



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom – December 4, 2020

Via Email – January 4, 2021

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Members present: Brittney Bimler, Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Catherine Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Frances Tougas, Shawn Yates

Absent: Aaron Cook, Maureen Hams, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Karla Langaas, Shauna Reitmeier, Donita Stepan

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Randy Bruer, Chair.
 2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Yates) to approve the agenda.
 3. **Approval of Minutes:** **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Bisek) to approve the November 6, 2020 minutes.
 4. **Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/K. Johnson) to approve payment of the November 2020 facilitator invoice.
 5. **Member Dues for 2020:** Goodridge has paid its 2020 dues in full to become a member. Tri-County Central has not paid its 2020 dues by the November 30 deadline established at our November meeting in order to be included in the BJA grant projects. It has been a difficult time for school districts dealing with COVID issues and timing of school board meetings.

K. Johnson doubts that Supt. Baron understands the true value of the Collaborative and asked if we could reach out to all of the Kittson County superintendents. She said it is a “heavy push” for her when she is the only one carrying the ball, particularly during these pandemic times. Auchenpaugh said that she could schedule one of the first county-wide meetings in Kittson for the BJA grant, which would help to reinforce the value of membership.
 6. **Contracts for 2021:** Renewal contracts for Facilitator and Grant Research/Special Projects personnel were presented. No changes from the current contracts. **M/S/C:** (Tougas/Bruer) to approve the 2021 contracts for Faye Auchenpaugh and Colleen MacRae.
 7. **Budget for 2021:** **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Bisek) to approve the proposed budget as presented by Auchenpaugh.
 8. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **BJA’s STOP School Violence:** Carlson said it has been an adventure to get enrolled on the new government websites: JustGrants.gov and ASAP.gov. We are now able to draw down funds and are comfortable with starting activities. Auchenpaugh has been in touch with Dr. Dewey Cornell at UVA, who developed the Virginia model for Threat Assessments. He said that in response to the pandemic (as well as requests prior to the pandemic) they “have developed a hybrid online training program that allows participants to do the first part of their training online at their own pace individually (Level 1) and then can come together as teams to do a series of case exercises led by me or another trainer (Level 2).” He is also willing to arrange for trial access to the Level 1 and invite Auchenpaugh to attend a Level 2 workshop as a guest so she can see the quality of their training. Auchenpaugh is ordering a few Threat Assessment manuals so the initial focus group can have a chance to look at them to see what is involved before going out to meet with county law enforcement and superintendents.

Auchenpaugh said she and Sheriff Tadman will meet with Polk County law enforcement and school superintendents first to explain the grant projects and the training and work involved. She expects to continue these meetings on a county-by-county basis to establish who will serve on the Advisory Committee, gather input on the best options for scheduling training and for who should be involved (first responders, etc.). Once this has been accomplished, an overall plan will be decided upon by the Advisory Committee.
- There is a BJA webinar scheduled for next week and hopefully that will give us more information with which to work.
- **21st Century Community Learning Centers:** Bruer said things are going well. Auchenpaugh said the state has received permission from the federal government to issue waivers for doing programming during school hours. We will be

applying for this waiver and have been doing school-time programming for some time to meet the needs of our students and families (daycare, food, student/parent help).

- **Family Partners:** Carlson said a new family partner needs to be found for Ada, since the original hire has moved on. In the meantime, Hams has assigned other folks from Tri-Valley Opportunity Council to work with the families. MacRae is still working on a sustainability plan. DHS is looking to provide training that would certify family partners so they can become a billable service. Bruer said he appreciates the family partner at Win-E-Mac, particularly with mental health issues going on right now with students and parents. The family partner is not perceived as a threat, but regarded as help. MacRae has entered data into the required evaluation component and we will end up with a subscription to a Wilder database that we will be able to populate with local data.

Bruer asked if there was a possibility for extra funding. MacRae said they could possibly reassign unexpended funds that had been awarded across the state so we could eke out perhaps another six months. Carlson said that if we work on the sustainability model that MacRae has presented that we could broaden our focus and include kids who don't have a diagnosis. This would get us closer to our original vision and would give us a means for stronger results that could result in extra funding. Kujava said this is pretty exciting. When we began work on this project, we didn't know what we could class this position, or the possibility of funding or sustainability. Carlson said MacRae has one a great job of keeping this all up in the air and that a lot of families have been helped along the way.

9. **Other:** Reitmeier said NW Mental Health Center was notified by DHS that the School Mental Health grant has been given a two-year extension. DHS has received FEMA emergency response funds for flooding and is reaching out to our area for the impact on children. There may be some money available for psychological first aid.
10. **Adjournment:** **M/S/C** (Guetter/Kujava) to adjourn.

Next meeting: **Friday, February 5, 2021, 9:30 – 11:30 am via Zoom if unable to meet in person.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator

Email Minutes, January 4, 2021

Financials and Bills: **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Bisek) to approve payment of the December 2020 facilitator invoice. Aye votes: Bruer, Guetter, Bisek, Langaas, Carlson, Tougas, Yates, Catherine Johnson, Bimler, Reitmeier, Kujava, Stepan, Nelson.