



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Northwestern Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN –April 6, 2018**

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Members present: Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Sarah Kjono, Kathleen Johnson, Lon Jorgensen, Chris Kujava, Shauna Reitmeier, Shawn Yates, Ken Yutrzecka

Absent: Brad Bergstrom, Catherine Johnson, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson

Others present: Faye Auchenpaugh; Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Randy Bruer, Chairman.
2. **Agenda: M/S/C:** (Kujava/Carlson) to approve the agenda as presented with the additions of Council of Collaboratives website and Telemedicine Grant.
3. **Approval of minutes of March 2, 2018: M/S/C:** (Yutrzecka/Kjono).
4. **Financials and Bills:** MacRae will send the February and March NW Mental Health Center support services invoice out for approval via email.
Action: M/S/C: (Carlson/Kujava) to approve payment of March 2018 invoice for facilitator services.
5. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
 - **School-Linked Mental Health:** Reitmeier reported they have received a letter from the Department of Human Services saying the needs have been met and they are willing to move forward with contract negotiations. No dollar amount was specified. The amount requested was \$250,000/year for three years with a possible two more years.
 - **Telemedicine:** Reitmeier reported that legislation has just come up to conduct school-linked mental health via telemedicine. If legislators move forward with this, there would be a couple of pilot projects in rural Minnesota and a couple in the metro area. This would help our region in several ways; it would maximize the work force, lessen time wasted in travel, and allow staff to work from home during inclement weather.
 - **System of Care Committee:** MacRae has been asked to serve on this committee. It appears there is not much money involved and that it is geared toward the metro counties.
6. **NW MN Council of Collaboratives Website:** MacRae has the new website up. It is not completely finished, but minutes from January 1, 2017 and forward have been uploaded. It is an open site, not password protected.
7. **Family Navigator Workgroup:** The Wilder Foundation survey draft as written focuses too much on systems and services. Discussion on potential focus groups, conducting surveys at places where people already come together, and which pilot sites would have the most impactful group size.
8. **Reitmeier Testimony at Capitol:** Reitmeier received widespread coverage on her testimony at the capitol recently regarding Senator Mark Johnson's proposed bill requiring some able-bodied people to work if they receive government-funded health care. The Northwestern Mental Health Center is an essential community provider and does not turn anyone away regardless of their ability to pay. Reitmeier said the bill is being framed as "compassionate," yet if people do not get services on the front end it impacts their ability to get and maintain employment, and the added costs of such will go to the counties. Currently, two-thirds of those on Medicaid are working. The bill has passed both House and Senate Finance Committees and is moving now to Ways and Means. Governor Dayton has said he will veto the bill. Bruer said if it would help, the Collaborative could send a letter to the Governor.
9. **Bi-Annual Meeting:** More discussion on possible topics. Auchenpaugh is asking volunteers to sign up for the planning committee at our May meeting.
10. **Summer Meeting Dates:** We will meet on June 1 and on July 27 as a combined July/August meeting.
11. **Next meeting: May 4, 2018, 9:30 am, NWMHC Community Room.**
12. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 am. M/S/C** (Yates/Kujava)

Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator