



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
NW Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN – March 6, 2020**

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Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Northwest Minnesota Council of Collaboratives!

Members present: Brad Bergstrom, Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook, Jim Guetter, Catherine Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Sarah Kiono, Karla Langaas, Kristi Nelson (via phone), Frances Tougas

Absent: Brittney Bimler, Maureen Hams, Lon Jorgensen, Andrew Larson, Shauna Reitmeier, Shawn Yates

Others present: Jim Tadman, Polk County Sheriff, 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:** (Carlson/Guetter) to approve the agenda with the addition of COVID-19.
3. **Approval of minutes of February 7, 2020:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Cook) to approve.
4. **Financials and Bills:**
 - **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Bergstrom) to approve payment of February 2020 facilitator invoice and Auchenpaugh invoice for writing the BJA Stop Violence in Schools grant proposal.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **21st Century Community Learning Centers:** Bruer gave a brief update on plans for spending the remainder of this year's funds: transportation, staffing, etc.
 - **BJA's STOP School Violence:** There were two purpose areas under which we could apply and in discussions with Polk County law enforcement, the decision was to apply for both and for which the Department of Justice required two separate proposals: (1) Train school personnel and educate students on preventing student violence against others and themselves to include anti-bullying training. This can also include specialized training for school officials to respond to mental health crises (maximum funding: \$500,000 for a 3-yr period). (2) Develop and implement threat assessment and/or intervention teams to operate technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and websites. These teams must coordinate with law enforcement agencies and school personnel (maximum funding: \$750,000 over a 3-yr period). Auchenpaugh wrote both proposals. Start date would be October 1, 2020, if funded.
 - **COPS School Violence and Prevention Program (SVPP):** SVPP funding would provide up to 75% of the funding for school safety measures in and around K-12 schools and school grounds. Sheriff Tadman said it could perhaps be used for bus cameras, door blockers, etc. The program provides for training local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and themselves—this differs from BJA funding, which provides for the training of teachers/administrators and the education of students. Primarily because it would require a 25% match and much would be a duplicate of what is contained in the BJA proposals, the board decided not to pursue.
 - Kathleen Johnson suggested we look again at our violence prevention plans and multi-county jurisdiction agreements. Buildings have changed, behavior problems have changed and increased, and along with this staff safety is increasingly a concern.
 - **Family Partners:** MacRae has secured permission from the state to spend unused dollars (not spent because the grant was begun late) for another Family Partner—in the Mahanomen school district. This past Tuesday, we finally signed a data-sharing contract with Wilder, which will provide data that will allow us to go to other sources for support. The state will also now allow us to evaluate our Family Partner model, rather than the full wraparound model. Right now, we just have anecdotal data showing stabilized families. Bruer thanked the governing board for their support of the Family Partner project, adding that this will set us up for success in the future.
6. **Coronavirus COVID-19:** This situation is ever changing. Public Health is working on a plan for when the first case appears in Minnesota: isolation, self-quarantine, social distancing. The main prevention right now is to wash hands frequently and thoroughly. Right now, data shows that the most likely age to get the disease is 50-59 and deaths are most often in ages 80

and over. Superintendents are wondering about language to use when communicating with parents. The Edina school system has a good sample letter to parents. Auchenpaugh will send to the collaborative membership.

7. **Adjournment:** **M/S/C** (Bergstrom/K. Johnson) to adjourn.

Next meeting: **Friday, April 3, 2020, 9:30 – 11:30 am.**

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator