



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Crookston, MN – December 2, 2022**

Members Present: In Person: Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook, Jim Guetter, Sarah Kjono, Kathleen Johnson, Kayla Jore, Karla Langaas, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier, Frances Tougas, Shawn Yates. Zoom: Tom Loberg, Chris Mills.

Members Absent: Maureen Hams, Lisa Weber

Others Present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Randy Bruer, chairman

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

Guest Speakers: Jane Neubauer, project coordinator for Partnership for Health funded by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, spoke via Zoom about what the dental innovation project they are working on in the Becker County area and how it could be done in the northwest counties as well. Alex Orvik is the Dental Innovation Coordinator for Polk County Public Health currently working in the East Grand Forks and Crookston areas, but is looking at another site in the Thief River Falls area. Blue Cross/Blue Shield will provide planning support, but the actual projects would need to be funded through a combination of charitable grants and PRI loans. One possibility would be Sanford Health. Kathy Johnson said social service directors would be very supportive of this. Alex will plan for a stakeholder meeting in the near future.

Minutes: **M/S/C** (Reitmeier/Carlson) to approve minutes of the November 4, 2022 meeting.

Financials and Bills: **M/S/C** (Cook/Guetter) to approve payment of the November 2022 facilitator invoice.

Member Dues Structure: An in-depth discussion was held regarding county collaborative structures and coding that affect finances and the ability to pay Collaborative dues. The board asked MacRae to help train district staff on coding for time study and other purposes and will ask DHS to run an extra set of numbers for Investigating a pilot region-wide collaborative structure. She requested that each district have a point of contact. The board determined that dues and budget items will remain as they are for the present and will re-evaluate in a year or two. Kathy Johnson said she will submit payment for Kittson Collaborative and Kittson Social Services 2022 dues to bring them up to current status.

2023 Principles for Cooperation: An edit was made for #19 which currently reads "Voting members shall request their alternate physically attend the meeting in their absence." The word "physically" will be deleted. **M/S/C** (Carlson/Langaas).

2023 Contracts: **M/S/C** (Guetter/Cook – Reitmeier abstain) to approve contracts for Faye Auchenpaugh, facilitator, and Colleen MacRae, special projects manager.

Grant Opportunities and Reports

1. **BJA STOP School Violence** – Auchenpaugh reported on the number of outside districts and staff members who took the summer CSTAG training for which they will be billed. She hopes that Alluma will be a training resource for the Youth Mental Health First Aid training. If not, she will need to go outside of our region for this training. The implementation workshop in January is on hold due to the presenter's health concerns.
2. **21st CCLC** – Schools have built up some Community Ed funding to continue the program after this final year of grant funding ends. People in the community are appreciative of the child care opportunities through the after-school and summer programming and it has become pretty important to our people. Districts are looking forward to visiting Waubun's outdoor classroom.
3. **Family Peers** – Still on a trajectory in the right direction for building capacity, but it is challenging when you're dealing with Medicaid reimbursement. Total being served under the Family Partner model: 5 families with 6 children. Total under the Family Care Specialist/Alluma model: 16 families with 22 children.
4. **Full Service Community Schools** – Notification is slated for end of December with projects beginning January 1, 2023.

Motion to Adjourn: **M/S/C** (Reitmeier/Yates)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator