



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom – February 5, 2021

MINUTES

Members present: Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Chris Mills, Donita Stepan, Frances Tougas, Shawn Yates

Absent: Brittney Bimler, Jeff Bisek, Aaron Cook, Maureen Hams, Catherine Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Karla Langaas, Shauna Reitmeier

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Randy Bruer, Chair.
2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Kujava/Guetter) to approve the agenda with the addition of "Succession Planning."
3. **Approval of Minutes:** **M/S/C:** (Kujava/Guetter) to approve the December 4, 2020 and January 4, 2021 minutes.
4. **Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Tougas) to approve payment of the January 2021 facilitator invoice.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **BJA's STOP School Violence:** We are still in a holding pattern. The budget needed to be redone for both grants and we are awaiting approval. A Project Director position had been put in each of the proposals in the event that only one was funded. In place of one of those coordinator positions, we have added a consultant from the Northwest Service Cooperative to update each school's crisis management plan (also referred to as "Emergency Operations Plan").
 - **21st Century Community Learning Centers:** Chris Mills said Year 4 is happening right now and even with the pandemic programs have been solid and continuing to operate. All four sites have robust plans for summer programming and he feels things are on track for a solid Year 4. Additional funding is coming up, so it is possible we may have more funds to continue beyond the six years. Bruer said it has been an enhancement for Win-E-Mac.
 - **Family Partners:** Carlson said Tri-Valley Opportunity Council and NW Mental Health Center (MHC) have come to a verbal agreement for operating this project for the rest of this year and, hopefully, a hybrid mode under the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) with a peer support specialist and MHC to provide appropriate supervision and mental health records. This is not quite our original vision where we wanted to stay away from levels and diagnoses, but that is not possible so we'll try to make this work and continue on until we can someday achieve our original vision. If we get the fourth year of funds and the additional funds MacRae has requested, it would give us the ability to work with some smaller districts.

We have lost our Family Partner in Ada, but Win-E-Mac's Family Partner has been filling both districts and it has worked quite well, so it seems as though Partners could serve more than one district. We have posted a position for Kittson County, so we will see how it goes. Superintendents Ryan Baron at Tri-County Central and Shannon Hunstad at Lancaster are both leaving this year, so there are big changes in Kittson County leadership. Mills asked if we could have a service description for this person so we could picture how it would work between schools. Carlson said he could get that out immediately, but we will need to look at Win-E-Mac's experiences with multiple schools as well. MacRae said that without the support of superintendents, this will be much more difficult to initiate or expand upon, so they need a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities. Mills said that Stephen-Argyle would be "in" and can help facilitate with other districts. Carlson said they have experience with coordinating resources and this is an enhancement to school-based social workers and health professionals. It does not take away anything – making sure people get early interventions, transportation, housing, make their appointments – basically a whole-family approach and allowing professionals to ply their craft.

Kujava suggested that for sustainability we would need 5 clients per day and that larger districts will meet that, but smaller districts may not generate adequate revenue. Yet, it's also a good opportunity to give services to smaller schools. Carlson said that after these two additional hires, we may need to tweak it a bit. Bruer suggested looking at

geographical area when hiring. Carlson said the key is getting Year 4 funding and, in particular, the additional funds that have been requested.

MacRae said that for clarification purposes, the original System of Care grant was for the counties who were members of the Collaborative at the time, so Pennington and Roseau are not currently included. Once we are not under grant dollar restraints, we can move into those counties.

6. **Succession Planning:** MacRae said that in her work with several county collaboratives that there is a disconnect between our Governing Board tier and other members. In the way that Chris Mills was invited to this meeting, could we perhaps ask other leaders on a scheduled basis to attend our governing board meetings so that they can say, yes, the dues are worth it; yes, I will step forward as a fiscal host. Bruer said she brought up some excellent points. He can certainly invite people, especially if there are one of more reports or opportunities that pertain or have interest to them. They are always welcomed, but sometimes they need that personal invitation. Kujava said there needs to be a special purpose and a point. MacRae said maybe a plan for 30 minutes of discussion talking about the value and feedback mechanism. Perhaps they can provide information on things we haven't thought of.
7. **Public Health and COVID-19 Vaccinations:** Sarah Kiono asked that our leaders speak well about getting COVID-19 vaccinations and support Public Health as they play an important role in providing vaccinations to community members.
8. **Adjournment:** **M/S/C** (Bisek/Kujava) to adjourn.

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

Faye Auchenpau, Facilitator