



## MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING Crookston, MN – December 1, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook, Kayla Jore, Drew Kjono, Chris Mills, Shawn Yates. Via Zoom: Brittney Bimler, Jim Guetter, Karla Langaas, Jordan Speath

**Board Members Absent:** Maureen Hams, Kathy Johnson, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier, Kirk Thorstenson

**Others Present:** Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Randy Bruer, chairman, with a quorum present.

**Introductions:** We welcomed two new board members who are also new to their positions: Drew Kjono, Stephen-Argyle Central superintendent, and Jordan Spaeth, Waubun-Ogema-White Earth superintendent.

**Agenda:** **M/S/C** (Yates/Cook) to approve the agenda.

**Minutes:** **M/S/C** (Carlson/Yates) to approve minutes of the October 6, 2023 meeting.

**Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C** (Cook/Carlson) to approve payment of the facilitator invoices for October and November 2023 services.

**2024 Proposed Budget:** **M/S/C** (Yates/Cook) to approve the proposed budget as presented by Auchenpaugh.

**2024 Contracts:** The word “provide” in Section 1.f. of the facilitator contract was changed to “coordinate.” **M/S/C** (Yates/Carlson) to approve the facilitator contract as amended and the Alluma contract as presented.

**Outstanding Dues:** Auchenpaugh reported that the Polk County Collaborative check has been received and Bimler is continuing to follow up on the Sanford payment. Kittson County Collaborative, Kittson County Social Services, and Lancaster School District remain unpaid.

**Update on Bike Fleet:** Bike Thief River Falls, a chapter of the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota, is working on being the host for the bike fleet. The holdup right now is finding the storage space.

### Grant Opportunities and Reports:

- 1. BJA’s STOP School Violence:** Still waiting for Year 4 budget approval. Auchenpaugh is meeting with superintendents and staff to go over the available opportunities. So far, she has met with Warroad, Roseau, Badger, Greenbush-Middle River, and Warren schools. Bimler contacted Sarah Lefebvre following the meeting for additional details on Safe Talk. Although these details were not part of the meeting, they are attached herein as a separate document for information purposes.
- 2. Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program, Funding Opportunity Number 693JJ324NF00005:** MacRae presented this unusual opportunity from the Federal Highway Administration office (FHWA) for members to discuss and think about. Due date February 2, 2024. Expected number of awards is 20, with up to \$12 million per award. The grants are to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment. These model deployments are expected to provide innovative transportation solutions and benefits in the form of:
  - reduced traffic-related fatalities and injuries;
  - reduced traffic congestion and improved travel time reliability;
  - reduced transportation-related emissions;

- optimized multimodal system performance;
- improved access to transportation alternatives, including for underserved populations;
- improved integration of payment systems;
- public access to real-time integrated traffic, transit, and multimodal transportation information to make informed travel decisions;
- cost savings to transportation agencies, businesses, and the traveling public; or
- other benefits to transportation users and the general public.\

The deployment of these technologies will provide Congress and FHWA with valuable real-life data and feedback to inform future decision-making.

**“Annual” Meeting:** We will hold a member-wide meeting in 2024 (date to be determined, but likely October 23). Discussion ensued on issues now being confronted in our schools and the need for consistency across counties: truancy, marijuana and vaping use, unexcused absences, online gambling. MacRae and Auchenpaugh will draft a Google Sheet study for schools to track this data for internal purposes only beginning September 1, 2023. Mills will present this at the NWSC administrator meeting this coming Wednesday. In the survey, principals will track grade level absenteeism, vaping and marijuana numbers, suspensions, etc. Mental health agencies can provide youth crisis numbers. This will give the collaborative an opportunity to address these issues at our Annual Meeting in October with a regional panel consisting of county attorneys, county truancy groups, and law enforcement.

**Next Meeting:** January 5, 2024, 9:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned: **M/S/C** (Yates/Kjono)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator

## **safeTALK**

**Sarah Lefebvre, Sanford Health**  
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### **Attendees:**

Minimum of 10, maximum of 30 in one session. Sarah would like to have 12 – 15 signed up for each session as there is always some drop off the day of the training. She has done two sessions (morning and afternoon) a couple of times for an organization to get everyone trained.

### **Age:**

We can do separate youth and adult sessions, or they can be mixed. Kids must be 15 or older to participate. Sarah is able to help with communication for parents of youth interested in attending (i.e. a letter explaining the program), if needed.

### **Length:**

There is not a lot of flexibility on the length. Typically, Sarah is done in about 3.5 hours, but she doesn't like to say or promise that because it can end up going the full 4 hours.

### **Training consists of:**

1. How to notice indicators that someone might be having thoughts of suicide
2. How to ask about suicide
3. Listening to the answer to the suicide question
4. Connecting them with additional supports/resources.

This is an interactive training, with some group interaction and conversation as well as the use of videos to demonstrate and highlight some of the skills. It breaks down barriers and concerns as to why we may be reluctant to help and addresses those. It allows for practical application of the 4-step process in individual/small group interactions. Sarah believes the practical application is one of the things that really sets safeTALK apart from other, more traditionally educational-only trainings.

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