



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Northwestern Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN – March 3, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Kristi Nelson, Kathleen Johnson, Chris Kujava, Andrew Larson, Shauna Reitmeier, Ken Yutrzenka

**Absent:** Brad Bergstrom, Jeff Bisek, Catherine Johnson, Lon Jorgensen, Shawn Yates

**Others present:** Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae, guest: Kristine "Kiki" Anderson

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Jim Guetter, Vice Chair, then turned over to Randy Bruer, Chairman, when he arrived at 9:40 am.
2. **Agenda: M/S/C:** (Carlson/Reitmeier) to approve the agenda as presented.
3. **Approval of minutes of January 6, 2017: M/S/C:** (Yutrzenka/Johnson) to approve.
4. **Financials and Bills:**  
**Action: M/S/C:** (Guetter/Kujava) to approve payment of January and February 2017 invoices for facilitator services.
5. **NW Private Industry Council (NWPIC) certification grant funds :** Kiki Anderson explained that NWPIC has received allocated funding for training of employees that results in certification. Many possible ideas for using these funds effectively were discussed among members and they thanked her for bringing this to our attention. Monies must be spent by June 30, 2017.
5. **Alternate Board Member Update:** Auchenpaugh asked board members to note any updates in alternate governing board members.
6. **Governing Board Composition:** As a courtesy, Auchenpaugh provided a listing of current membership by organization type and organizations represented on the Governing Board. Representation on the Governing Board appears to be proportional to member type.

Current organizations represented on the Governing Board:

- 6 school districts (Bergstrom, Bisek, Bruer, Guetter, Jorgensen, Yates)
- 3 social service agencies (K. Johnson, Kujava, Yutrzenka)
- 2 community action agencies (Carlson, C. Johnson)
- 1 mental health (Reitmeier)
- 1 juvenile detention (Larson)
- 1 public health (Kjono)
- 1 parent (Hams)

Breakdown of the 35 organizations who pay dues (outside of county collaboratives):

- 23 school districts
- 6 social service
- 2 community action
- 1 mental health
- 1 juvenile detention
- 1 medical center
- 1 county (Polk County paid the dues this year instead of Polk County Social Services)

7. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
  - **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers** – Nothing further.
  - **Carol M. White Physical Education Program** – Auchenpaugh reported that she had phoned the contact person at the U.S. Department of Education to see if our proposal might be on the list for funding in 2017. The contact officer stated she could not give out that information and there is no certainty there will be continued funding for this program under the new administration.

- **Opioid Grants** – Bruer asked if there was any funding available in this area. Reitmeier said that federal funding will be coming through the states. Minnesota has applied but she is not sure of the status. Channel 8 or 11 is having a drug report airing this weekend. MacRae will send notice out to all of the members.
- 8. **Legislative Action Committee update:** They will be meeting with Retired Senator LeRoy Stumpf this coming week. Carlson said there has been a refocus. They have analyzed data thoroughly, realizing there are still pieces missing to be able to tell our full story. Stumpf will be helpful from a strategic standpoint. Johnson mentioned the rural county caucus, which may be helpful with lobbying when we get further down the road. With its changing focus, this committee has been renamed the “Family Navigator Workgroup.”
- 9. **Field Trip:** Auchenpaugh asked the board if they would like a field trip in 2017 or if we should wait until next year. The consensus was they are valuable and we should have one this year. Auchenpaugh will come up with suggestions for our April meeting.
- 10. **“Rewriting the Rural Narrative” – Next Steps:** The symposia with Ben Winchester and Christopher Ingraham held in Thief River Falls and Crookston were very successful with approximately 90 and 75 attendees respectively. The speakers generated enthusiasm and interest for continuing this dialogue, while those who were not able to attend are asking if we might have another presentation. The Governing Board expressed thanks to Tri-Valley Opportunity Council for sponsoring these programs.

Carlson and Auchenpaugh said that Winchester has two additional presentations on the economy and housing. Auchenpaugh had asked Winchester if he would be willing to return and he said it had worked well with his schedule to have the symposia back-to-back. The Board agreed that we should try to bring him back in April and perhaps do a repeat of the “rewriting” presentation for those who missed it the first time, followed by a talk on the rural economy. Winchester is meeting with University of Minnesota Extension staff from the northwest area next week to see if there is a unique approach they can take to engaging Extension with the community.

- 11. **Next meeting: April 7, 2017, 9:30 am, NWMHC Board Room**
- 12. **Meeting Adjourned.**

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Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator