



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Crookston, MN – February 3, 2023**

**Board Members Present:** In Person: Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook, Maureen Hams, Sarah Kjono, Chris Mills, Shauna Reitmeier, Shawn Yates. Via Zoom: Brittney Bimler, Jim Guetter, Kayla Jore, Chris Kujava, Karla Langaas, Tom Loberg, Fran Tougas. **Board Members Absent:** Randy Bruer

**Other Collaborative Members Present via Zoom:** Nancy Rhen, Kevin Ricke, Kim Johnson, Dan Dalchow, Julie Pahlen, Sarah Reese

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

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Jason Carlson, temporary chairman.

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

**Guest Speakers from NW MN Foundation:** Jason Carlson introduced Cory Boushee, program officer for NMF's Housing and Homeless program, and two colleagues, Barbara Johnson and Margret Treuer, who spoke on the NW MN Continuum of Care housed at NMF and resources available for the region. Chris Mills suggested they reach out to the regional principals' group that meets monthly (contact is Becky Carlson, principal at Goodridge). MacRae will share NMF's PowerPoint electronically with all members. Catherine Johnson expressed her gratitude to NMF for what they are doing to help us in this region.

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

**Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C** (Reitmeier/Cook) to approve payment of the January 2023 facilitator invoice.

**Grant Opportunities and Reports:**

1. **BJA's STOP School Violence** – The January 16 consultation did not happen. CSTAG did not get a consultant in time for Auchenpaugh to contact the schools and get their teams together, plus administrators were attending the MSBA convention the prior week. She has found an organization in Bloomington (Health Counseling Services) who will come here to conduct Youth Mental Health First Aid workshops this summer. This will also be the final year for CSTAG training opportunities.
2. **21<sup>st</sup> CCLC** – Mills said a \$54,000 carryover from last year (primarily due to less programming during Covid) was brought into this year. The four districts in the current grant are waiting for a new application to come out; a lot of good programming has come about because of the grant and they want to apply. It took some time for the program to get rolling in the first two years and then Covid hit, but the last two years have been very, very good with programming and student consistency.
3. **Family Peers** – The Certified Family Peer Specialists will continue their work with Alluma for the foreseeable future alongside other duties at Tri-Valley Opportunity Council. Carlson is meeting with legislators to discuss a 5-year pilot project for to infuse these services into a wider geography.
4. **Full Service Community Schools** – Auchenpaugh said our reviewer scores did not make us close to being funded. We will request copies of Kentucky's funded proposals and work with MDE staff to improve our next application, if there is another round.
5. **Minnesota Department of Health Community-Based Suicide Prevention** – Polk-Norman-Mahnomen Public Health would be the fiscal host for this grant, which would build on the work of the H.O.P.E. Coalition across all eight counties. Reitmeier asked for a Letter of Support from the Council of Collaboratives and funding to write the grant proposal. Polk County Public Health and Alluma will work with area partners to submit the application which is due on March 22, 2023. **M/S/C** (Yates/Guetter) to approve writing a Letter of Support. **M/S/C** (Cook/Sarah Kjono) to approve up to \$7,000 for writing the grant proposal. (Reitmeier abstained.)

**Motion to Adjourn:** **M/S/C** (Cook/Mills)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator