



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Via Zoom – August 7, 2020

MINUTES

Members present: Brittney Bimler, Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Maureen Hams, Catherine Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Karla Langaas, Shauna Reitmeier, Frances Tougas, Shawn Yates

Absent: Aaron Cook, Jim Guetter, Kathleen Johnson, Lon Jorgensen, Andrew Larson Kristi Nelson, 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:** (Reitmeier/Yates) to approve the agenda.
3. **Approval of minutes of March 6, June 1, June 3, June 23, 2020:** **M/S/C:** (Bisek/Bruer) to approve with correction of Carlson's name in the June 23rd minutes.
4. **Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C:** (Kujava/Bisek) to approve payment of July 2020 facilitator invoice.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **21st Century Community Learning Centers:** Bruer gave a brief update on the plan, process and budget for the three-year continuation for which approval has not yet been received. He participated in a statewide call with Eric Billiett on what is being done all over the state. More data is now required than ever before. Bruer would like to continue the program at Win-E-Mac beyond the next three years, one idea being through Community Ed.
 - **BJA's STOP School Violence:** Tri-Valley Opportunity Council is the fiscal host and applicant for all four proposals that have been written and submitted by Auchenpaugh: two for the March deadline and two for the June deadline. Carlson received several emails from the grant manager in June requesting additional documents be submitted for one of the March proposals. Whether this is a positive sign remains to be seen. Any one of the four proposals funded would begin on October 1, 2020. Bruer asked Auchenpaugh to prepare an overview for the Governing Board that would help them keep members informed on this grant opportunity that is in process.
 - **Family Partners:** Tri-Valley Opportunity Council and NW Mental Health Center are discussing possible funding models and ways to broaden eligibility. They will need to determine the number of schools that want to participate. Hams said the state technical assistance person has been impressed with our efforts and wants to showcase them statewide.
6. **Coronavirus COVID-19:** Bruer asked about the flex funding idea that was presented by MacRae via email. She said that social services directors had responded saying they had sufficient funding and the idea "died a natural death."

School district plans for re-opening have not been finalized yet. Win-E-Mac expects to have in-school classes for elementary grades and a hybrid model for the high school.

Reitmeier said the school situation is the biggest variable for the NW Mental Health Center. Providers are co-located and ready to begin depending upon what the schools are doing. NWMHC has seen a drop in services and referrals are down, so they are doing staff reductions and eliminating some physical spaces due to the virtual world.

Tougas said that Public Health is in communication with the schools and, in particular, school nurses. The 14-day case rate is one data point. They are doing case investigations and contact tracing, while trying to keep up-to-date with the constant changes. Kjono said the same and added that the 14-day case rate is a bit delayed. Case investigations and contact tracing will be a benefit when school does start. They feel anxiety from school nurses who are not in touch with public health and believe these nurses need to become knowledgeable about public health services because it will be a great benefit to them. The mask mandate has been stressful with zero teeth for enforcement. A lot of people are "tattling" to public health and public health does not want to be the police. They want to educate, not police.

Hams said that Tri-Valley Opportunity Council has been calling childcare providers, who are starting to get into a panic mode of sorts. "What happens if schools don't open?" "I'm thinking of quitting and just homeschooling my own kids." It is very, very complicated and worrisome for people.

Specimen collection has also been an issue. If a person is tested in North Dakota but is a Minnesota resident, the results go first to North Dakota and then to Minnesota, and it can take up to a week to get results. Some clinics are beginning to call Minnesota public health agencies. The bottom line is that if you stay connected with Public Health, you will get the latest data.

Bruer requested that Auchenpaugh send Governing Board members the link to “Minnesota Schools Re-Opening Status” that had been discussed during this meeting.

7. **2020 Bi-Annual Meeting:** **M/S/C** (Carlson/Tougas) to postpone until further notice.
8. **Adjournment:** **M/S/C** (Bisek/Carlson) to adjourn.

Next meeting: **Friday, October 2, 2020, 9:30 – 11:30 am via Zoom if unable to meet in person.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator