<http://commissioners.douglascounty-ne.gov/board-meetings/videos>.

Time markers for when each topic/item occurs during the video are in parentheses.

Introduction (0:00 to 1:12) Commissioner Cavanaugh opened the meeting and introduced the two speakers.

1. Douglas County Health Center (DCHC) update (1:12 to 43:05)

Jean Hartnett, Health Center: presented Attachment A, "Douglas County Health Center FY '19-'20 Work Plan," including an update on funding, strategy and culture, future costs, costs per patient day, and rating components. She explained the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rankings, assessments, unfunded mandates and significant events. Ms. Harnett relayed an update on modernization needs of the facility, the Health Center's relationship with the Public Properties Department, DotComm activity, trauma informed care, upcoming staff training, developmental disability care and patient demographic information (age).

Patrick Bloomingdale, Administration: asked about personnel costs, union negotiations and comparisons with private facilities, revenue, and the 5-Star and 3-Star ratings.

Commissioner Cavanaugh: relayed concerns of comparable facilities, especially both county owned and unionized; asked about the monthly rankings from CMS and technical updates to the facility.

Luis Jimenez, citizen: asked about the county hospital being public and about trauma informed care.

Larry Storer, citizen: asked about staff culture, children in transition programs, and ageing-out of system programs.

2. Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) update (43:15 to 1:20:27)

Ms. Hartnett: explained Attachment B, "DC Community Mental Health Center," including its mission, vision, and values; located in DCHC; explained types of units available, types & goal of psychiatric units;

relayed partnerships with DC Corrections; explained outpatient services including newer Triage Therapy for walk-in care; explained relationship with the alcohol detox program; explained Social Detoxification Services formerly run by Catholic Charities, explained financing issues with accreditation rules/funding from Regions Six – not mandated state service but still needed by OPD; explained The Bridge program in Lincoln. Ms. Hartnett also explained the contract with Regions Six & neighbor counties, upcoming implementations, funding challenges, treatment options, long wait lists, complex patients, preparations for Medicaid expansion, and community providers who refuse Medicaid clients; explained trauma informed care assessment, goals.

Commissioner Cavanaugh: asked about long term mental health care beds; relayed concerns with overlap in corrections & mental health populations; asked about psychiatrists on staff & how/when they see patients; asked about alcohol detox program relationship to CMHC; asked about financing .

Mr. Jimenez: commented on current services; asked about trauma informed care available.

Mr. Storer: asked about availability & process of who can access mental health services.

3. Other business

None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.