



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Northwestern Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN –June 1, 2018**

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Members present: Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Catherine Johnson, Andrew Larson, and alternate Miranda Solem

Absent: Brad Bergstrom, Maureen Hams, Kathleen Johnson, Lon Jorgensen, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier, Shawn Yates, Ken Yutrzecka

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh; Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:42 am by Randy Bruer, Chairman.

2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Carlson) to approve the agenda as presented.

3. **Approval of minutes of May 4, 2018:** **M/S/C:** (Johnson/Guetter)

4. **Financials and Bills:**

Action: **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Bruer) to approve payment of May facilitator and NW Mental Health Center invoices.

Technology is completely down at the Mental Health Center due to a storm earlier this week, so a NWMHC invoice copy will be sent out when systems have been restored.

5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**

Minnesota System of Care Expansion Service: We will be applying to fund a pilot project "Family Partner" serving three school districts. The application workshop is Wednesday, June 6, in St. Paul and Bergstrom, Bruer, Carlson, MacRae, Reitmeier, and Yates plan to attend. Several options are open under this grant opportunity, including Innovative Targeted Service Pilots for developing and testing locally driven and innovative approaches to meeting local needs. The deadline is July 14, 2018 and there is approximately \$4 million available statewide. Pennington County is not listed, so MacRae will discreetly inquire as to whether the Thief River Falls school can be a partner. If not, other possibilities discussed were East Grand Forks or Crookston. Carlson and MacRae reported on their conversation with Melanie at the Wilder Foundation. They are willing to "stop the meter" but not terminate our contract, and bill for services provided to date. It could be possible they would help in evaluating the System of Care grant, should we be awarded, but are not certain at this time. Wilder will have additional internal conversations.

Upcoming grant opportunities:

a. Rural Communities Opioid Response (Planning) (RCORP): The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) plans to award up to 75 grants to rural communities. Successful awardees will receive up to \$200,000 for one year to develop plans to implement opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery interventions designed to reduce opioid overdoses among rural populations. The initiative will focus on high-risk rural communities. The lead applicant must be part of a group including at least three other partners that have committed to forming a consortium or are part of an established consortium. This initiative is part of a three-year Rural Communities Opioid Response initiative by HRSA aimed at supporting treatment for and prevention of substance use disorder.

b. Pediatric Mental Health Access

c. Health and Human Services – addressing needs of children in out of home placement

d. Office of Juvenile...opioid addressing public safety

6. **Bi-Annual Meeting:** **Bi-Annual Meeting:** Carlson confirmed that Joseph Rand, Extension educator with a focus on youth, will speak. Auchenpaugh brought forth Susan Bartlett Foote, author of *The Crusade for Forgotten Souls*, as a keynote speaker. Auchenpaugh will check availability and fees.

The Bi-Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 17 at Bede Hall, UMC.

7. **Next meeting:** July 27, 2018, 9:30 am, NWMHC Community Room.

8. **Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 am.** **M/S/C** (Carlson/Guetter)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator