



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Northwestern Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN – May 5, 2017

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Members present: Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Sarah Kjono, Kathleen Johnson, Lon Jorgensen, Chris Kujava, Shauna Reitmeier, Ken Yutzenka

Absent: Brad Bergstrom, Kristi Nelson, Catherine Johnson, Andrew Larson, Shawn Yates

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae, Rob Lovejoy

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Randy Bruer, Chairman.
 2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Kujava/Yutzenka) to approve the agenda with the addition of “Arts impact in the region.”
 3. **Approval of minutes of April 7, 2017:** **M/S/C:** (Kujava/Yutzenka) to approve.
 4. **Financials and Bills:**
Action: **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Reitmeier) to approve payment of April 2017 invoice for facilitator services.
 5. **Number of Member Organizations: Brochure :** Auchenpaugh questioned how members are to be counted. Do we count only those who pay member dues? For example, the Area Special Education Cooperative has not paid dues for several years. Are they still considered members? Are Sheriff’s offices members in all counties or just those in which this office is a part of the county collaborative? MacRae provided Auchenpaugh with a listing of current members as shown on the website directory. This will be reviewed and presented at the next meeting. MacRae will confirm members in the counties in which she works: Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake.
 6. **Banner and Brochures:** Auchenpaugh has ordered a retractable 48” wide banner from Universal Screenprint in Thief River Falls. Brochures are being finalized; Auchenpaugh will order the quantity with the best price break.
 7. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **21st Century Community Learning Centers** – At the moment, there are fifteen school districts who are interested in partnering in the 2017 grant proposal. Superintendents are convening immediately following this meeting to discuss project plans.
 8. **“Family Navigator Workgroup” update:** Senator Stumpf suggested we work on generating local business and foundation monies, saying we will have more impact if we have local matching dollars. MacRae has been busy researching foundations. We still need to have more definitive plans for this initiative.
- Arts Impact in the Region:** Auchenpaugh provided a copy of the 2017 report compiled by creativeMN.org giving the annual economic impact of artists and nonprofit arts and culture organizations in the counties of Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau: \$4,894,000. Total number of artists and creative workers: 956. Total number of people who attend arts and cultural events: 90,392. Minnesota has double the arts economy of Wisconsin even though we have nearly the same population, ten and a half times the arts economy of Kansas, and twelve and a half times the arts economy of South Dakota. High densities of creative workers unsurprisingly includes Hennepin and Ramsey counties, but Benton, Carver, Cass, Cook, Martin and Marshall counties have high densities of creative workers per 1,000 employed residents.
9. **“Rewriting the Rural Narrative”:** Tri-Valley Opportunity Council (TVOC) will be doing the majority of publicity for our June symposia, which will take place on June 13 in Thief River Falls at the REA’s Imperial Room and June 28 in Crookston at Kiehl Auditorium on the UMC campus. TVOC is contacting economic development and housing people, Chambers of Commerce, University Extension, schools, county and city government, and sending out a press release to all area newspapers. Auchenpaugh will email the press release to our Collaborative members.
 10. **Next meeting: July 7, 2017, 9:30 am, NWMHC Board Room**
 11. **Meeting Adjourned. M/S/C** (Bisek/Kujava)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator