



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Crookston, MN – April 6, 2023**

Board Members Present: Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook, Jim Guetter, Catherine Johnson, Karla Langaas, Tom Loberg, Chris Mills, Kirk Thorstenson, Fran Tougas, Shawn Yates.

Board Members Absent: Brittney Bimler, Maureen Hams, Kathy Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Kayla Jore, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier

Others Present: Faye Auchenpaugh, Colleen MacRae

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:33am by Randy Bruer, chairman.

Agenda: **M/S/C** (Mills/Cook) to approve the agenda with addition of Methodology.

Minutes: **M/S/C** (Carlson/Guetter) to approve minutes of the March 3, 2023 meeting.

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

Methodology: Discussion on process for determining how and which members are included in a grant application. Governing Board first determines whether an RFP is one for which they will pay for grant writing services. Members are then advised of applicable grants for which they are eligible to be included. For example, school superintendents are contacted via email when an education grant opportunity is supported. They then have to take the initiative to reply saying they would like to be included. Each grant has deadlines to meet, and they also require a lot of work, so the opting-in process needs to go quickly.

Grant Opportunities and Reports:

1. **BJA's STOP School Violence** – Information on summer training sessions has gone out.
2. **21st CCLC** – **M/S/C** (Mills/Guetter) via email on April 4, 2023 to fund up to \$7,000 for the writing of a 21st CCLC grant proposal for six districts: Goodridge, Fosston, Red Lake County Central, Stephen-Argyle Central, Waubun-Ogema-White Earth and Win-E-Mac (Red Lake County Central later withdrew). Members voting aye: Chris Mills – Marshall; Shauna Reitmeier – Norman; Brittney Bimler, Tom Loberg – Pennington; Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson – Polk; Kristi Nelson, Jim Guetter – Red Lake; Karla Langaas – Roseau.
3. **Family Peers** – Status quo.
4. **Suicide Prevention** – Grant was submitted for all 8 counties in partnership with public health. \$100,000/year for 3 years with a possible additional 2 years. Money will be distributed to county public health or public health boards. They will reach out to the Hope Coalition for community organizing, messaging, safety, preparing for spring death-by-suicide among white males in agricultural communities and interviews on the Red River Valley radio network.

Motion to Adjourn: **M/S/C** (Catherine Johnson/Aaron Cook)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator