



**MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Northwestern Mental Health Center, Crookston, MN – July 27, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Brad Bergstrom, Jeff Bisek, Randy Bruer, Jason Carlson, Jim Guetter, Maureen Hams, Catherine Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, Sarah Kjono, Chris Kujava, Andrew Larson, Kristi Nelson, Shauna Reitmeier, Ken Yutrzecka

**Absent:** Lon Jorgensen, Shawn Yates

**Others present:** Faye Auchenpaugh; Colleen MacRae

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Randy Bruer, Chairman.
2. **Agenda:** **M/S/C:** (Carlson/Kujava) to approve the agenda as presented.
3. **Approval of minutes of June 1, 2018:** **M/S/C:** (Guetter/Bergstrom)
4. **Financials and Bills:**  
**Action:** **M/S/C:** (Bisek/Kujava – Reitmeier abstain) to approve payment of June and July facilitator, NW Mental Health Center, and Colleen MacRae invoices for travel expenses.
5. **Adverse Childhood Experiences:** Rebecca Laesch, MN Communities Caring for Children, is the Northwest Minnesota regional ACE training coordinator and made a presentation on the training that is available at no cost. Hams will email the Early Childhood Initiative coordinators and those involved in the Youth Demonstration grant, which the board felt would be a good place to start the training.
6. **Family Navigator Work Group Update:** MacRae submitted the Department of Health and Human Services' System of Care grant application to fund three full-time, 12-month family partner roles and .25 FTE for a local project evaluator over a period of three years. Total budget submitted: \$658,000. School districts involved are Ada-Borup, Mahnomon and Win-E-Mac with a possibility of adding Thief River Falls next year. The project will involve parent support, coaching and training. Target date to begin is November 1.
7. **Bi-Annual Meeting:** Joe Rand, who works in youth development for University of Minnesota Extension, does LGBT research out of the St. Cloud office. He is under contract with us to speak for two hours (or ninety minutes, if we so choose) to speak on this topic with a focus on rural aspects to help us understand what kids are going through so we can better respond to situations that arise. We will try to balance this out with a data presentation. Kjono will reach out to the Minnesota Department of Health Center for Health Statistics for a possible speaker on the Minnesota student survey, share some regional data, and talk about how the data can be used, especially for small districts who sometimes can't get grade level data because there are so few students. Auchenpaugh has secured Bede Hall at UMC. The Governing Board will meet over lunch following the bi-annual meeting.
8. **Grant Opportunities and Reports:**
  - **BJA STOP School Violence:** Mike Kolness, East Grand Forks superintendent, Bruer, Auchenpaugh and MacRae met to discuss this opportunity. The consensus was that there wasn't adequate time to gather all of the data and prepare a proposal for Category 5: conducting school threat assessments and developing crisis intervention teams. The other category for which we would be eligible was Category 7: implementing a technological solution designed to enable students, teachers, faculty, and community members to anonymously identify school violence threats. This seemed like such a narrow focus and the amount of money available was not worthwhile, given all of the data requirements for evaluation.
  - **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program:** One of eleven successful applicants nationwide awarded this HUD-funded grant, Inter-County Community Council was the lead applicant for this regional project that will help further and develop the goal of ending youth homelessness. Funds will provide staffing and direct housing assistance.
  - **21<sup>st</sup> CCLC:** Bruer reported the regional grant director has resigned and will be replaced. There is a planning meeting scheduled for August. It is expected that more emphasis will be placed on the high school level. These students are more difficult to recruit since they are involved in so many other extracurricular and sports activities.
9. **Next meeting: September 7, 2018, 9:30 am, NWMHC Community Room.**
10. **Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am.** **M/S/C** (Yutrzecka/Reitmeier)

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**Faye Auchenpaugh, Facilitator**