



**NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
**Office of Violence Prevention Advisory Council**  
**February 19, 2026**

The Office of Violence Prevention Advisory Council met Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 10:00am, via WebEx in the Weaver Conference Room at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Chair, Scott Sasse. The following members were in attendance: Brenda Beadle, Karen Bredthauer, Scott Sasse, Marcus Taylor, Dean Kottwitz, and Micaela Wuehler. **Staff Present:** Christine Carlile, Bryan Tuma, Landon Parks, and Perky Schoenhals

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Motion***

***A motion was made by Scott Sasse and seconded by Micaela Wuehler to approve the minutes of the Office of Violence Prevention meeting of October 22, 2025. Voting in favor: Bredthauer, Kottwitz, Sasse, Taylor, and Wuehler. Motion carried.***

**III. Election for Vice Chair**

Chris shared with the Council that the previous vice-chair, Eric Sellers, who is no longer on the Board due to retirement. There is a need to have a new Vice-Chair elected. Micaela nominated Karen Bredthauer to become vice-chair of the Office of Violence Prevention Advisory Council.



## ***Motion***

***A motion was made by Micaela Wuehler and seconded by Scott Sasse to approve the nomination of Karen Bredthauer to Vice-Chair of the Council. Voting in favor: Beadle, Kottwitz, Sasse, Taylor, and Wuehler. Motion carried.***

## **IV. Status of Evaluation Plan for FY 2026**

Scott gave an update on where he and Lane are with this evaluation plan. For January and February, Black Men United met with UNO to create their logic model and offer self-report measures for outcomes with picking their questions, such as, what they will be doing for their survey and show what will and what won't be working. Scott and Lane have met with them a lot recently and they are showing good progress.

Scott reported that they have met with Tipping Point to discuss their program and their logic model development. They have begun drafting a logic model, and we are going to provide feedback and support, mainly around data collection for the prevention activity.

Scott and Lane are confirming contact with New Life Family so we can begin collaborating with them on their logic model. This is the only program we haven't had contact with.

Along with all of this, Scott and his group are reviewing 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports to see how programs are doing by reporting that aligns with logic model activities. Scott said they are getting everybody in shape and starting to collect data which is going well but is a slow process. For timelines, the grants are a year project period, but it would be great to go for two years, as one year just isn't enough time to get new people on board getting their models together and collecting data.

## **V. Status of SFY26 OVP Grants**

### **a. Financial**

Chris shared a document, based on the end of the second quarter. Everyone on the shared document should technically be at 50% for this grant year.

Landon reported that YouTurn, Black Men United and New Life Family Alliance are needing additional technical assistance with the entering of expenses and expenses allowed depending on their approved budget.



Landon shared with the group that he's working with YouTurn in getting the correct documentation for their first order payment request which was initially around \$15,000. They could possibly get back on track, but don't think they will get there completely. He still needs their Quarter 2 performance plan, but did report working with 15 Individuals in their first quarter.

Black Men United – have been going back and forth, either not wanting to submit their budget, but Landon is working with them on this issue. A change they want is to cover administrative costs. Landon is working to get a position description for that position that they're wanting to add into it. They did programmatic reporting late and not up to date on their financial reporting.

New Life Family Alliance – 23 people served for the second quarter, not sure how many in the first quarter. For their first quarter reimbursement they requested, they lost all documentation. They were going to see if they could get partial reimbursement for at least having some documentation and looking into getting an extension.

Board of Regents (UNO) Evaluators – under Scott, Lane and Tara and ICRI, Latino Center of the Midlands, and City of Lincoln/Operation Tipping Point – all are fully using up their funding.

b. Site visits

Chris reported she has scheduled site visits for all the grantees, but not officially confirmed. The site visits will be measured by their OAT Risk level, and when they were last monitored. All that have been currently funded are due for a monitor or are brand new. This will be a full year of everyone getting monitored, as site visits will be scheduled from the end of March to the beginning of May. The site visits will consist of touring the facility, how they are using their grant funds, monitoring questions asking if they are following through with what they said based on their quarterly reports and logic models.

**VI. 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Final**

Chris provided the Council for their review of the final draft for the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. Chris asked if the Council had any last comments, recommendations or changes since the last meeting in October 2025. Karen referred to Strategic issue #2, strategies 1 & 2 wondering if there is a list of police departments to email looking for outside grantees applications which could possibly give us bigger wealth outside of our funding to have in our strategic plan.



Chris stated she has received a list of Chief of Police, and Sheriffs, with their contact information as well as non-profit organizations. Chris stated she has some tribals council contact information from around the State.

There was discussion if an annual review of the strategic plan should be done annually or bi-annually and was suggested it be done annually and on a needed basis.

### ***Motion***

***A motion was made by Sasse and seconded by Beadle to add law enforcement agencies to strategic #2 and revise the last three initiatives to be reviewed annually and opened to the Board if recommendations need to be made before the annual review. Voting in favor: Beadle, Bredthauer, Kottwitz, Sasse, Taylor, and Wuehler. Motion carried.***

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) NGCRC Gang Conference 2026**

Before Chris spoke to the Council about the upcoming Gang Conference, Chris welcomed new council member, Lt. Marcus Taylor from the Omaha Police Department gang unit. Marcus shared with Council he currently oversees the gang unit, as well as being very heavily involved in the community.

Chris shared with the group that she has been asked to be a presenter at the NGCRC Gang Conference in Chicago on August 3-6<sup>th</sup>. Additional Board members may attend The presentation will be centered around the SFY2025 OVP annual report that Chris wrote to the State Legislature and Governor last year. This is based on how the Crime Commission is determining the effectiveness of the programs, and the use of the grant funds which would be beneficial for other States who have similar gang programs.

### **b) Budget Hearing**

Chris reported that the budget hearing was held last week. The OVP sub-award aid was proposed to be cut by \$200,000 for this current grant year, so that is why there is \$200,000 removed from the applications that were sent out. There was a lot of opposition from local communities that were opposed to the OVP cut, and a news article in the Lincoln Journal Star about it.

Bryan gave a high overview of the budget hearing and what was proposed to the appropriations committee.



**VIII. SFY 2027 OVP Grant Review**

a) Non-Conflict of Interest Board Members

Chris stated that this is for the members of the Board that don't have a conflict of interest which would be going over the grant review applications and making recommendations for funding. Those that have a conflict of interest will be able to leave and will have Karen serve as vice chair for the remainder of the meeting since Scott has a conflict of interest.

Chris shared the list of grantees and staff recommendations for the ones that were approved for funding.

***Motion***

***Regarding the motion to approve the grant review recommendations, Sasse and Beadle declared a conflict of interest and left the room. A motion was made by Bredthauer and seconded by Kottwitz for approval of SFY 2027 OVP grant review recommended by staff. Voting in favor by the remaining members: Bredthauer, Kottwitz, Taylor, and Wuehler. Motion carried. Beadle and Sasse returned to the room following the vote.***

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be:

Thursday, May 21, 2026 @10:00am  
NSOB, Sarpy Room, LL

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully submitted,



Perky Schoenhals  
Administrative Assistant

