



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Northwestern Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN – April 7, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Kristi Nelson, Catherine Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Lon Jorgensen, Chris Kujava, Andrew Larson, Ken Yutrzecka

**Absent:** Brad Bergstrom, Jason Carlson, Shauna Reitmeier, Shawn Yates

**Others present:** Faye Auchenpaugh

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Randy Bruer, Chairman. Auchenpaugh asked as a personal note of business that we wish Colleen MacRae's mother to have the best of all possible outcomes as she undergoes cancer surgery.
2. **Agenda: M/S/C:** (Jorgensen/Yates) to approve the agenda with the addition of "NWRDC Bike Fleet."
3. **Approval of minutes of March 3, 2017: M/S/C:** (Guetter/Kujava) to approve.
4. **Financials and Bills:**  
**Action: M/S/C:** (Guetter/Jorgensen) to approve payment of March 2017 invoices for facilitator services.
5. **Brochure :** Auchenpaugh presented a first draft of a Council of Collaboratives brochure. Board members like the layout with the following edits/suggestions: look at options for legibility of county listing that is part of the logo, add an additional figure to the family clipart to represent the 7 counties in the collaborative, remove county listing on bottom of cover due to redundancy, enlarge font size where possible, confirm number of member organizations, and governing board title corrections. Auchenpaugh will get quantity quotes to determine any price breaks.
6. **Banner:** Logo issue is the same as for brochures. Use logo, clipart and mission statement on white background. Universal Screenprint in Thief River Falls will make any necessary changes at no cost. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council has offered the use of their stand. **M/S/C:** (K. Johnson/Nelson) that the Collaborative purchase our own banner stand.
7. **NWRDC Bike Fleet:** Auchenpaugh reminded school superintendents of the "Walk! Bike! Fun!" pedestrian and bicycle safety curriculum training on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Crookston Sports Center.
8. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
  - **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers** – Auchenpaugh took part in a webinar with Senator Al Franken's staff and specifically asked if there will be an RFP issued in 2017. The response was, "No."
9. **"Family Navigator Workgroup" update:** Their meeting with Retired Senator LeRoy Stumpf was fruitful. Lively discussion took place regarding gaps in service that we should be targeting, among them early detection and treatment of autism, lack of behaviorists for children with high needs in this area, mobility issues that affect treatment. Possible solutions included a "Family Navigator" person who would develop relationships and "move" with the families, behavior specialist to come to our area to train and coach, and use the Nurtured Heart approach which helps children and adults build their "Inner Wealth" and use their intensity in successful ways. Yates was a certified trainer in Alabama for Nurtured Heart. These discussions will continue in workgroup meetings.
10. **Field Trip:** Auchenpaugh was unable to come up with worthwhile possibilities for a field trip this year. Guetter suggested that we meet with Deb Zak and Extension folks in June instead of a field trip. Possible dates are June 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>.
11. **"Rewriting the Rural Narrative" – Next Steps:** Auchenpaugh is still waiting to hear back from Ben Winchester regarding dates.
12. **Next meeting: May 5, 2017, 9:30 am, NWMHC Board Room**
13. **Meeting Adjourned.**