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SCIP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 20,2026

The SCIP Advisory Board met Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 10:00am in the Weaver Conference Room at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

I. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Bryan Tuma, Crime Commission Executive Director. The following people were in attendance: Corey Steel, and Gene Cotter. Members of the Board who attended virtually via

Webex: Lt. Col. Lovelace, Sheriff Terry Wagner, Daryl Lapointe, Drew Bigham, Melanie Kirk, and Diane Meadors.

Absent: Dr. Richard Weiner, Nissa Jones, Carrie Rouillard

Staff Present: Chris Carlile, Landon Parks, Perky Schoenhals

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion

A motion was made by Gene Cotter and seconded by Melanie Kirk to approve the minutes of the Nebraska State Crisis Intervention Program meetings of September 4, 2025, and October 28, 2025. Abstain: Lt. Col. Lovelace. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. NESCIP Board Membership

A requirement of this grant is Board Membership reporting to NCC regarding who has been actively engaged in the board. A suggested program plan update is to add a clause that serving on the board is at the members' discretion, and if board members have a certain number of unexcused absences during the grant's fiscal year, that member could be replaced from the board. This clause is necessary due to the current difficulty we have in having quorum during meetings, as well as ensuring we remain in compliance with SCIP funding requirements to have

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active and engaged board members. We need to ensure to have board members that represent the following categories: State/ local/ federal law enforcement, State/ local/ federal prosecutors, attorney generals, judges, behavioral health providers, schools/ colleges/ universities, and local community members. If we have board members that do not fit within those specific categories, we must explain how we are meeting board member requirements.
The current board suggested having a clear definition of "excused/unexcused" in regard to absences.
Bryan proposed that if there is enough consensus agreeing, we would look at the issue, create a draft clause, and introduce it at the next SCIP board meeting for review.

IV. Mental Health Expansion Project – LB150 Updates

Director Tuma shared with the Board that LB150 deals with mental health services for law enforcement. Some background information on this legislature last session forwarded LB150 which requires the Crime Commission to conduct a survey or evaluate the feasibility of creating a mental reception facility using an existing county jail treating people that have emergency protective custody issues which is a bit different than lodging them in jail. Part of this is lack of bed space for EPC commitments. Law Enforcement says this is one of the biggest issues around the State and a costly item that they deal with on a regular basis. A lack of services at the local level causes problems, such as lack of personnel, transportation limitations, etc. The LB150 advisory board that was formed includes representatives from: Behavioral Health/DHHS, Probation, Law Enforcement Officers, etc.

LB150 Advisory group was not immediately focused on the task of finding a metal health facility, however the discussions that were had, did lead to a lot of progress on numerous other issues, one of those being that the DHHS- Behavioral health individuals were able to secure funding through the opioid settlement fund and establish two crisis stabilization centers, one in northeast Nebraska, and the other out by Sidney. This should provide some capacity for law enforcement to deal with EPC issues. The other outcome was tentative investment in dollars for mobile crisis intervention strategies, using technology and other resources giving Law Enforcement and Probation additional tools that will help in assisting people in the community that are experiencing a crisis and need intervention and resources.

The LB150 advisory board was able to meet with law enforcement along with behavioral health stakeholders in the northeast Nebraska area. Looking into the Antelope County Jail as a facility who may be able to accommodate mental health issues. Unfortunately, the reality is they don't have the space in order to do this, as there would have to be a major expansion construction project of this facility. Conversations with Sherriff Moore in Antelope County revealed that he has some capacity for EPC cases and has been a good resource for other L.E in that part of the state. Additionally, Sherriff Moore felt it was critical to invest in expanding the CIT training statewide to become more available to law enforcement officers to help them gain a better understanding of how to assist members of the community that are experiencing a crisis.
Finally, collaboration with UNL Public Policy Center to identify issues, assist with planning, capture data, and create reports. Copy of draft report will be passed out at next SCIP Board Meeting.

V. FY 24 SCIP Program Plan Recommendations

This grant requires a program plan and budget in order to release the hold on the funds that the DOJ has placed. The previous program plan that was sent out was for FY 22-23 and was primarily focused on starting up the SCIP program, what data was going to be collected, etc. So there needs to be a revised program plan for the FY24 funds.

Chris requested that if anyone knew of any contacts that fit into certain categories that we were missing (schools/ colleges/ universities) that would like to volunteer on the SCIP board, please pass along their contact information so we can reach out to try and expand board membership and meet DOJ funding requirements.

Moving on to pass through funds, currently in the program plan that we have a discretionary fund that are invite only, as well as competitive funds. We are in talks of putting in competitive funds into YR2 & 3 of the grant. At this time FY 25 SCIP funds have not been announced for Nebraska to apply for, so we are currently utilizing FY24 SCIP funds. After our Admin costs, we have $942,016 left to subaward. Currently none of our subgrantees (aside from NLETC) have spent 50% or more of their award amount at this time, but we will reevaluate closer to the end of the grant cycle. Based on the announcement we sent last year, subgrantees must spend at least 90% of their award in order to receive YR2 funding. Since we only have FY24 funding, Chris thinks a portion of YR2 funding should go to supreme court, LFS, Douglas County. Winnebago Tribe and Lancaster County already have YR2 funding as that was included in their YR1 application and budget, and was approved by NCC, DOJ, and the Board. However, YR2 funding will not be awarded to them unless they have used all their YR1 funds available, we would just extend their funding period to give them time to expend their full award.
Chris recommends we keep some of the state's portion of funds to use for competitive funding, use local funds for YR2 funding.
If the board would like to save funding for future SCIP projects, that is an option as well. This is all based on how much left-over funding we will have based on how many subgrantees spend down their funding. We are stuck in a "wait and see" period until closer to the end of the grant cycle. Board members would be provided a list of what is eligible for funding to assist them of making recommendations to add to the program plan so that it can be approved by DOJ in order for them to release the hold on those funds.
For the FY24 budget, Chris would like to add a couple of positions at NCC to aid us with compliance and monitoring.

VI. New Business

No new business.

VII. Public Comment

No public comment.

VIII. Next Meeting

Tentatively set for a Thursday in March 26,2026 @ 11am.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

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