



MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Northwestern Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN – January 4, 2019

MINUTES

Members present: Brad Bergstrom, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Catherine Johnson, Lon Jorgensen, Shauna Reitmeier, Frances Tougas, Shawn Yates, Ken Yutrzenka

Absent: Jeff Bisek, Kathleen Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Randy Bruer, Chairman.
2. **Agenda: M/S/C:** (Carlson/Yates) to approve the agenda with the addition of "School Safety."
3. **Approval of minutes of December 7, 2018: M/S/C:** (Yutrzenka/Bergstrom).
4. **Financials and Bills:**
Action: M/S/C: (Yutrzenka/Johnson) to approve December facilitator invoice.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **System of Care:** Next week, Tabitha Amundson, DHS lead for the grant, will be here for a site visit and to lay out expectations. Family Partner positions have been posted in the Ada and Win-E-Mac area and will close the end of January. There remain a few questions to be answered regarding the budget, e.g., if we are allowed to use the funds not expended at the beginning of the grant period, then we can offer a better benefits package to the Family Partners. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council is preparing materials for orientation and training.
 - **Grant Opportunities:** Very dry at the moment. Volunteer Pre-K will be coming out online.
6. **School Safety:** Governor Tim Walz wants to increase monies available for school safety. Bruer and a law enforcement person have been asked to speak on rural school safety at breakout sessions for the Minnesota Governor's Conference in February. Larger schools have law enforcement persons on site, but rural schools don't always have that option. In fact, in smaller communities it can take between 25-45 minutes for first responders to arrive. We need to revisit our school emergency preparedness/crisis plans. Discussion then ensued on the merits of School Resource Officers (SRO). The benefits are that they have a feel for school layout, and have community knowledge which they can bring to their work with students. Bruer wants to include the NW MN Council of Collaboratives in his talk; Auchenpaugh will deliver our brochures to him.
7. **Next meeting: February 1, 2019. If there are no pressing items to discuss, we will cancel our February meeting and convene on March 1, 2019.**
8. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 am. M/S/C** (Bergstrom/Yutrzenka)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator