



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Community Room, Alluma, Inc., Crookston, MN – December 6, 2024**

**Board Members Present:** In-person – Jason Carlson, Aaron Cook, Drew Kjono, Sarah Kjono,. Via Zoom: Brittney Bimler, Jim Guetter, Kayla Jore, Karla Langaas, Jordan Spaeth, Fran Tougas, Shawn Yates

**Board Members Absent:** Maureen Hams, Chris Mills, Kathy Johnson, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier.

**Others Present:** Faye Auchenpaugh and Colleen MacRae (via Zoom)

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:31am by Aaron Cook, chairman.

**Agenda:** **M/S/C** (Carlson/S. Kjono) to approve the agenda with the addition of Kathy Johnson's retirement.

**Minutes:** **M/S/C** (Guetter/Carlson) to approve minutes.

**Financials and Bills:** **M/S/C** (Yates/Guetter) to approve November facilitator invoice, Sodexo UMC invoice for catering annual meeting and board lunches \$391.10, and ASEC Grant Writing invoice for \$6,000.

**2025 Contracts:** **M/S/C** (Cook/Yates) to approve 2025 contracts for Faye Auchenpaugh, facilitator, and Alluma, Inc. for Colleen MacRae services.

**Principles for Cooperation:** **M/S/C** (Carlson/Tougas) to approve principles with year date corrected.

**Grant Opportunities and Reports:**

1. **BJA's STOP School Violence:** Auchenpaugh is proceeding with scheduling Responsive Classroom training for several districts. APRs are due for both the completed and current grant the end of January.
2. Minnesota's grant department is in the midst of changing their structure, e.g. they are doing more site visits. There may be changes as well at the federal level with a new administration coming in.

**Family Representative on Governing Board:** Maureen Hams no longer has time to attend board meetings. Discussion on whether she should be replaced. Carlson will talk with her to see if she has any suggestions.

**Annual Meeting Follow-Up:** There is feedback from the Pennington County diversion group that they are making shifts in how they operate based on the results of the annual meeting discussion. The video recording is in process and will be distributed by MacRae when completed.

**Kathy Johnson Recognition:** The Board thanked Kathy Johnson for her years of service to the Northwest Minnesota Council of Collaboratives and to the community. We wish her well in her years of retirement!

**Meeting adjourned at 9:52am.** **M/S/C** (Cook/D. Kjono)

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 3, 2025, 9:30 – 11:00 am, Community Room, Alluma, Inc.**

**Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator**

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